



THE ABIU, A POPULAR BRAZILIAN FRUIT.

This valuable fruit is produced by the abieiro, or abiu-tree (pronounced ah-bee-u), botanically *Pouteria caimito* (R. & P.) Radlk., commonly cultivated in gardens about Rio de Janeiro and to a less extent at Bahia. The tree is upright, pyramidal in form, of small size and handsome appearance. The fruit ripens in February and March; externally it is deep yellow in color, occasionally overspread with green around the base. The flesh is white, translucent, melting in texture and of a sweet, bland flavor strongly resembling that of the sapodilla. The abiu is eaten while fresh, without cooking or preparation in any way. It is highly esteemed by all classes of Brazilians, and specimens such as the ones shown above sell in the markets of Bahia for the equivalent of three cents each. It should be given a trial in southern California and Florida. Photo No. 2105, by Brazilian Expedition, taken at Bahia, Brazil, March 3, 1914.