



A BUNCH OF SEEDLESS PEJIBAYES. (GUILIELMA UTILIS OERST., S. P. I. No. 54776.)

Though it has been likened to the date palm because of its ability to produce large quantities of nourishing food, the pejibaye differs from the date in that its chestnut-flavored fruits contain starch instead of sugar. Don José Zeledón, of San José, Costa Rica, to whom the Department of Agriculture is indebted for the gift of plants of the seedless pejibaye, a rare and superior variety, is here shown holding a bunch that weighs about 25 pounds. A mature palm frequently bears five or six bunches in a single crop. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, San José, Costa Rica, June 17, 1920; P17941FS.)