

To be tried under irrigation in the dry and hot sections of the United States." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

SALSOLA ARBUSCULA. (Chenopodiaceae.) 28973. Seed from Chartchui, Turkestan. "A shrub of peculiar appearance, having no leaves, but instead long, slender, green, drooping branches. Is used with much success in the sand-binding and desert-reclamation work along the Central Asian R. R. Recommended in the dry and hot sections of the United States for various purposes; 1st, for its sand-binding properties; 2nd, as an ornamental park and garden shrub; 3rd, as a fuel supply in desert regions. Obtained from Mr. W. A. Paletsky in charge of sand-binding operations along the railroads in Central Asia." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

AFRICA, Benguela. Mr. W. H. Sanders writes us September 1 that he is unable to secure for us seed of the Huilla (*Vigna radicans*) but calls attention to the existence of a mission called Huilla in Mossamedes evidently named from this plant.

AFRICA, Cape Town. Mr. Charles P. Lounsbury writes October 10 that he has failed so far in securing any asparagus seed but that Mr. N. S. Pillans, who has recently joined the department, will try to send roots of the wild sorts.

BRAZIL, Diamantina. Mr. Ernest G. Swain writes October 30, that he has at last located the Marmeleiro tree and has some slips planted which he will bring with him when he returns in the spring of 1911. Will soon send two lilies, a purple one and a red one, and is sending two fine cherries.

BRAZIL, Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Orville A. Derby writes November 1, that he is sending two kilos of the seed of *Panicum Melinis* (*Melinis minutiflora*), a forage grass, called there Capim melado. He is still hoping to secure the Brazilian persimmon.

CHINA, Hwai Yuan. Rev. Samuel Cochran writes October 10, that he is sending by freight about 100 pounds of hempseed and suggests the possibility of getting hemp from Kiukiang on the Yangtse River.

CHINA, Ya-Chow. Among the correspondents who have recently called are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Openshaw, who were on their way back to Ya-Chow, Sze-Chuan Province, Western China, where they have spent thirteen years in lay missionary work. During a most