



FRESH FRUITS OF THE LITCHI (*Litchi chinensis* Sonnerat), S. P. I. No. 40850.

The dried litchi or litchi "nut" is already well known on the American market, but the fresh fruit, which is incomparably superior to the "nut," has not yet found its way into our markets. The thin rind, when broken between the fingers and taken off, leaves an ivory white, firm, but very juicy mouthful which melts in the mouth, leaving a rather large, smooth seed behind. It has a fragrance suggestive of some tropical perfume, but also sufficient character to make it generally appreciated and insure a high price being paid for it. The photograph is of a shipment sent from Honolulu, Hawaii, by Mr. J. E. Higgins. The fruits were 16 days on the road and yet reached the department in excellent condition. Natural-size photograph (P13521FS), by Mr. E. L. Crandall, June 24, 1915.