



PARENT TREE OF THE FUERTE AVOCADO.

(*Persea americana* Mill. See S. P. I. No. 46984.)

During the last five years the Fuerte avocado, originally introduced into the United States in 1911, from Atlixco, Puebla, Mexico, has come to the front as one of the most promising commercial varieties in this country. It is remarkable in that it is, apparently, a hybrid between the Guatemalan and Mexican races. This illustration shows the parent seedling tree growing in the garden of Alejandro Le Blanc in Atlixco. The tree is believed to be about 60 years old, and it produces about 500 fruits annually. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Atlixco, State of Puebla, Mexico, December 22, 1918; P17626FS.)