

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

BURMA, Myaing-ga-lay. Miss Susan E. Haswell writes November 11 that she can give us no information in regard to the species of *Pueraria* we asked for, but has written to Mr. Burkill, Superintendent of Economic Products for India, for information. She will send Karen potatoes (a sort of yam) next month. She writes, "There is a fruit here which I have never seen before. It is called by the Burmese K'doot-thi. It grows on a tree with spreading branches about 25 feet high, and very coarse, rough leaves. The fruit when ripe is very much the color of a strawberry, not quite so red; where not fully ripe is yellowish. The unripe fruit is a pale green. It is the most singular tree I ever saw. The fruit grows on sprays coming out in a perfect tangle from the lowest crotch where the branches start out. I thought some one had cut vines and tossed them up into the crotch of the tree. They are only three or four feet above the ground, very handy for small boys. I found one picking and eating. He had only left two ripe ones, though there are hundreds of small green ones. The fruit is very like a strawberry in flavor only a little more tart. The outside skin is rough and dotted with tiny yellow dots. The meat is white and full of tiny brown seeds. We eat skin and all. The fruit sprays are from 18 inches to over a yard in length and are all snarled together. The fruit grows like a string of beads along the sides of the sprays. I will try to get a photograph of the tree for you next month. The leaves of the K'doot grow on long stems. There are two varieties on the Toungos hills, I am told, but the fruit is much the same in flavor and size. I will write to a friend in Toungos and see if I can secure some seeds of the other variety. The one tree here has a cleft trunk, and in the cleft right on the ground, a number of small sprays have started and are bearing. I have dried the seeds of the two fruits, and will send them when danger of freezing in the mails is past."

CHINA, Szechuan, Yachow. Mr. W. F. Beaman writes November 18 that he is sending us a quantity of "nan-mu" seeds (*Machilus nanmu*?). He saw Mr. E. H. Wilson, the Arnold Arboretum collector, a few weeks ago in Chengtu, the capital of the province, and reports that during the summer Mr. Wilson met with a very serious accident in which his leg was broken. He has not yet recovered from it.

COCHIN CHINA, Saigon. Mr. P. Morange, Director of the Agricultural Department writes November 18 that he is searching for seeds and plants of *Luvunga nitida*, which he will send as soon as he secures them. He is sending seeds of *Feronia elephantum*, packed in wet coir in order that the seeds may germinate en route.