



AN INTERESTING TROPICAL GRAPE.

(*Vitis* sp., S. P. I. No. 46787.)

The common wild grape of Mexico and Central America, *Vitis tiliacifolia*, produces very sour fruits scarcely larger than peas. The species is not, therefore, of great value for cultivation in tropical gardens, though it has possibilities when placed in the hands of the plant breeder. The *totocho* of the isthmus of Tehuantepec, on the other hand, is a good-sized fruit of pleasant vinous flavor, delicious to eat out of hand. Above is shown a plate of *totochoes*; the fruits are dark maroon-purple, have a thick tough skin, and only two or three seeds. In general character they strongly suggest some of the grapes of the Muscadine group. The plant should be tried in gardens throughout the Tropics. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, at Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, October 3, 1918; P17553FS.)