



PASSION FLOWER IN FULL BLOOM, PASSIFLORA SP., S. P. I. No. 35215.

Although passion flowers have been grown in the conservatories of Europe for generations and their remarkable flowers considered emblems of the Crucifixion, and although at least one species (*P. edulis*) has become of commercial importance in Australia and is even grown for market in Scotland, practically no attention has been given to them by Americans. The ease with which they can be grown, their productiveness, the existence of so many edible-fruited species, and the fact that they hybridize readily would seem to make the field of their exploitation a promising one. Photograph (P19576FS) taken by P. H. Dorsett, in greenhouse at Chico, Cal., Field Station, May 16, 1916.