



PREPARING CASSAVA ROOTS IN TANGANYIKA TERRITORY. (MANIHOT ESCULENTA CRANTZ, S. P. I. No. 50837.)

Cassava is the staple food crop of many tribes in Africa, as it is along the Amazon. Doctor Shantz found that the variety introduced under S. P. I. No. 50837 serves many uses. The leaves are used as a green vegetable, and the roots are eaten in several ways—fresh, merely having been peeled; baked; or boiled and pounded into a paste, fermented in water for three days, then sun dried and made into a flour. The various methods are illustrated in this photograph. Since this plant grows luxuriantly in the Gulf States, its use as a table vegetable deserves much more consideration than it has hitherto received. (Photographed by Dr. H. L. Shantz, Nyanza, Urundi, February 27, 1920.)