



**A NEGLECTED FRUIT OF TROPICAL AMERICA. (SPONDIAS MOMBIN L., S. P. I. No. 54532.)**

The despised hog plum, or yellow mombin, abundant in many tropical American countries, is sometimes found in superior seedling varieties which merit propagation. Ordinarily it has a strongly terebinthine taste which makes it unattractive to most palates, but occasional forms are sweet, pleasant, and even delicious. Since nearly all species of *Spondias* are easily propagated in the Tropics by means of large cuttings, it should be a simple matter to improve the yellow mombin by selection and make it a valuable fruit. (Photographed by David Fairchild, Ancon, Canal Zone, September 15, 1921; P27616FS.)