

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila, Gardens of Nagtajan. Mr. William S. Lyon writes December 4, 1910, that he will have a few of the "sup-sup-sin" or "Lyon" mangos packed by a new American syrup process next year for trial in this country.

QUEENSLAND, Brisbane. Mr. John Williams, Manager of Sunnybank Nursery, writes November 29, 1910, that he is getting seed for us of the desert kumquats, which are ripe now. He has arranged with the French Consul for Queensland to secure the seed of *Oxanthera fragrans* and *O. macroptera* from New Caledonia for us. Will also try to get *Atalantia glauca* and *Parsonia paddisoni*. He is writing a friend on Tambourine Mountain for *Macrozamia denisoni*.

SIAM, Bangkok. Mr. J. Cornell Tarber, American Consul-General, writes November 18, 1910, that he has taken up the securing of "Indian Gum", and specimens of the leaves and flowers of the tree, with the Agricultural Department of Siam and hopes to get them soon.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Singapore. Dr. H. N. Ridley, Director of the Botanical Gardens, writes December 13, 1910, that he "will send a small amount of the Sumatra tobacco seed which is very hard to get. Regarding the *Ficus acidula*: I know approximately where it grows but I don't see any chance of getting to it. I can't get to Baruco this year and am leaving Singapore at the end of the year or shortly after. Moulton of the Kuching Museum might get there but he is not a botanist and would probably not know the plant."

SURINAM, Paramaribo. The Director of Agriculture, Mr. P. J. S. Cramers, writes December 10, 1910, that they will send us tubers of the "Sinesie-taya", one of their edible aroids, in February. This variety can be harvested in from five to nine months. All the aroids grown there are considered as wetland crops, and they prefer a sandy loam with a thick layer of humus on top, while a light shade is beneficial to growth. They are never flooded during the growing season because the rains furnish sufficient moisture.

RECENT CALLERS.

Mr. A. Imachi, of the Formosa Experiment Station, at Taihoku, spent the week December 31 to January 9, in Washington, on his way to Yucatan to study the sisal hemp industry. During his stay he was able to give a large amount of information on Formosa conditions to various offices of the Bureau. He has promised to send us many interesting tropical and sub-tropical plants, including longans, gingers, taros, and especially certain varieties of grapes which do well in that warm climate.