



**BARBADOS RED, A GOOD VARIETY OF TROPICAL YAM. (*DIOSCOREA ALATA* L.; S. P. I. NO. 55561.)**

This is a horticultural form of *Dioscorea alata*, technically known as the greater yam. It is widely grown in the West Indies and is closely related to the Dago haya, or Guam yam. It is, however, better than the latter in some respects. The tuber has a purple inner skin, and the firm flesh, mealy when cooked, is purplish and of good flavor. The yam replaces the potato in certain tropical regions and in its best varieties is fully equal to the latter; indeed, good yams properly cooked can hardly be distinguished from potatoes. (Photographed, natural size, by E. L. Crandall, Photographic Laboratory, June 23, 1922; P27585FS.)