



THE AGUACATE DE ANÍS, OR WILD AVOCADO, OF COSTA RICA. (PERSEA SP.,  
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In general character the wild avocado of Costa Rica closely resembles some of the cultivated sorts of the Guatemalan race. It has a thick, woody, coarsely granular shell, dark green on the surface. The flesh is yellow and unlike that of cultivated avocados in that it is strongly anise flavored and contains small gritty bodies like the stone cells in some of the Chinese pears. The seed is large and tight in the cavity. The average weight of specimens collected in Costa Rica was about 6 ounces. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, San Jose, Costa Rica, May 31, 1920; P17845FS.)