

UNIDENTIFIED. 30496. Plants from Chile. Received through Mr. José D. Husbands, Limávida, Chile. "Opuntia maihuen. 'Herba del Guanaco'. A valuable plant for industry and ornament. Grows in dry, worthless, sandy waste where nothing else will grow. The skinned plant and fruit are eaten as a refreshment. The plant contains an extra large quantity of gum which I believe to be of industrial use and value. It completely covers the loose sand for about a meter in diameter. From the drifting sands near the volcano, 'Antuco'." (Husbands.) For distribution later.

UNIDENTIFIED. 30499. Seeds of arrayan from Mazatlan, Mexico. Collected by Mr. J. M. Goulding. Presented by Mr. F. W. Popenoe, Altadena, California. "This tree grows to be 20 to 35 feet high, the trunk sometimes 15 inches in diameter, with smooth, gray bark, and erect branches. It seems to be cultivated somewhat extensively in Mexico. Fruit is greenish yellow, with a large irregular disk at the top, and a smooth nutlet in the center; very juicy and said to have a rich, spicy, subacid flavor. One of the popular soft drinks of the country, said to be very refreshing, is made, from it." (Rose - Notes on the Useful Plants of Mexico, under Myrtus arrayan.) For distribution later.

UNIDENTIFIED. 30511. Bulbs from Yachowfu, Szechuan, China. Presented by Mr. C. A. Salquist, at the request of Mr. H. J. Openshaw. "Bulbs of a yellow lily. I have not seen this particular kind of lily in America, but it may be quite common." (Salquist.) For distribution later.

#### NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

BULGARIA. Sophia. Mr. Alaricus Delmard, late of Funchal, Madeira, writes April 5 that he has been appointed by King Ferdinand Director of the Gardens for the Kingdom of Bulgaria, and has assumed his duties.

CANARY ISLANDS. Puerto Orotava. Dr. George V. Perez writes April 14 that he is growing two species of Echium, E. pininana, and E. auberiana, seeds of both of which he will send us. The former he thinks will make a better fodder plant than the E. simplex, which sometimes grows to a height of twelve feet, while E. pininana grows still higher. E. auberiana is almost an Alpine plant growing at an elevation of 7000 feet. All three species are lovely garden plants.

CHINESE TURKESTAN. Kuldja. A postcard from Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer, dated March 23 informs us that he has safely reached Kuldja after a difficult crossing of