

May 12, 1923.

Mr. William Stuart,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your favor of the 9th inst and to say that the botanical name of the plant I wrote about is *Dioscorea*.

The potato which grows in the ground on this plant is edible but the one I ate was bitter and not very palatable. I am told there is a variety that you cannot tell when cooked from the Irish potato.

I think there is a market for the *Dioscorea* as some years ago a produce merchant in New York City wrote asking how many bushels could be supplied him. At that time I knew practically nothing about the plant except that I had it growing in my yard as a vine. Since I have learned it is edible and palatable (some variety) I am anxious to develop it as a commercial product in this community if it really has any merit.

A sample of the tuber has been sent to Mr. Burbank to know something of its worth. Any information or assistance that you can render along this line will be very much appreciated I assure you. I note that you have sent a farmer bulletin for which I thank you altho it has not yet reached me.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

*And send you
an apple also tuber*