



AN ANNONACEOUS FRUIT FROM THE HIGHLANDS OF BRAZIL.

On the campos or open plains of the high plateau which extends throughout a large section of central eastern Brazil there are numerous species of annonaceous fruits, many of them of dwarf growth. The name araticum, sometimes with the addition of a qualifying word such as *araticum do brejo*, *araticum do campo*, etc., is applied to nearly all of them. The one here shown *Annona dioica*, was found near Lavras at an altitude of about 800 meters. It grows to a height of about four or five feet, with numerous thick, woody stems arising from the ground. Its fruit here shown in an immature stage, eventually becomes about three inches in diameter. The flesh is edible, though not considered by the natives as good as that of one or two other species which occur in the same region. To breeders of tropical and subtropical fruits the Annonaceae is an extremely interesting class of plants, and presents attractive economic possibilities. Photo No. D-1366 by Dorsett, Shamel and Popenoe in Bahia, Brazil, March 12, 1914.