



THE ILAMA OR PAPAUCE, A TROPICAL CHERIMOYA.

(*Annona diversifolia* Safford. See S. P. I. No. 46781.)

It has long been known that the delicious cherimoya does not succeed in the tropical lowlands. It belongs in the subtropics, or in the Tropics at high altitudes in mountain valleys and on plateaus. Even in Florida it is not altogether successful, the climate apparently being too tropical for it. The little-known ilama or papauce from southern Mexico and Central America has many of the characteristics of the cherimoya and, unlike the latter, is suited to cultivation in the tropical lowlands. It seems destined to take the place, in those regions, of the highland species whose lack has been keenly felt. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Tapachula, State of Chiapas, Mexico, July 2, 1918; P17513FS.)