F you did not entitive dozen banans last year, you did not have your share. Over 40,000,000 bunches, or more than 3,000,000,000 banans, were imported in the provided by the statement of the shipment can be more readily graped by the statement that it would cover an area of the shipment can be more readily graped by the statement that it would cover an area of the shipment can be more readily graped by the statement that it would cover an area of the shipment can be more readily graped by the statement that the equator. The "slip" in the peels would launch the ships of the world. The wholesale value of the 1910 importation, at point of export, was over 11,500,000, while in all probability the consuming public of the United States expended over 135,900,000 for this delectable fruit.

1 During the past ten years I the number of bananas consumed in the United States has more than doubled, and the increased, tropical acreage under cultivation assures erem more startling figures for the next decade. More than the startling figures for the next decade More than the startling figures for the next decade More than the startling figures for the next decade More than the startling figures for the next decade More than the startling from the startling for the startling figures for the next decade More than the startling from the star



from \$10 to \$20 per acre yearly. The net brolk, however, averages about \$50 per acre in the various banana producing sections. The banana often grows in combination with other products. In some cases it is used as a shade for young coffee plants. often grows in combination with other produced in some case; it is used as a shade for young-coffee plants.

A great many people are of the opinion that the Bannan would be much better if it was allowed to right on the plant, but this is obtained to the control of the state of



Forty years ago there were very few people in this country who could boast of having seen a board of bunnane. The fruit was practically un-known. Now, in even the most remote country store, this "pride of the tropics" is a familiar

sight.

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Scientists have recognized and clarafiled as many as 40 different species, ranging from the ornamental groups that do not develop fruit, to the glant bananas, the Platano of the Spaniards. The red banana is not common in the American markets. In the United States it is used only to "deess" fancy baskets of fruit, but in the tropical countries it is quite a favorite. The individual banana is large, but the staik does not carry as many hands" as the yellow varieties, and the stain of the property of the control of the force of the deep the property of the binds are considered a saltive of southern 'Asia, and to have been carried into 'America' by Europeana, until Humbold threw dooth upon the fruit of the Musas. The binana was generally considered a saltive of southern 'Asia, and to have been carried into 'America' by Europeana, until Humbold threw dooth upon the property of the control of the doctant in perfect of the control of the force of the uncertainty as to just which country may claim the 'fruit' as to just which country may claim the 'fruit' as to just which country may claim the 'fruit' as to just which country may claim the 'fruit' as to get the first importation of hazaman to the 'tentor of the 'fruit' as the first importation of hazaman to the 'tentor of the 'fruit' as the first may be a supportation of hazaman to the 'tentor of the 'fruit' as the first may be a supportation of hazaman to the 'tentor of the 'fruit' as the first may be a supportant of the 'fruit' as the first importation of hazaman to the 'fruit' as the constraint of the 'fruit' as 'fruit as 'fruit' as 'fruit' as 'fruit as 'fruit' as 'fruit' a

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ly restricted to the eastern coast line, for the bannan is one of the thirstiest of plants, and cannot be expected to produce its maximum amount of trult in districts where there are less than 100 inches of annual ralarfall. Unfortunately for humafulty, great areas of the land lying within this belt are high, dry and sterile, while others are sandy or rocky; so only a small fraction is so located that banans growing can be made profitable. The allitude mugif not invite danger of frost, and high temperature is necessary for the growth. The southern coast of the Mexican guilt, the Puerto Barrios section of Gualemala, the Fuerto district of Costo Rica, the Bluesleds district of Nicarsgua, the Bocas eld Torro region of Paraman, the Colombian province of Santa Marta, and certain portions of Cuba, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Dutch Guiana, all combine the favored elements of soil and climate.

The plant has two, natural enemtes—the

down the weeds and carefully clean the ground about the the root of each stalk.

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The banana plant will grow with wonderful rapidity under favorable circumstances. In fact, the development from a newly planted sucket to the plant in full bearing is simply short of mervelous. Within a space of six or seven weeks to the plant in full bearing is simply short of mervelous. Within a space of the control o

banans leaves the fruit is safely brought to "as raile-oads.

Bananas grown for the market are planted as a rule, on the border of navigable waters of shout ten with the planted should be a safe and the available supply of fruit in one or several sections while it is muturing in others.

In Costa Rica the system which has been avoived for inadiling the fruit from the time it is cut from the plant until it is placed on the caler's little stand in the far interior cities of the United States is indeed marvelous. When a steamer start from 'a United States port to secure its cargo a cable is sent advising of the departure, so that preparations can be made for cutting the crop. The carrying capacity of the vessel is known almost to a burch. Each plantation unmager furtished it the safe in the safe and the safe in the safe

Orleans.

The front ventilators of the forward cars of these trains, and the rear ventilators of the last cars, are connected by means of canvas tubers un into a main trunk chute. A powerful exhaust draws off the heat thrown out by the fruit in its ripening process; and the fans circulate cold airt-through every car in the train. During the winter months the operation is reversed, and fruit in transit during very cold weather is warmed while proceeding, to its destination. - 1

HIS COLOR CHANGED.



Evelyn-But when it comes to love-aking Harold is rather green, isn't

Myrtle—Not now.
Evelyn—Indeed!
Myrtle—No, he's blue; I rejected
him last evening.

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