



Group of African Oil Palms in Bahia.

The Oil or Dende Palm as it is called in Southern Brazil is believed to have been introduced from Africa in the early days of the slave trade and it has become perfectly acclimatized there. In West Africa its nuts which are borne in large crowded bunches form an important article of export, special steamship lines having been organized to carry them to Hamburgh. In Brazil the oil is used extensively for table purposes quite as we use olive oil. Photo No. 15408 taken Dec. 26, 1913, by Dorsett, Shamel and Popenoe at Bahia, Brazil.