

value and special effort should be made to make the American public acquainted with it." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

Saraca indica. (Caesalpiniaceae.) 36092. Seeds from Lal Bagh, Bangalore, India. Presented by the Government Botanic Gardens, Lal Bagh, through Mr. F. W. Popenoe of this Office. "One of the handsomest of Indian ornamental trees, producing large heads of the most brilliant scarlet flowers imaginable. While restricted to the tropical sections of India, it may be sufficiently hardy to succeed in south Florida." (Popenoe.) For distribution later.

Ugni molinae. (Myrtaceae.) 36132, 36150-151. Seeds of the murta from Chile. Collected by Mr. W. F. Wight of this Bureau. "'Murta' or 'Murtilla.'" A shrub 4 to 8 feet high with rather ornamental foliage, but esteemed in Chile for its berries which are from one-fourth to one-half inch in diameter and very palatable. They are often gathered and sold on the market in various towns, and a 'dulce' is made from them that is considered excellent. No attempt has so far been made to cultivate this shrub in Chile, but by careful selection no doubt the size and quality of the fruit could be improved and something of value developed. It is rather widely distributed, growing in the region of dry summers as well as in Chiloe." (Wight.) For distribution later.

Zea mays. (Poaceae.) 36185-195, 36197-209, 36211-253. Seeds of corn from Peru and Bolivia. Collected by Mr. W. F. Wight of this Bureau. Sixty-six varieties of corn from La Paz, Arequipa, Cuzco, etc. For distribution later.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Egypt. Cairo. Mr. S. C. Mason writes September 29: I reached Cairo yesterday morning after an absence of 18 days on a trip to Sudan. As the Sudan government is in most matters very distinct from Egypt, I found it necessary to act through our consul and the Sudan agency in Cairo, who sent me direct to Khartum, from which point all Sudan officials had been notified of my coming, so I was in receipt of every official and personal courtesy from the time I reached the Sudan border, even my start from Cairo and the changes from train to boat being made comfortable. Berber I found had been so decimated by the Mahdi that it was not worth while to stop there. As I had to await train day to get into Dongola I went one day up the Blue Nile to Tayiba where they operate a government