

dark green above and paler below." (Proc. Royal Hort. Soc., vo l. 40, p. cx xx, 19 15).

*Trachycarpus excelsus* (Thunb.) Wendl. (Phoenicaceae.) 40029. Seeds of a palm from Huihsien, Kansu, China. "The Chinese fan or coir palm, cultivated in gardens in south Shensi and south Kansu as an ornamental tree, reaching a height of thirty to forty feet. Withstands successfully winter temperatures, unprotected, of  $-12^{\circ}$  C. ( $+11^{\circ}$  F.), as happened in Huihsien on November 1, 1895, when all the other palms around there died. Of value as a fine ornamental garden and park tree for all such parts of the United States where the mercury does not go much below  $10^{\circ}$  F. Chinese name *Tsung shu*, meaning 'coir palm tree.' Obtained from the garden of the Belgian Roman Catholic missionaries." (F. N. Meyer's introduction and description.)

#### NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Peru. Ollantaytambo. Mr. O. F. Cook writes, May 6, 1915. "We took a good look at the alpine crops two weeks ago, but decided that none would be suited for turning loose in quantity without previous handling by us, except possibly the quinoa, which may turn out to be really desirable. But that is a seed crop and can be handled easily. It is being harvested now and will be ready by the time we go home. Another kind of Chenopodium and an Amaranthus are also cultivated as seed crops. The very extensive use of the broad bean as a high altitude crop leads me to repeat what I have said so many times, that we should know much more than we do about this and the chick pea. The later is not important here and does not go nearly as high.

"The climate here at 9000 feet is very salubrious and we are feeling very well. As a place to study primitive agriculture and the remains of the ancient system, no better location could be imagined. After all that has been said by Markham and others the nature and extent of the ancient agriculture is still very little appreciated. Some features, at least, we shall be able to present if our pictures come out well.

"As yet we have not been down into the eastern tropical valleys, though we have seen some interesting cotton samples from there."