



**THE LUCMA, A LITTLE-KNOWN ANDEAN FRUIT.**

(*Lucuma obovata* H. B. K. See S. P. I. No. 54653.)

In the highlands of Ecuador and Peru and in central Chile the lucma is a popular fruit, but it is almost unknown in other countries. Its bright-yellow flesh has the consistency of soft cheese and resembles in flavor the sapote (*Achradelpha mammosa*) and the ti-es (*Lucuma nervosa*), which latter is cultivated in southern Florida. In the Urubamba Valley of Peru the lucma grows at elevations of 9,000 to 10,000 feet; from this it may be inferred that the species is somewhat hardier than the sapote and the ti-es. It may prove suitable for cultivation in favored portions of California, as well as in southern Florida. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Tungurahua, Ecuador, March 11, 1921; P18474FS.)