



THE MAHOGANY BEAN, A VALUABLE AFRICAN TIMBER TREE. (*PAHUDIA QUANZENSIS* (WELW.) PRIN, S. P. I. NO. 48253.)

This tree, sometimes called "Rhodesian mahogany" or "pod mahogany," occurs in southeastern Africa. Its wood very much resembles that of true mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*), but is of coarser grain. As an ornamental tree it may have value for shade, its large pealike flowers are very attractive in appearance, and the handsomely marked beans are used for necklaces. The species is probably somewhat drought resistant, not particular as to soil, and may stand a little frost after it has attained a growth of a few years. (Photographed by Dr. H. L. Shantz, Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, October 25, 1919; P36567FS.)