mder's Skill Trat We or the Majority of Our ar Scents-A List of

one of the most valuable of the les of flowers available to the per-When dried it is useful in sachets or powders; distilled, it yields rose and the well known otto, and subted to enflourage 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 rese 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 per-

Of the citrine family, consisting of the two great divisions of lemons and oranges, the bitter or Seville orange is the most valuntile species to the perfumer. Its flowers yield the otto known as the oil of neoroli, or neroly, and by enfleurage a pomade and alcoholate of delightful fragrance. The rind of the rive fruit contains a useful oil, and the small unripe berries and leaves also furnish one. Another orange of importance is that known as the Bergamia, 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

By enfleurage the modest violat 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 ocnops or acacia groves. Approximations of the scent of the violent are found in the seacia, the orris and in myallwood, a native of Australia. The acacia 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 pen, are called cassic flowers. These are treated by enfleurage. Cassic 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 enfleurage and is not only a favorite in its pure state, but enters into the formation of the most recherche | in this country, and brought a handsome 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 commetime 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 th-lang-thlang, the Malays call it Kanonga, and to botanists it is known as Unena 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 lilac, 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 fargely manufactured there and at Singa-

Lavender, rosemary, and patchouly are all herbs. The two former are quite well known by a wreck near Hudson. A freight train the island. Then the left hand man "Two." in this country; the last named is an Indian had been thrown off the track. The engine And the other one again, "Three," and the plant resembling our garden sage. To the was lying imbedded in a hole, one car was lynatives it is known as putchapat, 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 soaps. The clove tree is largely cultivated in the West Indies and the Malacea Islands; while the cinnamon is not the back of com-, meres, but com s from a smaller tree and has a milder oder and flavor, with a faint touch of muskiness. Cassia comes from China, the true cinnamon from Caylon.

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

"honey soan," The wood of the sandal tree, a native of the West Indies, gives a curious odor, greatly admired in Oriental countries and much valned by us. It is both used in substance and distilled for its otto. Vetivert, or kus-kus, a thread like Indian root, furnishes another perfume of the same class as sandal, but sharper and more approaching floral odors. It is a strong and durable odor that gives its characteristic to the "easimere bouquet"

cost than even that of roses.

Bitter almonds, though containing no otto 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, finden place in minute quantities in many of the finest floral compounds.

Vanilla is the capsule of a beautiful creening plant native in Mexico and South America. It is generally from six to ten nches in length, about one-fourth of an ch in diameter, cylindrical in shape, tapertoward either end and slightly flattened. or is dark brown. The interior consort of pulp filled with little shining ds. Its flavor and odor are both

> igin of ambergris was long a mysnow known to be a diseased spermaceti whale. It is the surface of the sea and is extremely unpleasant which gives mellowness and

to mixtures. a dark brown, semi-fluid secretion from the civet cat, a native of d India. It is found in an external sceptacle peculiar to this animal. les are in general similar to amt its odor harmonizes more per-

deral compounds. also a secretion, and is obtained musk deer, a pretty little animal the higher mountain ranges of and Thibet. The musk is il pocket or pouch under the and, being cut off by the ed and dry and preserves ous powder of a red-owerful, warm, aro-Il with every other

permanency without It is this knowl-

1, alone, one day in June, was fishing on the banks of the bayon Yucatan, under the shade of an oak, in north Louisiana, having left my sailboat several hundred yards from

me, in order to escape the bot sun, I had hardly seated myself conveniently when a dark object was seen approaching on the surface of the water. At first I thought it was an alligator, but on closer observation discovered it to be an enormous creening terpent. When this huge monster was within a few yards of the spot where I was scated I gathered some stones about the size of goose eggs and struck him eleven times, and, strange to relate, the blows did not appear to worry him to any great degree, as he never once left the surface of the water, but continued unconcernedly at a slow pace up

I immediately left my rod and reel and hastily scampered to my boat. It was only a question of several minutes before I was in midstream in hot pursuit of this object, which was soon overtaken. When within close proximity I noticed it to be blind and apparently harmless. Fearing, however, an attack, I seized my rifle, and, taking aim at its head, fired. The bullet lodged in the collar bone and broke his neck. There was a slight movement of the tail, a little slashing of the water, and all was over, the monster floating down stream. Curious to learn the species of this peculiar reptile, a made a lasso from a stout rope which I had in my boat and threw it around its body, thus enabling me to tow it ashore.

A critical examination developed the fact that I had captured a monster snake never before seen by me. It had a head resembling a long funnel shaped horn, the body being similar to small kegs joined together. What made matters more queer, each keg had a bunghole (some of the bungs being on top and some on the sides). Hauling the tail on the bank (which was by no means an easy task), out of curiosity to learn the contents of the kegs, I opened one of the bungholes by means of a jackknife, and found it to contain a very fine purified oil,

Just at this juncture my uncle, who is an old fisherman and has been a member of the city council, came up, and the minute his eyes fell on the captive, with frantic gesticulations be exclaimed that I had captured a valuable porpoise snake, seldom seen in these waters.

The oil in the kegs I found to be pure, unadulterated porpoise oil. I had twelve fortyine gallon oil barrels sent to the bank and filled them all. The oil was shipped to the most extensive watch making establishment

By way of explanation, I would say that this snake obtains the oil by plunging its sharp head into the side of the porpoise and drains every drop of oil from its body.

The snake had fifty-three kegs and was sixty-nine feet long. I still have possession of the kegs and

bungs (the head having decayed), which I Should any one doubt the veracity of this statement, I can exhibit the kegs and bungs. -New Orleans Picavume.

Clearing a Railroad Wreck.

A gentleman tells me that he has seen one of the most extraordinary pieces of executive dispatch in his life. "I was coming down the Hudson River road," he said, "two or three days ago, when the train was stopped ing across the track; another had lost its | the first one, "Tal-lee," the "tally" coming trucks and was flat on the track, and the out every time five times louder than any of tender of the locomotive was also deeply im- the others. Then it began again with the

We had waited there an hour and a half or two hours, and twenty trains had been stopped. They had yanked one of the cars up on jack screws, as if to run trucks under it, and then get it out of the way. It looked as if we were going to stay until night, and we began to think about fluding a steamboat or buggy or something to get on to New York, when all at once an engine and wreck- big torch, the pleasant smell of the bananas.

ing car heaved in sight. Before the engine had come to a stop we could hear the roadmaster's voice ring out, giving his orders before he had seen the situation. He seemed to be as familiar with everything on the spot as if he had been there all night. There was an engine off at some distance, but doing nothing. He called out to the engineer to come up and make fast to the buried locomotive. In half a minute the engine was attached and pulling to get the other out of the hole, and at the second effort the great mass of iron came up suddenly, and was hauled out of the road.

"Pass that rope over the top of that car, and make fast to the tree younder," he cried. It was done. "Now 500 of you lay hold of that rope," he shouted. The entire little army, under the inspiration of that voice, scap. The cito of vetivert is much higher in lay hold of the rope, using the tree for a purchase, and they pulled the car across the track square and out of the way by main strength.

"Come on here with that engine," he cries again, "make fast to this truck." With an other tremendous pull the whole thing came out of the ground like a tree by the roots, and was rushed off. "Now start that first train," cried the man. In less than two minutes from the time of his arrival, what looked to be a week's job was out of the way, and the passengers went on,-New York Letter.

A Child's Solo in Church.

An interesting incident was the first appearance in public of a young singer who mearly emptied the storehouse. The stowing away in the hold is work that requires exholds a responsible position as soprano in one of the leading choirs of the city. Before the young lady was more than S or 4 years old she accompanied her mother to church, and to her the singing was by far the most important part of the service. The child's voice was pleasing, being much admired by those of the congregation who heard her. On one of contrivances for keeping bananas in good occasion the minister announced the hymn condition. The deck of the Alvo, as soon as which is usually sung to the tune "Green-The little singer felt that she was familiar with this tune and could do justice

As the first stanza was sung the child's voice ascended above the others, and many in the congregation stopped singing to listen to the young singer. When the second stanza was begun the few who took up the air with the choir stopped singing, and as the choir continued with the regular words of the hymn the child took up a solo, which was beard all over the little church. In clear tones she sang "Go Tell Aunt Nabby," etc., a song adapted to "Greenfield," the familiar tune.-Troy Times

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, invited him to ask any his-torical 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. A 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 Stems-The Ventilating Funnels.

Shortly after dark the banana loading began, and nothing connected with the fruit | England. trade is more picturesque and romantic than the loading of a banana ship, particularly when the world 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 beginand there is nothing in which the West India darky comes out so strong as in waiting for the work to begin. A big torch was lighted, and the flame of it made the platform as light almost as day. Lanterns were hung about inside the building, and through the open doors could be seen great piles of bananas stacked up like hay; and all green, for they are cut in the unripe state, and should not, if they are properly managed, be more than just beginning to show a few yellow strenks by the time they are landed in New

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 shed to the ship and handed them to the men on the banging platform. An inspector was constantly on the wharf keeping a sharp eye on every bunch and rejecting all that had any blemish or were under size. A colored man with a sharp cutlass stood about midway between the shed and the ship, and with a dexterous blow cut the long and useless stem from each bunch as it was carried past. Thus each bunch went through five hands in its short journey from the storage shed to the hold of the ship: First a girl or man picked up a bunch from the great heap in the shed, put it on her or his head, and carried it to the men on the hanging platform; they passed it to the man on deck, who in turn handed it to the men in the batchway, and they gave it to men still deeper in the hold, who stowed it away where it was to remain till it reached New York.

The order to begin work instantly turned the quiet wharf into one of the liveliest places imaginable. Twenty men and girls made a rush for the shed and came out, one after another, with bunches of bananas on their heads, burrying as if their lives depended upon making quick time. The two men on the platform, as they received the bunches, called off the number for the tally keeper, who made a mark for every bunch received. Then began a musical but monotonous chorus that lasted till the last banana was on board. The men on the platform received the bunches alternately, first one and then the other, each one as he handed his bunch up to the deck calling out a number that never went beyond four. First the right hand man cried "Wan," in a voice that might have been heard on the other side of eft hand man again, 'one," "two," "three," and so on, till in a short time the tally keeper had rows of marks reaching across the broad pages of his book. Occasionally some of the workers started up a song and the others joined in.

The whole scene was typical of life in the tropies, with the awning stretched over the passengers' deck to keep off the night dews, the darkies at work by the light of the the soft warm air and the negro songs. It was a tropical cargo that we had throughout, with 300 hogsheads of sugar in the hold, a great weight of mahogany logs and some hides and tobacco. In a short time the whole wharf was covered with the cut off ends of banana stems, and these had frequently to be swept away. Two or three times somebody's grip failed or his foot slipped and a bunch of bananas came down on the wharf with a thud and broke to pieces, only to be thrown overboard without ceremony. It seemed impossible for the man to keep swinging his entless in the midst of that hurrying crowd without nicking somebody's head, or at least lopping off an ear or two; but he evidently inderstood his business, for no such accident happened, and the cutlass never descended without bringing with it one of the cut off stems. It would have been impossible, of course, for such a crowd of West Indian colored people to work together without some wrangling and quarreling, and in such cases they are not sparing of their lungs, and scold away at such a rate that a pitched battle seems imminent. They take it out in scolding, however, and rarely or never come to

blows over their work. This went on from 7 o'clock to 11, with a racket that made sleep impossible. In those four hours 4,000 bunches of bananas were put in the hold, and more would have been taken if more had been ready; but another steamer had been loaded the day before, and had perienced hands. Careless work there would result in a spoiled cargo before the ship reached her destination. They have to be as carefully packed as a lady's trunk, and so arranged that the air will reach them as much as possible. A fruit steamer is a marvel in the way of pipes and ventilators and all sorts we had bananas on board, became a wilderness of great iron ventilating funnels, each as high as a man's head, and each re-enforced with canvas arms, spread out to catch the

On the other hand, when the ship reaches higher latitudes on her northward voyage, the ventilators have to be taken away and the hold heated with steam pipes. The Atlas Steamship company has a system of protecting its fruit that seems to be nearly perfect. The hold must be kept at just such a temperature as nearly as possible throughout the voyage—a few degrees higher would ripen the fruit too rapidly and a few degrees lower would chill it. Above all things, no salt water must be allowed to touch the fruit, Parkin in The Century. not even spray, for nothing ruins the banana quicker. The record of the homeward voyage of a banana ship is a wonder for its completeness. At certain hours every day ther-mometers are lowered into the hold through openings provided for the purpose, and a record is made of each test on blanks provided for the purpose. Even the opening or closing of a ventilator has to be recorded; so that when the strictly first class passenger, the bestann, reaches his destination his owner knows just what treatment he has received throughout the trip.—William Drysdale in New York Times.

CLIPPINGS OF ALL SORTS.

The ice water fund is a prominent southern charity. An English amateur has purchased in Milan a Stradivarius, dated 1716, for

\$4,000. 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

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 over-

flowing, 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 entire from v.

a wealth of white tiowers seemed to be

tumbling.

A cynic at a summer hotel finds amusement in the number of broken dishes. He says he expects to hear at least one terrific crash of crockery every day in the dining room, and during a visit of three weeks he has not been disappointed.

Pennsylvania has some girls worth having. In the having season a gentleman during a short drive counted nine young women driving two-horse mowers, and seventeen managing horse rakes.

The colossal statue of John Marshall, who is reputed the first discoverer of gold in California, represents bim as a backwoodsman, holding a nugget in his right hand, while his left hand points downward. The statue will stand on Marshall hill in Eldorado county, where Marshall first found gold.

A Philadelphia boy, who was anxious to follow in the footsteps of Buffalo Bill, lassoed a lady in the streets the other day and was held in \$500 bail for his future good behavior. The little fellow practiced on the hydrant for several days before he tried his hand as a public per-

At Portsdown Hill, England, an extremely curious graveyard relic was recently found. It was a human skeleton in a good state of preservation, which was buried in the chalky soil of the locality in the second century. The skeleton was six feet in length, and in its left hand were found twenty-two Roman coins.

A remarkable funeral took place at Binghamton. Dr. Wheaton, an old and influential citizen, a believer in the dogma of "good cheer," died, after having directed that no outward signs of mourning be assumed at his funeral. Accordingly the friends of the family, when they met at the appointed hour, were astonished to find the widow and daughters of the deceased attired in the ered by a many colored robe, and was not removed to the coffin until the last

A few days ago a fly flew into the car of John Lord, who lives near Athens, Ga. He got the insect out almost immediately and thought no more about it until he was awakened in the night by a violent itching in the ear. The itching became a pain, and that increased until the man was almost crazy. He sought a doctor, who, with considerable difficulty, brought out eleven well developed and very active maggots, which had hatched from the eggs laid by that fly during its brief stay in Mr. Lord's ear,

The Deposed King of Samoa. King Malietoa, who was infamously betrayed and deposed from the Samoan throne last year by the Germans, is now a prisoner at Cameroons, Africa. Ho writes to a friend: "In the good providence of God I am well, and the young men also who have come here with me. There are three of them. Alesana and Aisake, of Apia, and Tali, the son of Pomare, who was with us in old times at Malua. This country is very hot, like Samoa. Cocoanuts are plentiful, and also bread fruits and bananas, Here, however, fever is prevalent, and it does not agree with us. The governor is kind to us in the way of food. We have bread, and tea, and rice, and bananas also as our food. Nothing has been said to me as to the time we are to remain here, or as to when we may return to our own land in Samoa. The governor, however, has said that my brother and I are to remain here at Cameroons, but Aisake and Tali are soon to return to Samoa. \* \* \* I keep at a distance from all spirit drinking. We do not go about at night. When it gets dark we go into our house and sit there. We are afraid to go about this place at night."-Foreign Letter.

Character of a School.

A school never ought to depend for its character on the exceptional excellence or success of a few of its masters. If it does, these few reputations may become cloaks for a vast amount of poor work, school, is a sham, without any element of fixity in it. The ordinary arrange. and the character of the school, as a of fixity in it. The ordinary arrangements should have a strong tendency, at least, to insure sound work, from the lowest to the highest class.-George R.

Gladstone's Private Library. Gladstone's private library contains 15,000 volumes, and the venerable statesman can lay his hand on any one book of them at a minute's notice. "I have not a single book that I am not on fatimate terms with."- New York Press.

With all her natural modesty, woman has less bashfulness than man.—Uncle A Word to Re

The importance of the results of the present political ca overestimated by those who desire the success of the Republi Democrats, besides the "Solid South," are, in the North intra breastworks of public patronage. It will take steady, earnest, work to dislodge them. Nothing will so surely bring about that a nest, and united work as the circulation of sound political literature THIS CLASS NO OTHER IS AS EFFICIENT AS THE DAILY AND LY NEWSPAPER. Speeches and documents are read by the few, and read are laid aside; the newspaper is the fireside friend, the trusted far companion. Its influence is continuous, constant. The Republicans can not aid their party better than by circulating

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