



**AN AFRICAN PERSIMMON TREE, THE INKULU, IN FULL BEARING. (DIO-
SPYROS SENEGALENSIS PERR., S. P. I. No. 48454.)**

One of the most interesting plants found by Dr. H. L. Shantz in the Belgian Kongo is the inkulu. Its fruits are somewhat like our persimmons in general character; when green they are quite astringent, but after becoming fully ripe they have a delicious, sweet flavor. The wood, like that of many other species of *Diospyros*, is hard, dark colored, and of considerable value. Dr. Shantz found marked variation in the size, shape, and flavor of fruits on the wild trees. Selection would probably produce varieties of superior merit. The plant is rather drought resistant, but would probably stand very little frost. (Photographed by Dr. H. L. Shantz, Kafue, Northern Rhodesia, November 22, 1919: F36774FS.)