

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE, Nairobi. Mr. J. W. T. McClellan writes February 15 that he has sent to the Kenya Forest to try to get *Landolphia* rubber plants or seed for us.

CHINA, Shanghai. Mr. D. MacGregor, Superintendent of Parks, writes without date that "the white bark of the *Diospyros* lotus is believed to be due to climatic conditions and age. Four-year-old seedlings which I possess, show no signs of the white bark. Further, they can hardly, except by slightly slower growth, be distinguished from plants raised from seeds of the cultivated varieties. With regard to the climatic effect in the production of white bark I have no experience with the *Diospyros*, but *Pinus Bungeana*, the white pine of Northern China, occurs here in gardens, some in the native city being of considerable age, but none show the white bark. Some time ago I received a basket of seedling nanmu trees from Mr. Beaman. They were in such delicate condition when they came to hand that I planted them immediately. I am glad to say that the majority of them are alive. Being only plants from 4 to 6 inches high and having sustained a long journey you can understand they were totally unfit to forward to you. By next autumn they ought to be able to stand exporting."

CUBA, Cienfuegos. Mr. Robert M. Gray of the Harvard Botanical Experiment Station writes March 8 that he will try within a few days to send samples of the three varieties of Dasheen (*Colocasia antiquorum* var. *esculentum*) grown there, in which he is unable to distinguish any specific difference when grown in good soil. He will also send specimens of the type grown everywhere there as a table vegetable and called locally malanga ysleño (to all appearances *Colocasia antiquorum* *esculentum* type).

ENGLAND, Cheshire, Neston. Mr. A. K. Bulley writes March 5 that "Forrest arrived here safely yesterday bringing with him truly terrific loot. My soul quails before the immense quantity of species he has collected. They will take some raising!" He has brought with him seed of the Chinese paper tree and of one of the Chinese labiate oil plants, which seed will be sent us as soon as possible.

INDIA, Saharanpur. Mr. R. S. Woglum writes from Hong-kong that on his return to Saharanpur in April he will secure budwood of the "Sylhet lime" which he thinks would be a very valuable introduction.

NEW ZEALAND, Auckland. Mr. W. Petrie writes January 22 that he will be glad to send us seed of *Entelea arborescens* as