

JAVA, Buitenzorg. Department of Agriculture, Aug. 20. Cuttings have been taken of *Talauma mutabilis* and its varieties, *longifolia* and *splendens*, and hope to grow them in such a way that they can send us the plants next spring in a Wardian case.

MANCHURIA, Mukden. Mr. E. C. Parker, Aug. 3. Sends through Mr. W. H. Tomhave, of the University of Minnesota, a report on the proposed reorganization of the Mukden Experiment Station.

PALESTINE, Jerusalem. Mr. E. F. Beaumont, Sept. 12. Sends photographs of a wheat field on the plain of Sharon. This land has never been fertilized and yet has been farmed continuously for centuries. The peasants practice rotation with crops of the pea family. Another photograph shows the difference in winter growth between the Turkestan alfalfa and the Syrian variety. The winter there is not severe, and the alfalfa grows more or less during the whole season. The Turkestan variety, however, acts like winter wheat and stools out, making no growth to speak of until the warmer weather sets in. The Syrian variety, therefore, is ready for cutting earlier.