



THE NIPA PALM IN FRUIT (*NYPA FRUTICANS*, S. P. I. No. 44405).

Along the low lands near the coast of the Malay Archipelago this stemless palm, covering vast areas, raises its superb long leaves, like giant fern fronds, above the swamps. It deserves to be naturalized wherever it will grow, not only for its beauty, but for its possibilities as an alcohol-producing plant and for its leaves, from which beautiful floor mats are made. (Photographed by P. L. Bryant, of the Far Eastern Review, August, 1915; P25002FS.)