



A RELATIVE OF THE PAPAYA. (CARICA SP., S. P. I. No. 54529.)

Throughout tropical America are found many wild species of *Carica*, whose edible fruits are usually similar to the cultivated papaya in general character, though oftentimes of very different flavor. The desirability of crossing some of these wild forms with the cultivated sorts has many times been suggested, but so far as known has not yet been seriously attempted. The species here shown, which occurs in the Canal Zone, yields small golden-yellow pleasantly flavored fruits. (Photographed by David Fairchild, Rio Pescado, Canal Zone, September 9, 1921; P27607FS.)