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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all person who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-

Cinnamon.

The home of the cinnamon tree is Ceylon, though it grows in Malabar and other parts of the East Indies. It sometimes attains a height of 25 or 30 feet, and in this stage of growth it is often a foot and a half in thickness. The flowers are pale yellow on the inner side, and grayish without, and the fruit is shaped like an acorn. The tree is cultivated with great care and labor by the Ceylonese, there being in Ceylon about 12,000 acres devoted to the cinnamon gardens, each acre yielding from fifty to five hundred pounds of dried bark. The soll best adapted to this culture is that which is light and sandy, and the gathering commences when the tree is about seven years old.

The main bark is not disturbed, but the peeling-knife is chiefly applied to the young shoots and smaller branches, which are cut down to the wood longitudinally, when the narrow strip is lifted off. The outer or searf skin is scraped off and thrown away. The best cinnamon is taken from the scions which spring up around the roots, growing to a height of 10 feet, and having the thickness of a walking-stick.

As the strips dry in the sun they curl up in the form of quills, and the smaller are inserted into the larger. There are two seasons for the cinnamon harvest, April and November, the former being the most important. The spice is imported in bales, the goods being made up into bundles. It is in demand by cooks and confectioners, and to a less extent by druggists, who dispense it when prescribed by physicians as a tonic, and in cases as of nausea and vomiting.

The oil of cinnamon is extracted by distillation from the small and broken pieces, and from the inferior qualities. It can likewise be made from the fruit and leaves of the plant. It is generally prepared in Ceylon. In the distillation two oils pass over, one lighter and the other heavier than water. The oils vary in color, from cherry-red to yellow, the latter being most valuable.

Cinnamon, before being packed for the market, is examined and assorted by tasters, whose office is not an enviable one. They find the chewing troublesome and disagreeable, as the burning effect of the bark leaves the tongue and lips in a sort of blistered condition.

Cassia, in most of its forms, is an inferior cinnamon. It is not exactly true, as has been said, that it is best for purchasers to order pure cinnamon, to avoid being supplied with cassia. The latter, especially in its ground state, answers some purposes better than the other. It is thicker and coarser than cinnamon, darker in color, and with a somewhat different taste; it is less closely quilled, and breaks shorter than cinnamon. It comes largely from China also from Calcutta, Batavia, and the Philippine Islands.

It is a singular fact that the root of the cinnamon tree yields a small quantity of camphor. Adulterations of ground cinnamon are not unfrequently made by means of wheat flour, sago, meal, and arrow root. The monopoly of the commerce of the best kinds of cinnamon has been in the hands of certain private capitalists since 1840.

The tomato, or love apple, was first known in South America. It has been for years common in Italian cookery. In 1803 it was grown at Detrolt and at Fort Wayne, by a man of the name of Colonel Hamtramek, and in 1807 it was grown by Judge Thomas, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The French stewed it at Kaskaskia, in 1807, probably obtained from Thomas, and about that period it was brought into Ohio. In 1817 it was a salad or dressing for beef or roast steak in Wallingford, Connecticut. It was grown largely, at first, as an ornamental plant, under the name of love apple. And even in Bristol, England, in 1835 it was grown as a flowering plant, its deep crimson-colored fruit being counted gems of great beau-

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