

HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa. Dr. R. Fritzgartner writes December 15 that he is trying to get for us the Copan tobacco, which is produced under license from the Honduran government and is the principal tobacco used in Central America, and the native tobacco, "tobacco de aqua", which is rather rare and has white flowers, while the Copan has rose-colored ones.

PALESTINE, Jerusalem. Mr. E. F. Beaumont of the American Colony writes without date that they will make a point of getting some *Lallemantia iberica* seed when the plant seeds in May. Mr. Whiting, one of the young men of the American Colony, is preparing a report on a tribe of Bedouin whose only bread is made by grinding the seed of the wild *Mesembryanthemum Forskahlei*, which is about the only plant that grows in the waterless tract east of the Dead Sea where they live. He will also send samples of the seed, flour and bread. They will be glad to send seed of any of the asparagus already sent by them.

PARAGUAY, Cahi Puente. Mr. C. F. Mead writes November 15, "Unfortunately, you will not receive the shipment of potatoes, *bascla tuberosa* nor the *mantioca* canes. The freight agent in Yuty, to whom I intrusted the boxes for forwarding to my agent in Asuncion, instead of sending same destroyed the boxes and stole the freight money. It is too late now to duplicate the shipment, so in case you care for same, it will be necessary to wait until July or August of 1911. The *bascla tuberosa* may be of some value." He will be unable to send us any seeds for the next few months as he will be working in a "barren section of Paraguay, in the southeastern corner parallel to the Alta Parana River, a low lying grazing country with much of it swampy."

PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA, Inhambane. Mr. Pliny W. Keys writes November 28 that he is using the extract of *Cassia bearama* in persistent cases of malarial fever, having learned of it and obtained it from the Swiss Mission at Lorencu Marques, by which it is recommended for blackwater fever. While this plant does not grow in his region he has written the London firm who put up the extract to get the address of some one who can furnish seed. He will send us seed, if we wish it, of the famous Conju trees (*Anacardium occidentale*), the fruit of which is said to be most productive of alcohol.

SPAIN, Barcelona. Senor C. de San Juan writes December 13 offering to send us capers from the Balearic Islands; "Momagastro" grape that is very productive, very early and of great color; also a plum called "Claudia", very big and very good flavor.