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Mr. J. M. Willson,
Merchants & Farmers Bank,
Kissimmee, Fla.

Dear Sir:

I am not at all certain that I have a clear idea of what you mean by Air Potato. If you mean tubers formed in the axils of the leaves they would not represent any different variety from the one which bore such tubers. The formation of the tubers in the axils of the leaves is due to some injury to the stem of the plant at the surface or just beneath the surface of the ground. This may be the result of disease or of some mechanical injury which prevents the downward movement of the elaborated plant food into the tubers that are normally formed underground.

The botanical name of the potato is *Solanum tuberosum*.

Under separate cover I am forwarding you a copy of our Farmers' Bulletin No. 1205.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Stewart

Horticulturist.