

comprises nearly a hundred and sixty species, and of the cultivated fig there is a vast number of varieties.

According to the *Yamato-honzō*<sup>1</sup> of 1709, figs (*ičijiku*) were first introduced into Nagasaki in the period Kwan-ei 寛永 (1624-44) from the islands in the South-Western Ocean. This agrees with E. KAEMPFER'S<sup>2</sup> statement that figs were brought into Japan and planted by Portuguese.

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<sup>1</sup> Ch. 10, p. 26 b.

<sup>2</sup> History of Japan, Vol. I, p. 180 (ed. reprinted Glasgow, 1906).