

varieties of cherries of varying hardness all worthy of trial. For distribution later.

RUELLIA TUBEROSA. (Acanthaceae.) 33713. Seeds from Barbados. Presented by Mr. Patrick O'Mara, New York. "These seeds were received from one of our customers in Barbados. She does not give any botanical name; merely that it is commonly called 'Many-roots' and that it bears beautiful mauve flowers. She further states that the roots are a cure for indigestion. Steep 2 roots or tubers in a small cup of boiling water for a few minutes, pour off and drink with a little salt, twice daily." (O'Mara.) For distribution later.

SCHINUS LATIFOLIUS. (Anacardiaceae.) 33698. Seeds from Chile. Received through Mr. Jose D. Husbands, Limavida, Chile. "The country people esteem this fruit and make quantities of chicha (a fermented drink) in the same way as 'maqui' (Aristotelia macqui) is used. It is healthful and agreeably refreshing." (Husbands.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

PAPUA. Barodobo, Rigo. Mr. A. C. English writes May 21 concerning the Ceara rubber: "I planted a few *Manihot glaziovii* from Ceara. In 10 months they have grown 16 feet high, and are one and a half inches through. The many plantations that have started in Papua appear to favor the planting of *Hevea brasiliensis*, which appears to me to be out of its element, or it requires a much greater rainfall than we get here. There are now producing six plantations of sisal each of about 500 acres and all appear to be satisfied with the results. It may interest you to know that we are obtaining $1\frac{1}{4}$ tons per acre from our small plantation at Rigo from $3\frac{1}{2}$ year old plants, first cutting, but many of the plants are showing signs of poling. With reference to your former inquiry for seeds of the Manssanas tree, related to the jujube, I fear I shall have to abandon the search, as I have failed to trace it, as have also many friends here."