

doors, like willows. It has been called a variety of *T. hispida*, but that species, as stated above, is very distinct in its downy twigs and leaves." (W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles.) As a wind break plant the Tamarisk is proving to be very valuable on the Great Plains and it is recommended for this purpose.

Zea mays L. (Poaceae.) 39803-807. Seed of maize from Oroya, Peru. Collected and presented by Dr. J. N. Rose, U. S. National Museum. "Corn obtained from Chola women, July 1914, altitude 12200 feet." (Rose.) Five varieties including light yellow, mixed blue and white, brownish and red.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

China: Kiayingchow. Rev. George Campbell writes April 13, 1915. "You refer, of course, to the water buffalo. As I write, people are using these animals in ploughing their rice fields. They are exactly fitted for ploughing and harrowing in the deep mud, and wallow through the fields dragging the ploughs after them as no other animal could. They are never used here as pack animals, and we have no carts or vehicles of any kind. While I was at home, in 1913, there was some talk of making a cart road from here to a market town 17 or 18 miles north, and an enterprising native came to my daughter to borrow a mail order catalogue and see what carts to be drawn by buffaloes would cost. Nothing came of it, however, and I hear no more about the road. They are used in some places to a limited extent to supply milk. I suppose there may be 20 or more so used in this city.

"The loquats are just coming into the market now. They are our earliest fruit. They vary greatly in size and the seeds are usually very large. The trees thrive and come into bearing early. The branches tend to split at junction with the trunk and borers attack the trees, caterpillars also.

"Tobacco is a couple of feet high and the fields are invariably edged with taro. Beans are growing well and are extensively planted. Wistaria and Pride of India are in bloom, and grapes are leafing out a little. Peaches and almonds are as large as hickory nuts. Mulberries are loaded to the ground with fruit. One plant of rhubarb is doing very well.

"I stumbled on something the other day while at an out-station which may interest you. A tailor who has been abroad (Rangoon) called on me and asked if anything could be done for his 10 year old son who has epilepsy. I enquired about his heredity. He told me that he bought the