

state that is so sweet that one can hardly eat it. She compared it with our pears. Although this is not the season I found the jaboticabas (*Myrciaria sp.*) in fruit and we have made jelly of some of them. I have nine trees on a little place of my own, that were transplanted, most of them being trees already several years old."

Philippine Islands. Manila. Mr. O. W. Barrett, Chief of the Division of Horticulture, writes Sept. 2: "Mr. Wester has sent you personally a lot of 'Marang' (*Artocarpus odoratissimus* Blanco) seeds. I have just had the pleasure of tasting this very interesting and probably potentially important fruit, and find it about the best thing of its kind I have ever tasted. It partakes of the aromatic sweetness of the sugar apple but does not have the objectionable granulations, though the rag is slightly more in evidence. The total amount of edible pulp in one of these large fruits is something quite out of the ordinary. The natives in western Mindanao are very fond of the fruit and are making some attempt to cultivate the tree. It does not seem to be known to Americans thus far. By the way, I have just come across another economic *Artocarpus* (*A. cumingiana* Trec.); the seeds about one-half the size of American chestnuts are roasted or boiled and eaten like peanuts. You will be interested to know that Mr. Wester has just found the mangosteen fruiting in Southern Oriental Negros, the farthest north locality on record. There are vague reports of its occurring still farther north. More interesting still, however, is Mr. Boyle's recent departure for the pomelo plantations of Siam. Though he had some trouble in making connections with Bangkok boats in Hongkong he has already sent us several lots of plants collected in Hongkong and the neighboring mainland; among these a collection of orchids obtained from a wealthy mandarin, including the exceedingly rare black orchid and a large pure yellow species, all terrestrial. Mr. Boyle expects to stop a while in Saigon, and if all goes well, will probably return via Singapore."

Recent Visitors.

Among recent visitors to the Office was Dr. E. C. Joss who is visiting Australia and New Zealand in the interest of the Bureau of Animal Industry of this Department to study the meat inspection service of Australia. He has promised to make every effort to secure for us *Garcinia mestoni*, probably the hardiest relative of the mangosteen, and *Citrus inodorus*, an extremely hardy edible fruited species related to the lime. The *Garcinia* especially has a large fruit said to be edible. Both spe-