



A GUATEMALAN AVOCADO RIPENING IN AUGUST.

(*Persea americana*. See S. P. I. No. 45505.)

The Akbal avocado is a variety from Amatitlan, Guatemala (altitude 3,900 feet), remarkable for its earliness in ripening. As will be observed, its form is rather objectionable, being longer and more slender than is considered ideal by American avocado growers, but its quality is excellent. In Guatemala it ripens in August and September, while most of the varieties in the same region do not commence to ripen before January or February. For this reason it is thought that the Akbal variety may be of value for California, where early-ripening varieties of the Guatemalan race are much desired. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Guatemalan collection No. 32, at Amatitlan, Guatemala, November 8, 1917; P17411FS.)