

FRUITS OF THE CASHEW (*ANACARDIUM OCCIDENTALE*), S. P. I. No. 37027.

A single tree of this large-fruited variety, which is known as the butter cashew (*caju manteiga*), occurs on the island of Itaparica, off the coast of Bahia, Brazil. Although it has a good deal of fiber it is exceedingly juicy and beautifully colored. The cashew is popular as a table fruit in Brazil. The cashew nut, one of the best table nuts known, is contained in the kidney-shaped end of the fruit. It is surrounded by a layer of cells containing a very poisonous juice which produces an eruption like that caused by poison ivy, but being volatile this is driven off when the nuts are roasted. (Photographed (P15403FS) by Dorsett, Shamel, and Popenoe, Bahia, Brazil, December 24, 1913. Natural size.)