



ROLLINIA ORTHOPETALA.

Rollinia orthopetala A.DC. (S.P.I. Nos. 22512, 27579, 27609) is one of the finest of all the custard apples. It probably ranks with the best chirimoya. The tree grows to a moderate size (30 to 40 feet) and has the habit of an *Annona*, with two-ranked entire leaves somewhat like those of *A. reticulata*. The greenish yellow fruit is prominently tuberculate or squamose, and about 6 inches in diameter. The seeds, which are very much like those of an *Annona*, are surrounded by a pleasantly flavored sweet-acidulous pulp, of a custard-like consistency. The species is very closely related to *Rollinia mucosa* of the West Indies, but is better flavored. It appears to thrive in low tropical situations which may be subject to periodical floods, and in such locations where the chirimoya (*A. cherimola* Miller) of subtropical regions does not fruit well, the *Rollinia* can be successfully grown. It is known in Brazil as Araticu. (After Safford.) From photograph by Mr. Walter Fischer, Para, Brazil, 2/5 natural size.

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