

PERSIA. Urumia. Mr. Hugo A. Müller writes March 3, that he will observe the grapes, fruits and nuts grown there and will send us anything that may seem of interest to us.

QUEENSLAND. Brisbane. Dr. F. Manson Bailey, Colonial Botanist, under date March 1 identifies the plants mentioned by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in his letter quoted in Plant Immigrant Bulletin Number 49, as the "finger cherry", *Rhodomyrtus macrocarpa*, the poisonous effects of which are probably caused by a fungus (*Glaeosporium periculosum*) which attacks the fruit. He will undertake to get seeds of this for us. The trees bearing large pods were evidently the "Moreton Bay Chestnut" or "Bean tree" (*Castanospermum australe*), of which he is sending seed. He will endeavor to get us seed of *Garcinia mestoni*, a true mangosteen of semi-tropical Australia.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. Singapore. Dr. H. N. Ridley writes February 20 that he will be able to get for us later *Mangifera lagenifera*, or "lanjoot", *M. odorata* or "kwini", *M. caesia*, *M. foetida*, and the ordinary *M. indica*. Also two species of *Bouea*. And he will try again to get fertile seeds of *Gonocitrus*, of which he thinks the natives gather the fruits unripe.

SPECIAL NOTES.

On April 22, Mr. W. A. Orton, Physiologist in charge of Truck-disease and Sugar Investigations, sails for a six months investigation of truck crops and their diseases in Europe. He will spend May to July in the sugar beet and potato districts of Germany and Austria, studying the sugar beet industry, and looking into the diseases of truck crops, especially potatoes. In August he will go to England, thence in September to Paris to attend the fourth International Congress of Genetics, thence returning to the districts first studied in Germany and Austria.

On May 12 Mr. L. H. Dewey, botanist in charge of fiber plant investigations, leaves for Java via Europe to attend the Congress and Exhibition in connection with the cultivation and preparation of fibers. He will reach the island June 30, remain there studying fiber crops until July 15, and return by way of Hongkong and Yokohama. He expects to bring back with him from Buitenzorg one or more warden cases of desirable plants which it has been found difficult to import in the form of seeds or cuttings.