



**A FRUITING BRANCH OF THE ANDEAN CURRANT. (RIBES PUNCTATUM
RUIZ AND PAV., S. P. I. No. 53994.)**

This wild currant from the high Andes of Ecuador is not of great economic value, but when crossed with the cultivated currants of northern countries it may yield new forms whose climatic requirements will be different from those of present-day horticultural varieties. The Andean currant bears golden-yellow fruits in great abundance and grows in cool regions subject to heavy rainfall. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Hacienda La Rinconada, Ecuador, June 8, 1921; P18600FS.)