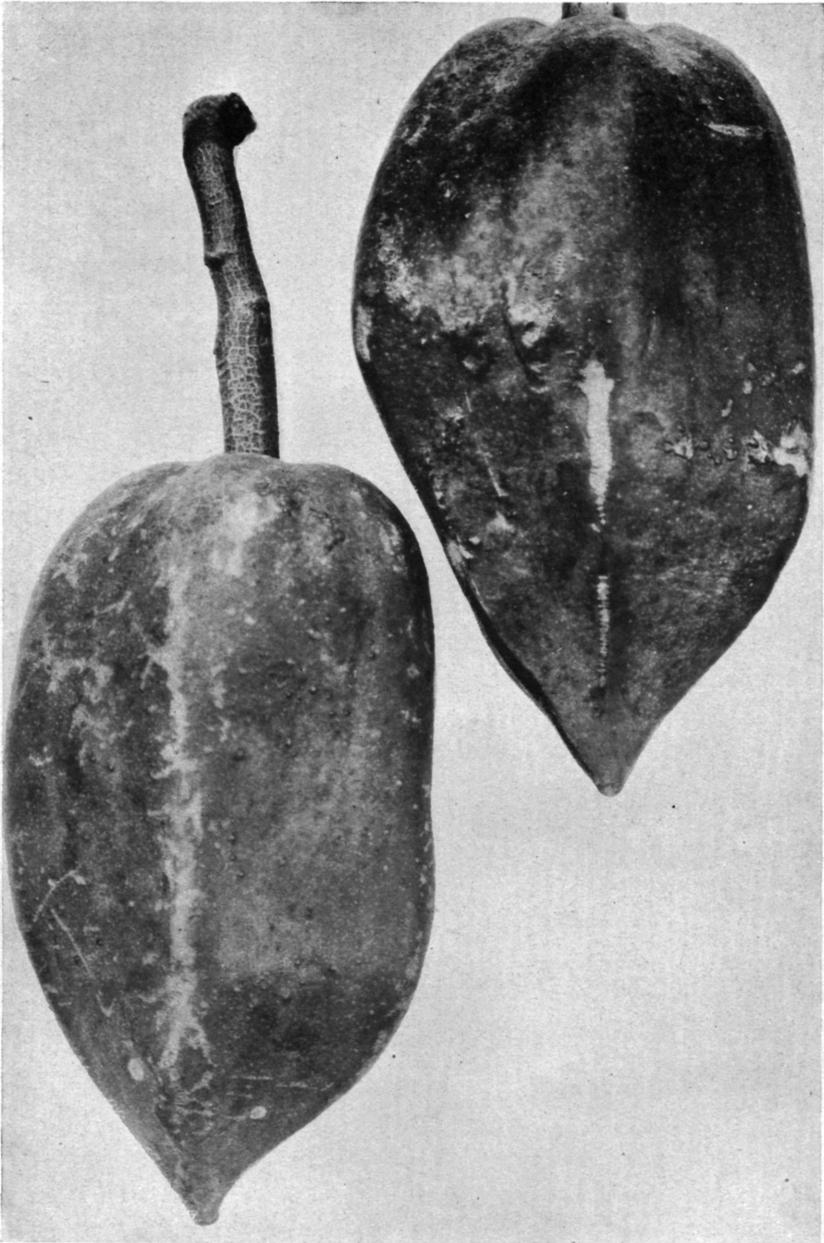


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THE HIGACHO, AN ANDEAN RELATIVE OF THE PAPAYA. (CARICA SP.; S. P. I. No. 53754.)

In the high Andes of Ecuador are found several wild species of *Carica*, similar in general appearance to the papaya but much more frost resistant. The Higacho is one of these. It withstands without injury temperatures as low as 20° F. above zero, and its greenish yellow fruits, about 4 inches long and highly aromatic in character, when cooked with sugar, make an excellent preserve. The species should be crossed with the papaya with a view to obtaining new forms of value for cultivation in California and Florida. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Banos, Ecuador, March 11, 1921; P18494FS.)