



MA-YUEN, AN EDIBLE SOFT-HULLED VARIETY OF JOB'S-TEARS. (COIX LACRYMA-JOBI MA-YUEN (ROM.) STAFF.; S. P. I. Nos. 56193 TO 56195)

Although an edible soft-hulled form of Job's tears appears to have been known since ancient times in India and also for a considerable time in other parts of Asia, it was not until recent years that horticulturists in the Philippines began to see the possibilities of adlay, as this cereal is known there. Under equal conditions it is more productive than rice, the average yield being about 35 bushels per acre, a yield which could probably be increased 10 or 15 per cent by systematic breeding. Wherever rice can be grown adlay will grow, and where the growing wet season is followed by a dry period adlay is more productive than rice. Furthermore, it should be possible to cultivate and harvest adlay with machinery like that used for wheat. (Photographed at the Lamo Experiment Station, Lamo, Philippine Islands)