

SOCIETY ISLANDS, Tahiti. Mr. North Winship, American Consul, writes Jan. 15, that in May he will send us grafted plants of three of the finest varieties of Mangos, together with several slips of the best breadfruit trees.

TURKEY-IN-ASIA, Harput. Mr. William W. Masterson, Consul, writes December 19 in regard to the Diarbekir melons, which he describes as being the largest he has ever seen, "the water melons sometimes growing as large as a flour barrel, and the musk melons larger than the largest pumpkins. The melons are raised in the bed of the Tigris River, after the spring rains are over and the river has shrunk to summer size. The seeds are fertilized with pigeon manure, and the vines grow without irrigation throughout the season. It is needless to say that the flavor of both the melons is much coarser than the American cultivated varieties."

ZANZIBAR, Zanzibar. The Director of Agriculture, Mr. F. C. McClellan, writes January 25 that the seeds of Cassia Bearama are not yet ready but will be sent when ripe.