



THE MAMONCILLO, A NEGLECTED FRUIT TREE OF TROPICAL AMERICA.
(*MELICQCCA BIJUGA* L., S. P. I. No. 54521.)

Not the least important phase of plant introduction is the propagation by vegetative means of superior forms of species such as the mamoncillo, which, as usually seen on tropical American seacoasts, is not a fruit of great value, but which occurs now and then in superior seedling forms. From the tree here shown \$55 worth of fruit was sold in one season. Good mamoncillos are the size of plums; they have a thick leathery skin within which is yellowish-white, translucent pulp of aromatic flavor and a single large seed to which the pulp clings tenaciously. (Photographed by David Fairchild, Panama, Canal Zone, September 15, 1921; P27619FS.)