



Sesame. (*Sesamum orientale*).

A field of sesame, carefully pulled out and stacked up. The pods of the sesame plant do not all ripen at once and when fully ripe they open and allow seeds to fall out to a considerable extent, making the crop a very difficult one to handle. If a variety could be found which kept its pods closed up, as the opium poppy does its head, it would be a tremendous gain to all sesame growers. The oil expressed from the seeds is among the most important of food products of China and always commands a good price. The seeds themselves are made into candies in the nature of peanut brittle; and are also baked on thin cakes giving the latter a rich, nutty flavor. Photographed by F. N. Meyer, near Pang Kwan chen, Shensi, China, Sept. 3, 1914, No. 13180.