

are used to keep the high winds off. Mr. Palletsky gave him seed of the sandbinding plants and promised to send in the autumn, seeds of the best 12 melons from around Chartchui (a region noted for its melons), cuttings of the very promising *Populus pruinosa*, an extremely drought resistant, ornamental tree and a pood of genuine Khiva alfalfa seed, a variety said to be better and more vigorous than the ordinary Central Asian kinds. Mr. Meyer is just on the point of starting for a two or three months' trip in the Hissar Mountains, where he hopes to collect valuable material.

RECENT VISITORS.

CALIFORNIA, San Rafael Ranch, Garvanza. Mr. Augustine Campbell Johnston. Mr. Johnston is especially interested in irises.

CANARY ISLANDS, Teneriffe. Mr. Solomon Berliner, American Consul at Teneriffe called at the office and gave an interesting account of the growing of onion seed in the neighborhood of Teneriffe. This has developed into a very important industry there.

CHINA, Tai Ming Fu. Mr. Horace W. Hoalding, Missionary at Tai Ming Fu. He will send any plants we desire from there, and will try especially to get the big peach growing near Feitcheng, one of his stations, and also some very large pears that grow in that section.

PENNSYLVANIA. Mr. Morris C. Betts, Architectural Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, is inspecting Washington gardens in the interests of the Journal.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila. Mr. Wm. Foxworthy, Botanist of the Bureau of Science, offers to send us plants from the Philippines.