



**THE SCENTED MELON OF GUATEMALA.**

(*Sicana odorifera*. See S. P. I. No. 43427.)

The melocoton, a peculiar melon found in the Guatemalan lowlands, which, when prepared as a preserve is famous throughout the Republic. The name, *melocoton*, properly belongs to the peach, but has probably been applied to this melon through some resemblance, fancied or otherwise, to the peach. In color the melocoton is either a beautiful deep red or a black; the flesh is yellow, aromatic, with numerous black seeds. The ripe melon has a delightful spicy fragrance. The possibility of hybridizing it with other species of cucurbits should be considered. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Mazatenango, Guatemala, September 23, 1916; P16804FS.)