

INDIA, Sibpur, Calcutta. A. Gage, Dec. 7. Says he will be glad to help in introducing good mango varieties from India.

JAMAICA, Kingston. W. Harris, Jan. 7. Sends a copy of the Journal of the Jamaica Agricultural Society for December, 1909, containing a report on varieties of *Castilla* rubber in Costa Rica.

JAVA, Buitenzorg, Department of Agriculture, Dec. 4. In the spring will send a Wardian case containing plants of *Atalantia bilocularis*, *A. puberula*, *A. monophylla*, *Feronia lucida*, *Glycosmis pentaphylla*, varieties *angusta* and *dilatata*, and *Murraya exotica*.

MAURITIUS, Reduit. Dr. P. Boname, Nov. 29. Will send seeds of *Diospyros tessellaria* in April when they are ripe. This is one of the *Diospyros* species being introduced for use in persimmon breeding.

#### REPORT FROM F. N. MEYER, AGRICULTURAL EXPLORER.

Mr. Meyer has been delayed in St. Petersburg by the Russian Government which insists on the fulfillment of certain formalities before it allows him to enter Turkestan. In his letter of December 30 he writes that from the specimens of *MEDICAGO CANCELLATA* which he saw in the herbaria of Kew, Berlin and St. Petersburg it does not appear to be a very robust species, but that it may improve under cultivation. He is going down to Sarepta to look up Mr. Chiskof who may assist him in getting seed of it. There are specimens of *MEDICAGO COERULEA* in the St. Petersburg herbarium from South Russia and Sarepta; the species looks very promising and seems to be extremely variable. There are many forms of *MEDICAGO FALCATA*, such as var. *tenuifolia*, with narrow leaflets, var. *ambigua*, of spindly growth, var. *desertorum* woody and with small leaflets, var. *typica* with few leaves and these very small. All these forms occur in the Alai mountains, the Ala tau, Thian Shan, around Issyk Kul, Verny, etc., in the region he is going to explore. *MEDICAGO PLATYCARPA*, occurring in the Ala tau and Thian Shan and in the valley of the Ili, is a perennial species