



AN INDIAN BOY HOLDING A CLUSTER OF WILD TROPICAL GRAPES (*VITIS TILIAEFOLIA* HUMB. AND BONPL., S. P. I. NO. 45361).

The problem of producing a table grape which will grow and fruit well in the Tropics is probably one of plant breeding. The existence of this strictly tropical species of *Vitis*, which bears clusters of fruit of fair size and quality, should encourage the plant breeders to hybridize it with the larger fruited cultivated grape. The photograph is of a cluster from a vine found near Vera Cruz, Mexico, but the inventory description is of a form which, according to Wilson Popenoe, is very juicy, very sour, and contains only two seeds. It bears heavily and the fruits are of fairly good size and only need to be sweetened to be fit for table use. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Puerto Mexico, Vera Cruz, June 15, 1918; P17494FS.)