



FRUITS AND SEEDS OF THE GORLI SHRUB OF SIERRA LEONE.

(*Oncoba echinata* Oliver; S. P. I. No. 55465.)

These seeds contain in large amount the chaulmoogric acid which has proved so efficacious in the treatment of leprosy. Mr. King Church, who sent the seeds, reports the species to be a wild shrub scattered through the forests of Sierra Leone, West Africa. Presumably it requires a shorter time than a forest tree in which to bear fruit, and for this reason it deserves the consideration of those experimenters who are establishing plantations for the production of chaulmoogric acid. (Photographed, natural size, by E. L. Crandall, Photographic Laboratory, November 14, 1922; P28005FS.)