



THE FIRST CHINESE LITCHI TREE (*LITCHI CHINENSIS* SONNERAT) TO FRUIT IN THE UNITED STATES. (SEE S. P. I. No. 38779.)

Although the famous Afong litchi tree has borne more or less regularly in Honolulu for the past twenty years, most of the attempts which have been made to grow this species in California and Florida have failed. This illustration, according to Mr. Hadley, shows a seedling introduced by Reasoner Bros., of Oneco, Fla., now growing on the Hadley place in Santa Barbara, Cal. It was 9 feet high and had a spread of 13½ feet at the time the photograph here reproduced was taken, October 23, 1914. In 1914 it bore and ripened several fruits. In 1915 it bloomed but failed to fruit. It was not injured by the freeze of 1913, although to just how low temperatures it was subjected is not known. A report from India indicates that 21° F. will injure the foliage, whereas a similar report from South China is to the effect that 24° F. injured large trees severely. The freeze of February 3, 1917 (temperature 26° F.), at Miami, Fla., killed 10-year-old trees nearly to the ground. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, October 23, 1914; P16216FS.)