

Sends description of bamboo used for basket making and of the Chrystofine, a green, vegetable-like fruit. Says, however, that these can be more easily obtained from Trinidad.

CHINA, Canton. John M. Swan, Sept. 17. Offers to send more leitchee plants.

CHINA, Huchow. Dr. C. Herman Barlow, Sept, 5. Sends names of doctors and missionaries who may be of use to the Department as follows: Rev. P. F. Price, Dongshang, China; Dr. Chas. MacKenzie, Kinhua via Shanghai, China; Dr. G. C. Worth, Kiangyu, China; Rev. E. E. Jones, Ningpo, China; Rev. T. D. Holmes, Kinhua, China; Rev. Alec. Kennedy, Dongsi, China.

JAVA, Buitenzorg. Dr. Treub, Sept. 9, 1908. Sends seeds of *Garcinia Benthami*, *G. celebica* and *G. porrecta*.

MANCHURIA. N. E. Hansen, Sept. 22. Has just returned from an arm of the Gobi desert in Western Manchuria with a considerable quantity of Mongolian alfalfa (*Medicago ruthenica*.) This vigorous, erect-growing alfalfa now comes to America for the first time. In its native home the mercury freezes several times every winter, usually with snow on the ground and with very dry, hot summers.

RUSSIA, Odessa. Alfred W. Smith, Deputy Consul, Oct. 6. Says there is a variety of sweet melon known there as Kachanka and sometimes called Tsesarka on account of its spotted surface resembling a guinea fowl's plumage. Sends a small package of seed and address of dealer in Odessa from whom it can be secured.

TURKEY, Harput. Evan E. Young, Sept. 17. Promises to send Behesni grape vines this fall when leaves have fallen. Announces his change of post to Saloniki. Col. Wm. Masterson to be his successor at Harput.