



A WILD POTATO FROM THE ANDES.

(*Solanum tuberosum* L., S. P. I. No. 53187.)

These tubers were collected from wild plants at an elevation of 13,000 feet in the mountains of northern Ecuador, where the potato occurs as a wild and probably indigenous plant. It is easily seen (they are here shown natural size) that they are too small to be of economic value, but plant breeders in the United States will be interested in testing them, in the hope that they may show characteristics which it will be worth while to combine with our cultivated varieties by crossing. It is interesting to report that the potato disease *Phytophthora infestans* attacks this wild native species. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Hacienda La Rinconada, Ecuador, June 8, 1921; P18595FS.)