



A TROPICAL PERSIMMON.

(*Diospyros ebenaster* Retz. See S. P. I. No. 44187.)

The black sapote belongs to the same genus as the wild persimmon of the eastern United States and the kaki or Japanese persimmon. It comes from the Philippines, but is not grown in many parts of tropical America. It has fruited successfully in southern Florida. The specimens here shown are unusually fine ones, grown in the irrigated region near Tehuantepec, in southern Mexico. The fruit is green externally and contains dark-brown pulp, which makes a most delicious dessert when beaten with orange juice. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, at Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, August 9, 1918; P17662FS.)