



A WEST AFRICAN OIL PALM, NEAR BAHIA, BRAZIL. (*ELAEIS GUINEENSIS*. SEE S. P. I. NO. 36973.)

The rapidly growing importance of the vegetable oils and the rank taken by this palm as an oil producer make it worth calling to the special attention of tropical plantation owners. In West Africa plantations of great size are being planted, and the British soap manufacturers have been recently given immense concessions of land in the Belgian Kongo for its culture. Like the coconut palm, this species deserves to be planted widely in the American Tropics, where it is as yet little known. (Photographed by P. H. Dorsett at Cabulla, Bahia, Brazil, December 13, 1913; P14509FS.)