

Most of the apricots are hard and tasteless but a few in the market from Shantung province surpassed anything in America. Will send seeds and scions of these.

NEW ZEALAND, Wellington. T. W. Kirk, June 4. Will forward *Podocarpus dacrydioides* in a few weeks.

SOUTH AFRICA, Durban. J. M. Wood, July 3. Is sending seed of a species of *Protea*. Will send other species soon.

TRIPOLI-IN-BARBARY. Wm. Coffin, June 21. Sends photographs of date gardens in Oman.

TRIPOLI-IN-BARBARY. Wm. Coffin, June 26. Was sent some dates from the Pangh Ghur country in Baluchistan which were the finest he ever tasted. Best dates in Tripoli are said to grow in Fezzan about a month's camel journey from Tripoli. He will try to get samples of the finest varieties. There is a kind of alfalfa called "susfa" grows there which is fed to live stock. It is alternated with barley and is the steadiest crop there. Can send seed if desired.

TURKEY, Harput. W. W. Masterson, June 17. Sends a report in regard to horse beans in that country. Will send seeds of the different varieties at the close of the season. Also speaks of the Trebizond date. It is a shrub 8 or 10 feet high. Has a wonderfully fragrant blossom and a fruit that looks like the commercial date but not so good in quality. A beautiful shrub for hedges.

RECENT VISITORS.

SERVIA. Mr. Petrovitch, a Servian, formerly Consul. Described Semendria grape of Servia, from town near Belgrade. Large white and also red grape; much like the Malaga grape. Servians do not ship.

SOUTH AMERICA. Mr. Chas. R. Toothaker, the Chief Curator of the Philadelphia Museum wants to go up the Amazon next autumn to be gone 5 months.