

LOAD OF BANANAS.

A NIGHT SCENE ON THE COAST OF JAMAICA. How the West India Darky Works by Torchlight—A Lively Time at the Wharf—Cutting Off the Steams—The Ventilating Funnels.

Shortly after dark the banana loading began and nothing connected with the fruit trade is more picturesque and romantic than the loading of a banana ship, particularly when the work is done at night. There was the long wooden building in which the bananas were stored, with an uncovered board platform about twenty feet wide between it and the wharf at which the ship lay. A hundred darkies, perhaps more, were lounging about waiting for the work to begin.

A dozen men went to work and lashed a wide plank to the side of the ship in such a position that it made a platform large enough for two men to stand on, about four feet above the wharf and the same distance below the deck. The cover was taken off the forward hatch and several men were sent below to stow away the bunches as they were passed down. Other men were stationed between the rail and the hatch to pass the bunches along. Men and women carried the bunches from the ship and handed them to the men on the hanging platform.

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CLIPPINGS OF ALL SORTS.

The ice war fund is a prominent southern charity. An English amateur has purchased in Milan a Stradivarius, dated 1710, for \$1,000. The gathering of buffalo bones has again become a business at Manitoba. Chicago recently ordered 350 carloads. The English Volapuk dictionary which is to be issued this year will be the first of its kind either in this country or in England.

People in Alaska at this time of the year can see to read without artificial light from 2 o'clock in the morning until 11 at night. A Boston professor who has married a distinguished senior classic presented his bride for a wedding gift with the works of Plato, Sophocles and Dante. The Oregon Alpine club will anchor a copper box to the very apex of Mount Hood. It is to be a depository of record to all making the ascent.

There is a coachman at Saratoga who is attracting a great deal of attention by his wonderful resemblance to the pictures of the first Duke of Wellington. Rarely has such a harvest been known in Russia as that of the present year. The granaries are already filled to overflowing, and farmers are puzzled to know what to do with the surplus. At an English dinner party the table was covered with a white satin cloth, on which were placed large sacks of white satin tied with silver cords, and a wealth of white flowers seemed to be tumbling.

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A Word to Rep. The importance of the results of the present political campaign is overestimated by those who desire the success of the Republican Democrats, besides the "Solid South," are, in the North, interested in the success of the Democrats. It will take steady, earnest work to dislodge them. Nothing will so surely bring about that result as the circulation of sound political literature. THIS CLASS NO OTHER IS AS EFFICIENT AS THE DAILY INTER OCEAN NEWSPAPER. Speeches and documents are read by the few, and the rest are laid aside; the newspaper is the fireside friend, the trusted family companion. Its influence is continuous, constant. The Republicans can not afford to neglect it.

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ESSENTIALS OF PRODUCTION. Under the Skill That We for the Majority of Our Popular Scents—A List of

One of the most valuable of too series of flowers available to the person who dries it is useful in sachets or powders; distilled, it yields rose and the well known otto, and subjected to enfumage it gives oil, pomade and alcoholate. The variety chiefly used is the hundred leaved Rosa Centifolia, and is grown for commercial purposes most extensively in Turkey, India and in the south of France. The otto of rose is a light yellow or straw colored liquid, possessing in a high degree of concentration the characteristic odor of the flower, and a diffusiveness and persistency that render it of great service to the perfumer.

Of the citrine family, consisting of the two great divisions of lemons and oranges, the bitter or Seville orange is the most valuable species to the perfumer. Its flowers yield the otto known as the oil of neroli, or orange, and by enfumage a pomade and alcoholate of delightful fragrance. The rind of the ripe fruit contains a useful oil, and the small purple berries and leaves also furnish one. Another orange of importance is that known as the Bergamot, from which the oil of bergamot is produced. The common lemon gives an essence having both perfume and flavor; while from the citron is taken the truly delightful essence known as the otto of cedar.

By enfumage the modest violet yields an odor which is universally admired for its delicacy and sweetness. The chief violet beds are at Nice, where the plants are bedded in the shade of orange or nectar groves. Approximations of the scent of the violet are found in the anemone, the orris and in myrrorwood, a native of Australia. The anemone referred to is a small tree or shrub which grows only in southern latitudes, and the flowers, which are yellow and about the size of a large pea, are called cassia flowers. These are treated by enfumage. Cassia must not be confounded with cassia, which is the common cinnamon.

The tuberose is a bulbous plant, first noticed by old writers as the Indian hyacinth. The odor is obtained by enfumage and is not only a favorite in its pure state, but enters into the formation of the most exquisite bouquets. France, Italy and Spain contain the chief gardens of the tuberose, although there is no reason why in this industry, as in so many others, California should not enter the competing field.

The ylang-ylang (flower of flowers) is the blossom of a large tree native in the islands of the India archipelago. Its native Tagal name is the lang-ilang, the Malays call it Kananga, and to botanists it is known as Uroma odoratissima. The flowers remind one somewhat of the locust blossom. Their color is a greenish yellow, and they possess an odor resembling a mixture of jasmine and lime, so powerful that it scents the air for miles. The ylang-ylang was first discovered by a chemist at Manila in 1867. It is now largely manufactured there and at Singapore.

Lavender, rosemary, and patchouly are all herbs. The two former are quite well known in this country; the last named is an Indian plant resembling our garden sage. To the natives it is known as patchapat, both leaves and stem yielding an otto of great strength and very peculiar odor. Of the spice series cloves and cinnamon are the only ones that are much used in perfumery, and these are chiefly employed in the West Indies and the Malacca Islands; while the cinnamon is not the bark of commerce, but comes from a smaller tree and has a milder odor and flavor, with a faint touch of muskiness. Cassia comes from China, the true cinnamon from Ceylon.

Two odorous grasses, natives of India, furnish ottoes of extensive usefulness. One is lemon grass, having a strong resemblance in odor to the lemon verbena, and from it nearly all our "extracts of verbena" and "verbena water" are made. The other otto is citronella, a perfume which most persons have made acquaintance with in the so-called "honey soap."

The wood of the sandal tree, a native of the West Indies, gives a curious odor, greatly admired in Oriental countries and much valued in their natural state, yield one by the reaction of their constituents in the presence of water. Thus the still furnishes us the almond odor, which, while sickening in itself, finds a place in minute quantities in many of the finest floral compounds. Vanilla is the capsule of a beautiful creeping plant native in Mexico and South America. It is generally from six to ten inches in length, about one-fourth of an inch in diameter, cylindrical in shape, tapering toward either end and slightly flattened. The color is dark brown. The interior consists of pulp filled with little shining seeds. Its flavor and odor are both peculiar.

Paris' Educated Beggar. There is in Paris, a current story has it, an educated beggar in the person of a young man formerly a pupil of the Ecole Normale, whose modus operandi is as follows: He comes up to the terrace of a cafe, and addressing himself to the most intelligent looking man present, invites him to ask any historical question he can think of, any date of French history, from the earliest to the present time, saying, "I will answer at once." He generally fulfills his promise with remarkable alacrity, and with equal sagacity passes around the hat.—Chicago Herald.