



A SCENE IN THE VALLEY OF THE RIO SAO FRANCISCO.

This photograph, which was taken near the village of Urubu, in the state of Bahia, a short distance from the river, shows the general character of this upland region, with its flat plains sparsely covered with vegetation, and occasional round topped hills. The compact shrubs in the foreground, on one of which clothes have been hung to dry, are *Annona spinescens*, a rare, spiny species whose soft, oval, brownish-orange fruits were previously unknown to science. The dugout canoe is the chief means of transportation in this region, though communication with the outside world is maintained through the small river steamers which ply between Joazeiro, in Bahia state, and Pirapora, 1300 kilometers upstream in Minas Geraes. The people are of a mixed Indian and negro blood, unprogressive, with only the hoe, the brush hook, and the facao or heavy knife to carry on their agricultural pursuits, which are limited to the cultivation of mandioca, maize, sugar cane, and a few other crops. Brazilian Expedition photograph No. D 1916. Taken February 17, 1914.