



**AVOCADO TREES IN THE CHOTA VALLEY, NORTHERN ECUADOR.**

(*Persea americana* Mill., S. P. I. Nos. 54270 to 54273.)

This small, arid valley, which lies at an elevation of about 5,000 feet near the northern boundary of Ecuador, contains some of the best avocados in tropical America. Most of them are of the Mexican race, a few are West Indian, and a few may be hybrids. A set of the most promising ones has been introduced for trial in the United States. The trees in the center of the photograph are avocado trees. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe [telephoto lens], Chota Valley in northern Ecuador, February 18, 1921; P18416FS.)