



SIX-YEAR-OLD CLUMP OF EDIBLE BAMBOO IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

(*Phyllostachys pubescens* Houzeau. See S. P. I. No. 47370.)

A clump of edible bamboo, called "Moso" by the Japanese, planted in 1912 by Mr. Rufus Fant. The bamboos are growing along a little stream which runs through Silver Brook Cemetery, not far from Mr. Fant's house. He took a single plant, from the little grove at the side of his house, in February, 1912, and started this clump along the stream. We counted, together, 266 good-sized canes about 30 feet tall, one of which is $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches in circumference 1 inch above the ground. The canes range in circumference from 5 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This grove is strikingly similar to the clumps of bamboo seen everywhere in China and Japan. (Photographed by David Fairchild, Anderson, S. C., November 15, 1918; P24590FS. For near view, see the next plate.)