to thirteen months, without further care, each plant having 75 to 125 bananas and when that dies down after bananas and when that dies down after fruiting, new shoots spring up to take its place. In regions where no frost ever reaches, bananas are found in all stages of growth, ripening their fruit every month and every day in the year. Col. Whitner, near Silver Lake, Florida, has probably the largest banana plantation in the United States, containing fully ten thousand plants in bearing. Some of these are large trees, which do

# Portuguese Etiquette.

A writer on the Portuguese says: The punctiliousness and formality of their social converse exceed even those of the Castilian. In Spain a man may safely use the title Usted (your worship)

move whenever they please; third, that they have two hours' daily walking exthey have two hours' daily walking ex-ercise when they are not at work; and fourth, that I have not a head stall or trace-chain in my stall. These four circumstances comprehend the whole mystery of keeping horses' legs fine, and their feet in sound working condi-tion up to a good old age.—Miles.

## Fig. 18. \*\*

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The Gas Gun for Fog Signals.—A very ingenious application has been made by Mr. Wigham of the explosive nature of a mixture of ordinary gas in air. He establishes, at any point on the coast where a fog signal is desired, a gas gun. It is simply a tube of iron, connected with the gas-holder by the proper pipe; the latter, of course, may be at any convenient distance. The gas-holder is filled with a mixture of one-fourth air, and the remainder coalgas and oxygen, and this mixture is allowed to flow into the gas gun, when it may be fired off by touching a match to the proper orifice, taking care, of course, to close all communication with the holder. By using an electric spark instead of the match, the service of the gun may be made still easier. The flash from this gun is said to illuminate the fog much better than that from a discharge of gun-powder.

Cabbage Salad.—Shave a hard white cabbage into small white strips; take the yolks of three well-beaten eggs, a cup and a half of good cider vinegar, two teaspoonfuls of white sugar, three tablespoonfuls of thick cream, one teaspoonful of mustard mixed in a little

Theodore Hook didn't always make the jokes. Here is one that he heard: He was in a stage-coach with two inside passengers, a pretty, delicate young lady and a plain-faced maid. While the mistress was at dinner, Hook remarked to the maid, in a tone of great sympathy: "Your young lady seems very unwell." "Yes, sir; she suffers was youngled," "Consumption, I should fear?" "No, sir; I am sorry to say it is the heart." "Dear me! Aneurism?" "Oh, no, sir! it is only a lieutenant in the navy."

"Two sisters want washing."

Here must have been a strange sight:
the sign of the stomach, swimming of the head, hurting the loop the steep of them together, sprinkle flour between them; lay on the top thin slices of tart apples: sprinkle sugar and a little nutmeg over them; enclose the apple by doubling the pastry over it. Press the edges well together; fry in sufficient hot lard to cover them. When of a light brown, take up carefully.

Loved Him Anyhov.—First Lady—
"They say you are engaged. Flora; tell me, do you love him, and was he in the army?"

Second Lady—"Oh! yes, of course love him, and he was in the armv."

First Lady—"Well, tell mc, there's a dear, was he in the cavalry! I do adors of an inch; line a flat mold with a paste, truiting the joints carefully with white of an inch; line a flat mold with rice and base. Stone one and a half pounds of stewing cherries and cook them with some sugar, a little sherry, and a few of ne egg, fill the mold with rice and the some sugar, a little sherry, and a few on the cool." Remove the rice and put in the stewed cherries. Serve hot or cold.

Cabbage Salad.—Shave a hard white eabley coach. May be of the stown, and drove twelve the substance of the price of a flat mold with a paste, in the cavalry! I do adors the thickness of a quarter of an inch; line a flat mold with a paste, the coach Lady—"Well, no; he wasn't in the cavalry! I do adors the wing cherries and cook them with some sugar, a little sherry, and a few of an inch; line a flat mold with rice and the coach the wasn't in the cavalry of the stown of such the pit of the stomach, swimming of the head, hurried or difficult breathing, fluttering at the pit own head, and drove twelve foor a horse hand, and color. A good the steep of the stown, and drove twelve two and color. A good the steep of the stown, and drove twelve and the pit of a dark color. A good the steep of the stown, and drove twelve and the pit of a dark color. A good the steep of the stown, and drove twelve and the pit of a dark color. A good the



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