



A HARD-SHELLED PASSION FRUIT FROM TROPICAL AMERICA. (*PASSIFLORA MALIFORMIS* L.; S. P. I. NO. 53180.)

Several species of *Passiflora* are cultivated in the Tropics for their edible fruits as well as for the ornamental value of the plants themselves, which usually bear attractive flowers and are excellent for covering arbors and fences. One of the most interesting species is *Passiflora maliformis*, whose fruits are so hard-shelled that they must be broken with a club or some heavy instrument. The juicy flesh which surrounds the small black seeds is acid and highly aromatic. It is often used to prepare a refreshing drink. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Ibarra, Ecuador, May 25, 1921; P18582FS.)