

"the natives say they think all vines grow fruit but a young vine never bears. They are usually 6 to 8 years old before they bear. So possibly these vines in time may produce fruit." Vines of the Yang Tau have been distributed and one vine at Chico, California, has flowered, but the flowers were evidently all male. Mrs. Berkin's note on the fruiting of the vine in China is, therefore, particularly interesting. (See photographs of the vine in flower at Chico. For photograph of fruit see this Bulletin No. 29.)

INDIA, Simla. Mr. F. Booth Tucker writes us that he has not yet secured for us *Medicago falcata* but hopes to later. He is sending us the ordinary Punjab *M. sativa*, thinking it may be of use. He also sends *M. denticulata*, locally known as Maina, which is reported by the local Department of Agriculture as "an excellent fodder for cattle, and especially for milch cows, but not suitable for horses". The Salvation Army has a farm on the borders of Tibet and from thence Mr. Tucker is making enquiries regarding Tibetan varieties of *Medicago*.

MADEIRA, Funchal. Mr. Alaricus Delmard reports that he has collected seed of *Asparagus scandens*, and will get other varieties as soon as possible. He states he has seen *A. maritimus* along the coast of Madeira.

MAURITIUS, Port Louis. Mr. Gabriel Regnard reports that he has heard of a disease among the perfume geranium at Reunion, but is not certain. Is now sending cuttings of the *Geranium* which is very common there and will send plants next "winter" (May to September).

SARAWAK, Borneo. Mr. J. C. Moulton, Curator of the Sarawak Museum, is sending specimens of a Citrus fruit received from a correspondent in reply to his enquiries in our behalf. Will also try to get seeds of the same fruit for us.

SYRIA, Jerusalem. From the American Colony, Palestine. Mr. E. F. Beaumont reports that *Medicago papillosa* cannot be found within 500 miles of Jerusalem, but he can supply seed of the following species of *Medicago*: *M. sativa* L., *marina* L., *orbicularis* All., *Blancheana* Boiss., *rotata* Boiss., *elegans* Jacq., *littoralis*, *truncatula*, *tuberculata* Willd., *gerardi* Willd., *coronata*, *denticulata* Willd., *minima*. Also mentions a wild plant of the pea family, *Ononis antiquorum*, as follows: "Perennial; grows absolutely everywhere, on poor rocky soil as well as good ground, and is the deepest rooting plant next to alfalfa that grows in the country. It is quite equal to alfalfa in rooting quality. It has a thorn from one to two cm. long. This plant, when young and the thorn is tender, is greedily eaten by all cattle, but when full grown they cannot manage the thorn." Promises to send seed of this plant.