

them, on everything in the tropics, and you are rarely disappointed, though it is surprising how little harm many of them do down here. The trouble is, they might not be so harmless in another climate, and in any event, we don't want to try them to find out. That red-fleshed papaya was a surprise to me. I am generally skeptical about red-fleshed fruits, the term 'red' is so commonly used for brown that you can't trust it, but I am willing to say that the papaya I sent in has a very decided reddish tint, and the flesh is deep reddish salmon in color, quite distinct from the color of the varieties we are now growing in Florida. It is striking and attractive, but the quality of the fruit may not be equal to some of the best we already have. You know the papayas vary greatly in sweetness. Probably you noted my photographs of the *anay* growing in the forest at Mazatenango. Your idea of getting photos of the aguacate in the wild is a good one, and if I can find wild trees in the Alta Verapaz, -where people here seem to think they exist, I will try for some photographs. I hope the *anay* will turn out to be a new species. I am on the track of another species of *Persea* which grows down about Zacapa, and I saw in Amatitlan a single young tree which seems to be a *Persea* but is apparently not an avocado. I am going to get budwood of it."