



**YERBA MATE, OR PARAGUAY TEA.**

(*Ilex paraguariensis* St. Hil.; S. P. I. No. 55489.)

After numerous attempts to obtain seeds or plants of the true yerba mate, or Paraguay tea, the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction has at last secured, through D. S. Bullock, American Agricultural Trade Commissioner at Buenos Aires, viable seeds from which several thousand sturdy young plants have been grown. This photograph shows a propagating frame containing three thousand of these plants at the Plant Introduction Garden, Bell, Md. *Ilex paraguariensis* is too tender for cultivation in most parts of the United States, but it will be tested in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and other tropical regions. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, August 27, 1923; P35033FS.)