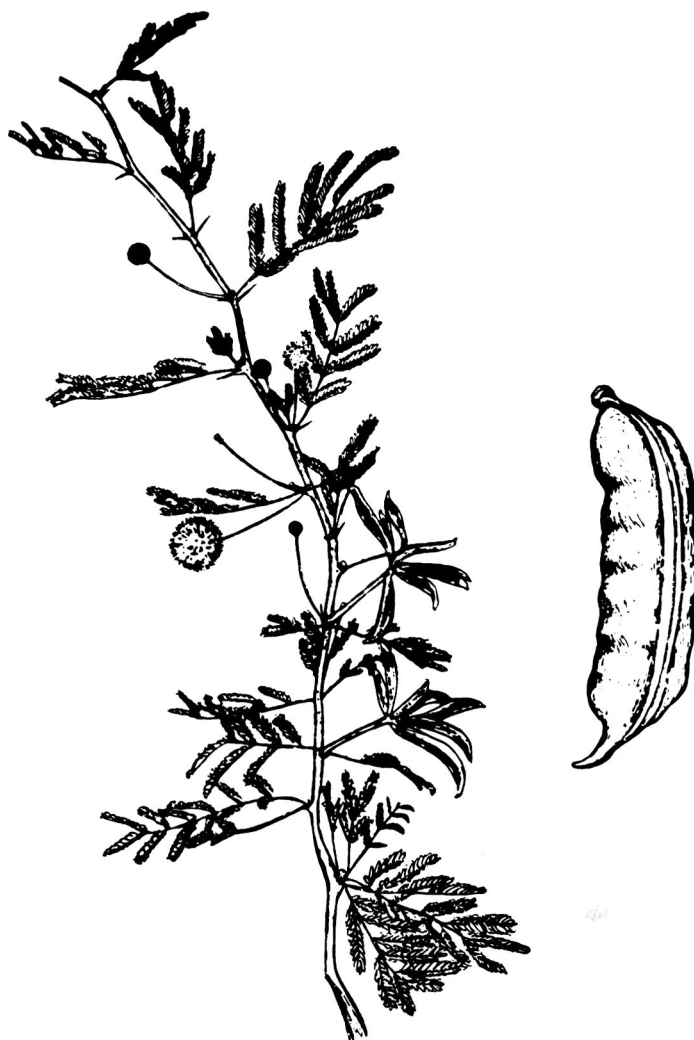


3. *ACACIA FARNESIANA* (L.) Willd. (FABACEAE) — Cassie, Huisache

Cassie perfume, distilled from the flowers, yields cassie absolute, employed in preparation of violet bouquets, extensively used in European perfumery. Cassie pomades are manufactured in India. Pods, containing 23% tannin, are used to tan leather. Bark also used for tanning and dyeing leather in combination with iron ores and salts. Pods used for a black leather dye. A gummy substance obtained from pods is used as cement for broken crockery. Gum exuding from trunk considered superior to gum arabic. Trees used as ingredient in Ivory Coast for arrow poison; elsewhere they are used as fences and to check erosion. Wood, hard and durable underground, used for wooden plows and for pegs. Trees often planted as an ornamental.⁴⁰

Bark is astringent and demulcent, and like the leaves and roots is used medicinally. Woody branches used in India as toothbrushes. The gummy roots also chewed for sore throat. Flowers, mixed with grease, are applied to the head for headache. Said to be used for alterative, antispasmodic, aphrodisiac, astringent, demulcent, diarrhea, febrifuge, rheumatism, and stimulant.⁴⁰ Vietnamese poultice the leaves onto sores and ulcers. Malaysians use the flower and leaf in puerperal infusions. Philipinos use the bark decoction for leucorrhea,