

black. These characters seem to be important in an ornamental way if it will stand our climate.

23744. *Clianthus puniceus*. "This is an old-fashioned greenhouse plant grown sometimes to cover rafters or trellis work, but more frequently trained around sticks placed around the edge of the pot. Cultivated in eastern greenhouses and a favorite Californian outdoor shrub. The flowers, not very unlike those of the common *Erythrina*, are freely produced in hanging clusters."

Peru, Lima. *Medicago sativa*. 23749. Rec. July 10 from Senor Ignacio la Puente, who states that the variety is one greatly prized in the coast country of Peru. Kaerger states that in the coastal region of Peru alfalfa will not grow in the height of summer (Jan. and Feb.) even tho it be given ample irrigation. The esteem in which this variety is held may bear some relation to this fact."

New or Important Foreign Correspondents Recently
Heard From or Gotten Trace Of.

Africa, South, Natal. A. E. Lekoy. Aug. 27. Promises to send Kafir corn.

China, Tientsin. E. Williams, Consul-General. Aug. 29. Enclosing report on agricultural prospects of his consular district.

England, Kew. Royal Botanic Gardens. Sept. 25. Write that the flowering *Phyllostachys nigra* have failed to ripen seeds.

India, Calcutta. Wm. Michael, Sept. 17. Says Inspector General of Agriculture writes that there are varieties of mango in India known as baromeshee (fruiting 12 months.)

India, Sibpur, Calcutta. W. W. Smith, Supt. Royal Botanical Garden, Aug. 25. Sends *carissa carandas*.