



THE CAÑIHUA, A CULTIVATED FOOD PLANT FROM THE HIGH ANDES (*CHENOPODIUM HASTATUM PHILIPPI*), S. P. I. No. 41335.

The shepherds who live in the higher altitudes of the Peruvian Andes use the seeds of this plant for food. The seeds are toasted and then ground into meal and used principally as a travel ration, quantities of it being taken by the shepherds when they go out with their flocks on the Andean pastures. The plant and seed are much smaller than the better known quinoa. This species is grown only at very high altitudes. It was seen by Mr. O. F. Cook only near the Pass of La Raya. The photograph shows seedlings (much reduced) in different stages of development. (Photographed by the Yale University-National Geographic Society Expedition, July, 1915; P17786CA.)