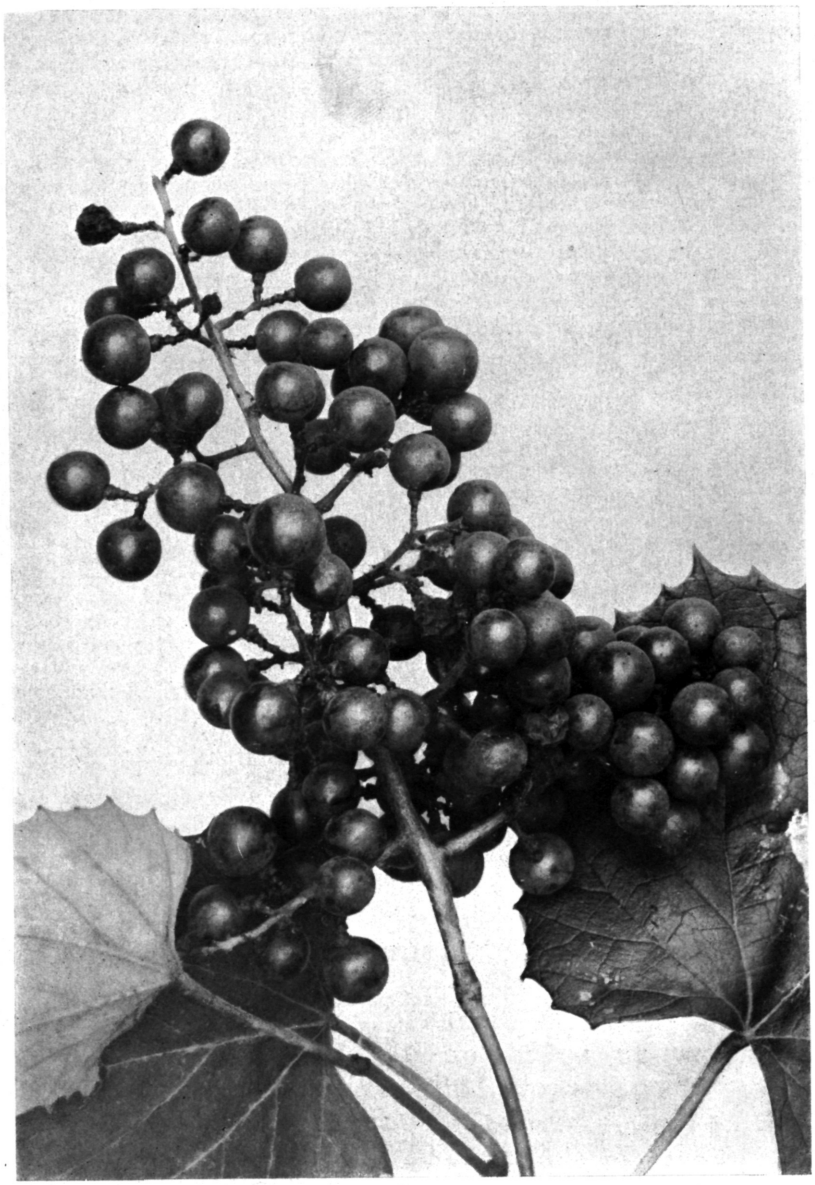

A tropical Grape, Vitis tiliaefolia.

A good grape suited to strictly tropical conditions is not yet in cultivation. In this Cuban species we may have a fruit which through selection or hybridisation can be developed into a splendid table fruit. In its present wild form, as here shown, it is a fruit of sufficient horticultural value to merit attention. The berries are deep purple, and of rather acid flavor, suitable for jelly making, but scarcely for dessert. Two strains occur in Cuba, one with large, loose clusters, here shown, and another with smaller, very compact clusters of berries. Photograph natural size, by Wilson Popenoe, Herradura, Cuba, July 19, 1914 (P16053FS.)