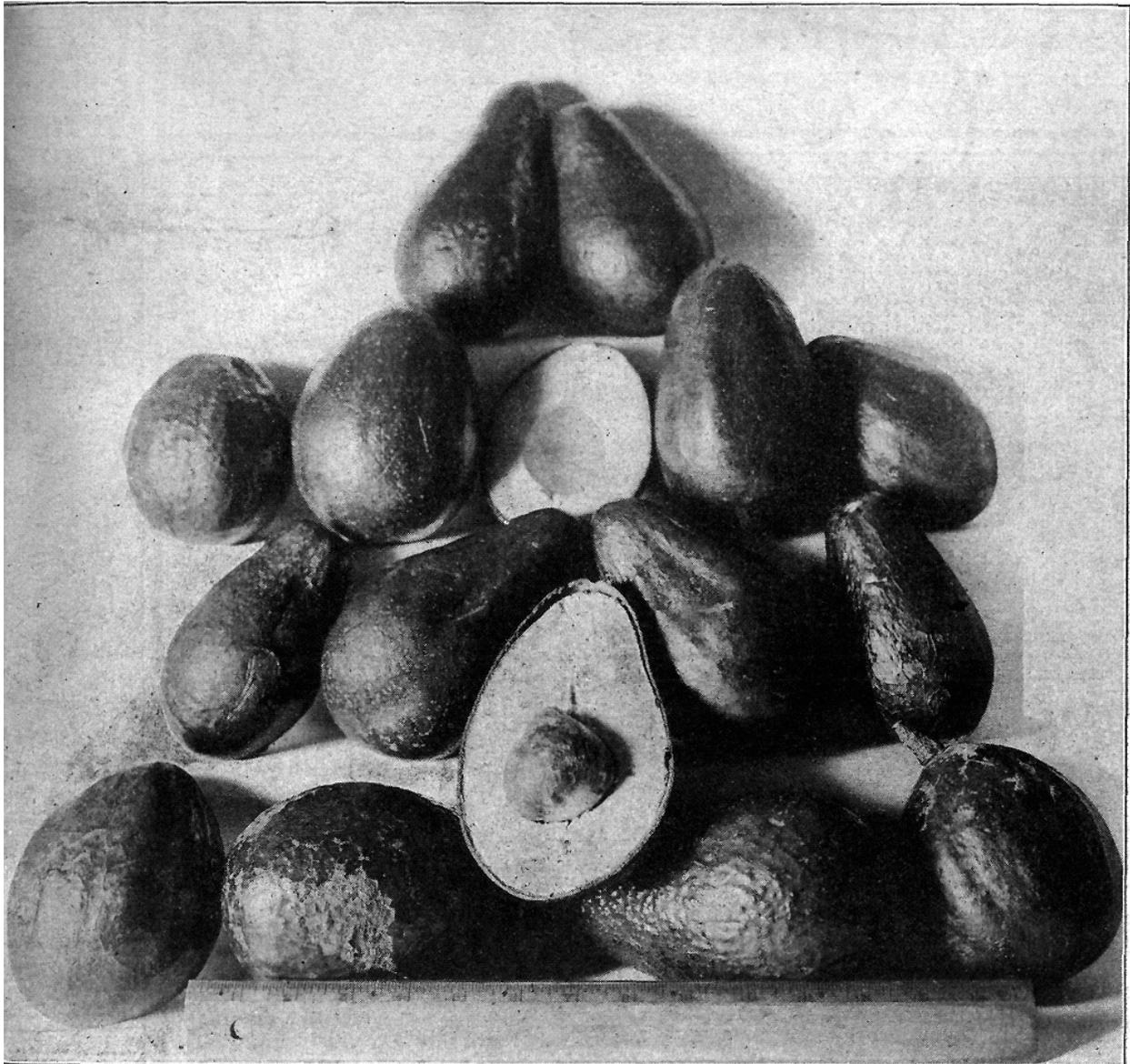


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Alligator Pear: The Coming Commercial Tropical Fruit

A Beautiful Tree, producing a Valuable Fruit. Its Cultivation should be Extended. Highly esteemed in West Indies, and will be in California.



GROUP OF ALLIGATOR PEARS, 11 VARIETIES, WEIGHING 23 POUNDS.

A Promising Tree Fruit

No one fruit of a tropical nature has commanded wider attention of late years from plant experimenters than the alligator Pear (*Persea gratissima*) of Mexico. And well it may, for not only has the fruit a culinary value, but the tree itself is a noble spreading evergreen. According to Van Mueller's "Select Extra Tropical Plants" the tree is adverse to drouth, hence likes a somewhat humid soil, and is mentioned as available for mild localities outside the tropics. In Jamaica it is cultivated up to 4000 feet; in Eastern Australia it matures fruit outside the tropics. The fruits are generally sliced for salads, and are of a delicious flavor. According to Dr. Froehling, the seeds also possess a medicinal value. As supplemental to what is here said, we refer the reader to descriptive article on another page, by Mr. Will D. Stephens, who is sanguine of its future, and is about to introduce something like a dozen named varieties.