



THE GUAYACAN, OR "LIGNUM-VITÆ," AN ORNAMENTAL TREE FROM GUATEMALA.

(*Guaiacum guatemalense* Planch., S. P. I. No. 44858.)

In Guatemala, according to Mr. Wilson Popenoe, this species forms a shrub, or sometimes a small tree, with evergreen foliage and attractive lavender-purple flowers, which are so showy as to make the plant conspicuous from a distance. It furnishes the extremely hard wood of commerce and appears to be hardy in southern Florida. It is quite distinct from the native Florida species, *G. sanctum*, which also deserves to be cultivated as an ornamental. The specimen shown here is only 3 years old. (Photographed by David Fairchild, at Buena Vista, Fla., March 28, 1919; P2534FS.)