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29/1/14

Dear Sir.

Mr. Macalister regrets
being still in bed, unable to
send you what was written to
him about the Coco de Mer &
General Gordon. It grows only in
the Seychelles Islands & you will
find reference to it on page 325,
volume III, of Chambers Encyclopedia.
Probably the Curator at Shew
could give you much information,
as in the special house built
there for the late Miss North there

are several pictures of the flowers
& fruit. At Benares the water in
the Well of Life is drawn up in
a Coco de Mer shell & doubtless
has been from time immemorial.
Dr. George Bird, whose knowledge
of India is unique, could probably
tell you all about it, & there may
be some book dealing with the
Flora of the Seychelles Islands. Mr.
Macalister remembers fifty or sixty
years ago the nuts being found
floating near the Maldives & being
sold to Eastern Rajahs for use in
the harems.

Yours faithfully

Aileen Macalister.

P.S.

Mr. Macalister forgot when dictating
this, that he had already requested
Mr. Macalister to reply for him.

Wm

27 January 1914.

Dear Sir,

Please accept our cordial thanks for the double cocoanut which you have so kindly presented to the Historical Medical Museum. I much regret I was absent when you called with it yesterday afternoon. I should be much obliged if you could kindly let me have any particulars concerning its use, or traditions connected with it from a medical point of view, so that we may have a suitable label inscribed.

Again thanking you for your kind gift which will greatly add to the interest of our collection,

I am,

Faithfully yours,



James Macalister Esq.,
32 Maresfield Gardens,
Hampstead.

by acalister