

of the varieties they offer to guests as a sweet. When sold an ardeb of 320 lbs. brings here about 154 piasters (a piaster is about 5 cents). This variety is worth importing and is common enough that a fair supply can probably be obtained. (Mason.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Mr. F. W. Popenoe writes from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 4, 1914. "I have just returned from a visit to the Jardim Botânico, where I called on Dr. Willis and Alberto Löfgren. Mr. Löfgren spoke of you, and wished me to remember him to you. He took great interest in our expedition, giving us cards to some parties in Sao Paulo, and offering to be of assistance at any time desired. Dr. Willis says he is the best botanist in Brazil, as far as a knowledge of the Brazilian flora is concerned. He has recently left the Obras Contra as Seccas and come into *the Jardim Botânico, to have charge of one branch of the work, and should be addressed there.*

"We have seen and sampled most of the important Brazilian mangos, and I regret to say that they are, on the whole, disappointing. Manga da Rosa is as beautiful a fruit as one could desire, and an excellent shipper, but it does not rank high enough in quality to place it alongside of any of the good Indian varieties. Itamaracá is the best in flavor of any I have eaten, and is said to be one of the very best here. The others are too fibrous to be worth while, so far as we have seen. I was in hopes we might find something really excellent here, but I begin to despair of finding as good mangos in Brazil as we can get elsewhere. I believe I wrote you that Dr. Willis spoke of a very fine mango grown in this state; I asked him about it further, and he was unable to give me directions for finding it, the owner of the place being in Europe at the present time.

"There seems to be almost no end to the interesting myrtaceous fruits of this country. We are running across new ones all the time. We have good photos of most of them, and descriptions of the fruit and tree. In writing up our inventory notes on some of these things, I do not have time to write out a complete description of the plant, such as I would like to do. When we return, however, we can get up the data for publication in the inventory in more complete and readable form, if it is desired. We usually have to get our stuff packed at the last moment, and write up the notes rather hurriedly.

"Löfgren tells us of a Malvaceous fiber plant along the Rio Sao Francisco which he thinks may be of considerable value. The caroá (*Neoglaziovia*) is also well worthy