

The sample sent was from a field that was not irrigated and received no rainfall from the time of sowing until harvested." (Voetter.) For distribution later.

TURRAEA OBTUSIFOLIA. (Meliaceae.) 34178. Seeds from Durban, Natal. Presented by Dr. J. Medley Wood, Director, Durban Botanic Gardens. "A free-flowering shrub, from three to five feet high, common on the dunes along the coast of Cape Colony and Natal. It is never large enough to be of economic value further than its use in holding fully exposed sea dunes; its showy flowers and seeds make it worthy of cultivation where it will grow." (Sim, Forest Flora of Cape Colony.) For distribution later.

#### NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

INDIA. Saharanpur. Mr. A. C. Hartless, Superintendent of the Government Botanic Gardens, writes July 11 in regard to mangos: "I am not prepared to enter into the question of whether the mango has an existant wild progenitor or not. Botanists are themselves apparently not certain on this point. The study of mangos has chiefly been confined to what may be called cultivated varieties, but there are an enormous number of uncultivated varieties, that are called wild, but are not really so. Many of these are very good, although wanting in size as compared with the garden varieties. There is one aspect about these so-called wild mangos that has been generally overlooked; that is the particular way in which their fruit can be utilized. By the natives nearly all are sucked and not the flesh eaten. I have this season tested many, and I was very much astonished to find out how pleasant and refreshing they are, when sucked, much in the way a lemon would be. Their juice mixed with aerated waters makes a very delicious and refreshing drink. To my mind for a country like America where such drinks are greatly appreciated, such a class of fruit would be a boon.

The trees bear prodigiously, the fruit is easily sent long distances, and probably some method could be devised of keeping the juice for some time. In this line there are I think enormous possibilities. In addition you will have a very fine tree, that gives excellent shade and produces first class timber. Seed could be easily introduced, and when once the tree begins to fruit, it would soon propagate itself. It would take probably from 10 to 15 years before the plant would fruit.