

MANCHURIA. Mukden. Mr. E. C. Parker, Agriculturist of Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, writes June 6, that he can find nothing in regard to the cultivation of the vetches in Manchuria, as the vetches are not grown there. Wild vetches do, however, occur.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Manila. Mr. C. V. Piper, Agrostologist in Charge of Forage Crop Investigations, writes May 23 from Manila, where he has been investigating the forage crop situation for the War Department, that he will secure all the varieties of mangos in the islands before leaving and arrange with Mr. Wester, late of this Office, to get the others for us. He speaks of the "Carabao" as a "decidedly fine variety which breeds true to seed", and says it can be gotten at any time in season at the mere cost of the fruit, about two cents apiece. Ophiopogon, which he has seen growing both at Yokohama and the Hongkong Botanical Gardens, impresses him as "an admirable plant to cover the ground, and particularly steep slopes in very shady places".

RHODESIA. Mr. J. Speyer Sulman, Secretary of the North Charterland Exploration Company, Ltd., writes June 13, that the company will be very glad to assist us in obtaining native seeds from Northeastern Rhodesia.

SIBERIA. Saissansk. Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes June 1, that he has reached this place, and after a trip into the Altai Mountains, will proceed to Omsk to attend a great agricultural exhibition which is to be held there. On July 4 Mr. Meyer writes, that on July 2 he arrived at Omsk, whence he will send in the material collected in the Altai Mountains.