

Of all plants which are the produce of the tropics, none are superior in interest to the plantains and bananas, two closely allied specimens of the genus Musa.

NITROGEN IN AGRICULTURE.—Nitrogen, as is well known, is the most important element in plant food. It is the element which forms the most important part of the protoplasm of all plants.

A BRACE FOR A KICKING HORSE.—Those so unfortunate as to own a kicking horse know something of the patience it requires to get along with it, and will welcome anything which will prevent the kicking and finally effect a cure.

ALL ABOUT MUSH.—Mush of all kinds needs more boiling than cooks usually give it. We should drop the name of "mush" pudding, for in this case the mush makes waste.

HOW TO CASE HARDEN IRON.—Case hardening of iron is a process by which a thin coating of steel will be placed on the surface of iron implements, tools, etc.

HOW TO WASH GLASS.—Never use soap to wash glass. Wash all wine glasses and tumblers with hot water and soda, and rinse in cold water.

A SAFE RULE.—After the conclusion of a live horse sale, a witness of the transaction asked one of the traders what sort of a horse he had got by the exchange.

AN amusing reply was given by a girl, who, while at a London ball, strayed away from the ball-room.

THE BEST DIAMOND OUT.—"Jerusalem," declared his true love (it was in Bridgetown, Conn.) "is the diamond you take for that gold ring of yours?"

A new scientist says "the bumble-bee gives out two very different sounds, which are an octave of each other."

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INDIAN DOUGHNUTS.—A correspondent of the American Cultivator says:—I send you a receipt for making Indian meal doughnuts, which are much nicer than those not hitherto aware of.

LIGHT RYE TEA CAKES.—One pint of milk, two eggs, a tablespoonful of brown sugar, and a large pinch of salt.

TO CLEAN SMOKY MARBLE.—Brush a paste of chloride of lime and water over the entire surface. Grime spots can be removed from marble by applying a paste of crude potash and whitening in this manner.

INDIAN CAKE.—Three cupfuls of meal, one cupful of flour, one pint of sour milk, soda to sweeten it, two eggs, two large spoonfuls of butter, one cupful of sugar.

ONE TALK OF DOBBLIN'S Electric Soap, (L. L. Cragin & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.) will make you a firm believer in its merits ever after.

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