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**THE ARRACACHA, A FAVORITE VEGETABLE OF THE VENEZUELANANS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE ADAPTED TO THE WARMER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES. (ARRACACIA XANTHORRHIZA BANCR., S. P. I. NO. 42455.)**

The whole root is tender and edible. It is generally boiled and mashed like the potato or used in soups like parsnips, to which it is closely allied, but is more delicate in flavor than either. The clump shown is two seasons old, but clumps of a similar size are produced in a single season. The plant has flowered in Florida this season for the first time. (Photographed by David Fairchild at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Brooksville, Fla., Nov. 25, 1918; P24598FS.)