



THE BETOUM, A HANDSOME SHADE TREE FOR SEMIARID REGIONS.

(*Pistacia atlantica* Desf.; S. P. I. No. 10267.)

The only tree of considerable size growing in the northern part of the Sahara Desert is the betoum, a close relative of the pistache (*Pistacia vera* L.). It is deciduous, reaches a height of 40 to 50 feet, and develops an attractive, well-rounded head of foliage. As a shade tree for semiarid regions in the United States, particularly those which have slightly alkaline soils, it promises to be of value. The two specimens here illustrated were planted in the cemetery at Chico, Calif., about fifteen years ago. (Photographed by P. H. Dorsett, October 16, 1921; P27400FS.)