



THE TARA, A NEW PLANT FOR HEDGES AND WINDBREAKS, FROM PERU (*CAESALPINIA PECTINATA* CAV.), S. P. I. NO. 41323.

An upright shrub or small tree, often planted for hedges in parts of Peru. The habit of growth of the tara peculiarly fits it for a hedge plant or windbreak. The trunk or trunks are upright, with a few spreading branches near the top, and the bark is studded with short spines. Tara pods are a regular article of trade in the market of Lima, and are said to be used for dyeing, tanning leather, and making ink. This plant should prove valuable in many situations in the South. (Photographed, natural size, by the Yale University-National Geographic Society Expedition, July, 1915; P17974CA.)