



CHAULMOOGRA PLANTS, SOURCE OF THE DRUG BELIEVED TO CURE LEPROSY.

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The adventurous journey of Agricultural Explorer J. F. Rock in search of the chaulmoogra tree, source of a drug which repeated experiments have shown to possess immense value in the treatment of leprosy, not only resulted in clearing up the mystery which surrounded the identity of this plant but furnished supplies of seeds by means of which it is hoped to establish chaulmoogra plantations in Hawaii and elsewhere. Three thousand young plants, shown above in one of the greenhouses at the Plant Introduction Garden, Bell, Md., have been grown during the past season and are being distributed widely in tropical countries. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, August 27, 1923; P35027FS.)