

some of them furnishing lumber, others suitable for ornamental planting. For distribution later.

TRITICUM DURUM. (Poaceae.) 35314. Seeds of a durum wheat from Issyl-kul, western Siberia. Obtained from Mr. I.M. Karsin, by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer. "Var. melanopus. A valuable black-bearded summer durum wheat having the bracts close together. Selected by Mr. I. M. Karsin at Issyl-kul, who finds that in dry western Siberia, wheat with short dense ears requires less moisture to mature and are less easily injured by long droughts than wheats with long loose open ears. This variety melanopus especially needs but little moisture to ripen fully." (Meyer.) For distribution later.

ZIZIPHUS TRINERVIS. (Rhamnaceae.) 35416. Seeds from Manila. Presented by Mr. O. W. Barrett, Chief, Division of Horticulture, Philippine Bureau of Agriculture. "A tall shrub or small thorny tree of vigorous growth. This species may prove a good stock for the improved varieties of Ziziphus jujuba in the tropics where this species does not succeed well on its own roots. It should be planted on well-drained land." (Barrett.) For distribution later.

ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA. (Rhamnaceae.) 35253-257, 35260. Scions of jujubes from Laoling, Shantung, China. Obtained by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer. Several varieties, one bearing almost entirely seedless fruits, which are steamed and dried for winter use, another with fruit the size of small eggs, and a third with very sweet fruits. For distribution later.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

CHILE. Santiago. Mr. W. F. Wight, writes March 29, 1913. "In regard to Chiloe, it is in large part an unknown wilderness and there is one man who can be of very great service, namely Dr. Roberto Christie, Casilla F, Castro, Chiloe, Chile. Dr. Christie knows southern Chile better than any other living man and I am sure will send us some very interesting seeds such as the Cypress of Chiloe, and many others. Through Dr Christie's help I was able to get into a region totally uninhabited and never visited by any botanist. There is on the west coast near Quilan and south of Cucao, a plant with a fruit like a Pandanus, (Dr. Christie calls it a Bromelia but it may not be) which I think may be of considerable value.