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RIPE AND UNRIPE BANANAS.

Whether for shipment or for home consumption the banana is cut as soon as it is ripe—that is, when it has reached its soft form and size, but is still quite green. The plant is cut off by a single blow of a machete wielded by a powerful arm. As it is this bunch is caught, lipped off and laid aside, while the harvest goes on to the next bunch. It is a peculiar supposition that bananas "ripen on the tree" are incomparably superior to those cut green. But as a matter of fact, one never eats them thus ripened in Jamaica. They are said to be not so good. At all events, one finds no better fruit in texture and flavor than the best of our own markets. But every lover of this fruit knows that its quality varies extraordinarily as it is offered to us. This is due partly to the different sources from which it comes.

The best that is brought to us comes from Jamaica. It is also the still more to the condition of the fruit when cut. Bananas which are perfectly full will ripen mellow and delicious, but those cut when immature, as too many are, will turn yellow, yet never truly ripen, retaining always their hard texture and unripe taste. In Jamaica, as elsewhere, the competition of buyers leads the unscrupulous to accept fruit of any sort, even when totally unfit, and this sort of competition makes all the more unavailing the efforts of honest buyers to raise the standard and to teach the people to withhold their fruit until it is properly developed. Americans can give more moral support to this cause by accepting only such fruit as is mature at any price. A little pains will soon enable one to distinguish good from poor fruit, though it is difficult to give a general statement of the distinctive differences. But, as a rule, it will be found that bananas which are largest, deepest yellow and best angular are the most mature and best.—Popular Science Monthly.

AS TO THE FLOOD, DOCTORS DIFFER.

Some think it lived in the Euphrates, others in the Nile, and still others in the Tigris. In "Das Aulitz der Erde," and in "Die Weltgeschichte," have attempted to show that the Mosaic account of the deluge was copied with little from an original Assyrian version, and that it was a local flood which took place in the plains of the Tigris and Euphrates, not in the valley of the Jordan. In a recent number of "Naturwissenschaften," however, Herr Richard Wegmann tries to prove that a general flood took place in the ice age during the quaternary period.

Many facts, such as evidence of glaciation and lowering of temperature, found in the rocks and in the glacial drift, as well as the vast extension of a great lake in the far west of America, whose level was 1,000 feet above that of the Salt Lake, go to prove that floods accompanied the retreat of the glaciers. Countries in warmer latitudes—for example, the Sahara—were converted into seas and swamps, and were locally flooded. In "Die Weltgeschichte," for instance, Egypt—but we may remind Herr Hintze that, according to Herodotus, Egypt was formerly in great part a marsh.

It is curious to note, in connection with the glacial theory, that an old Aryan tradition tells of the "Aryans" having been driven from their original seat by the country becoming colder and the winter longer. The German flood saga tells that "the floods of the north came far from their home and were turned into ice, and the ice stood still, and the sun warmed the drops, however, and Ymir of Hrimthursen, the frost giant in the form of a man, was born. Bers killed the giant, and in his blood drowned the race of Hrimthursen except Bergelmir, who, in a boat, saved himself and wife, and from them sprang the new race of Hrimthursen.—London Globe.

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT ACT TO Suppress Fraudulent Advertisements of World's Fair Awards?

Letters from both the Chief of Awards (on Agriculture) at the Chicago World's Fair, Mr. J. S. Browning, and the Judge of Awards on Baking Powders expose the falsity of the claim made in behalf of a Chicago baking powder that it received the highest award for leavening power, keeping qualities, purity and general excellence.

The Judge of Awards says that this claim is false; that no such award was given to that baking powder. Mr. Browning's letter already published also shows that there was no award given to the Chicago company for the best baking powder.

It now appears further that the analyses of the powders exhibited showed a baking powder made in New York although the superior of the Chicago powder in both purity and strength.

The government has prohibited the use of advertising purposes of the medals awarded by the fair. It would be a great protection to the public if the government would also prohibit the publication of the names of the baking powder which has been exposed in relation to such awards.

The only official competitive test of a national character, from which consumers can obtain the actual facts as to the relative values of all the principal brands of baking powder of the country, is that made by the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C. It so happens that this was conducted by the same eminent chemist who acted as Judge of Awards at the Chicago Columbian Fair. As has already been published, at this examination the Royal Baking Powder was found to be the superior powder and highest in leavening strength.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

The Eggshell Child.

To make an amusing toy out of an egg follow these directions: Make a tiny hole with a pin or large needle in each end of an egg. By blowing into one of the holes the "stars" of the egg will all pass out through the hole in the other end. Then through the hole in the large end pour a few grains of glass and lead.



It is a very nice toy, and when the glass is melted over the hole in the smaller end. This of course fastens the lead to the smaller end and causes the egg to stand always on its point. Paint on one side a crying face, on the other a smiling one. The little face is very charming because of the rocking of the egg in seeking its balance.

For Mother's Sake.

Little Bessie was no "rosy goodie" child, but one who would no doubt have done her share in scrambling for the front rank in a street fight, or in thrusting herself forward when anything good was to be had. Yet her childish nature held within it seeds of heroism and feeling, which many a person more favored by fortune is destitute.

A Curious Tree.

There is a tree in the West Indies that the natives say "grows dishes." It looks like an apple tree. They call it the calabash.

ONLY A WAIF.

Uncle John Thorne stood among his flowers one morning thinking how much better they were than the money that bought them.

Granger Grind and Farmer Mellow.

Old Granger grind whips out behind and lets nobody ride.

Fun in a Jar of Dried Beans.

I know of nothing that has given more pleasure to a number of children than a jar of mixed dried beans, from lima to the smallest bean; a few dried peas will help to shape and color. Empty the contents of the jar on the table. Each child selects a particular bean and picks out all of that kind. It is well to have twice as many of the larger kinds, as they are so easily found. Arranged flat on the table the beans are formed into squares, triangles, etc. The children delight in calling the shapes by the proper names, and it is quite as easy for a little one to say triangle as to call it a "box with three corners." Placed in lines of five, ten, etc., each number is easily learned. Also arrange the beans to form letters and words.

Blasphemy of Trenton.

Farmer Selowick of Trenton, N. Y., used to swear by his gristmill; but that there was nothing in gristmill country that could beat his neighbor Hain's boy team. That was last week. This week Farmer Selowick has trotted out. He also boasts the loss of his daughter Lizzie, who eloped with Charles S. Smith the other evening. The farmer missed his daughter after supper and called forth to find her. He caught the lovers in the act of eloping, and when they escaped by trying to swim the river, he shot and gave chase to the shape of his daughter Lizzie, who eloped with Charles S. Smith the other evening. The farmer missed his daughter after supper and called forth to find her. He caught the lovers in the act of eloping, and when they escaped by trying to swim the river, he shot and gave chase to the shape of his daughter Lizzie, who eloped with Charles S. Smith the other evening.

What Has This to Do With the Tariff?

A number of skeletons, with mangroves attached to the arms and leg bones. Says he was found buried close to the surface of the courtyard of the custom house at St. Petersburg.

A PERTINENT PARAGRAPH.

"Our country, if right, should be kept right; if wrong, should be put right." is a political maxim which, paraphrased, applies to other conditions of life, thus: our health, if right, should be kept right; if wrong, should be put right, especially in bodily ailments, such as pains and aches, which St. Jacobs Oil promptly cures. Many out of work should be given a chance to cure, and it will give them a chance to go to work cured. Another adage is: "be death best who doth well." Well, of course, you want to be well from all sorts of aches, and the best thing to do is to use the great remedy. He who does so is doing well indeed.

William Booth's Health.

William Booth was born in 1829. He writes to his biographer that his mother was of an amiable disposition and saintly character that he regarded her as the nearest approach to human perfection with which he was acquainted. At 17 William became a local preacher. As to entering the ministry, he had grave doubts on an account of his health. He underwent examination by a skilled physician, who pronounced him totally unfit for the strain of a Methodist preacher's life and assured him that if he entered the ministry he would have to die in the grave and send him to the throne of God to receive punishment for suicide.

How Fatigued Count.

The Eskimos of Greenland for "twenty" say "five," and for "one hundred" they say "five-mum," and the generality of them are not such hard-boiled arithmeticians as this, and therefore when the number is above twenty they say "five-mum on the other hand," and "twenty-four" is "four on the second hand." The Eskimos use similar terms for "six," "one on hand," for "seven," "two on hand," for "eight," "two hands less two on hand," "nine" is "one hand less one," and "ten" is "two hands." Chicago Mail.

Explaining a Natural Wonder.

The presence of fish in the higher mountain lakes has been explained in some cases. It is well known that water falls will distribute eggs of fish by carrying the sticky eggs on their feet. Trout will go anywhere there is water enough to float a chip, and pickers will get moved about from place to place, the same as pebbles, but have not become distributed except through man's handwork, or by going up a water course deep enough to float a chip.

HAUNTED!

A haunted house in these practical and unromantic days is something of a rarity, but an individual haunted with the idea that his treatment is favorable to a person's recovery, and his inability to pay for his medicine, or to cure is a real form of haunting, although in some cases repeated failures result from many different causes, and it is not until the patient has been treated by a physician, who has demonstrated his ability to overcome dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney trouble, and all the complications and interferences, and his persistent achievements in the curative line, that at least he warrants his trial by any one with either of the above ailments, although his previous efforts to obtain relief may have been fruitless. Use with persistence, the Bitters will conquer the most obstinate cases.

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