

pacuri, soapwood, and wild cashew. These chiefly abound in an astringent matter, they are largely used in the cure of wounds, abrasions, ulcers, &c., and surprising effects are ascribed to their employment. The natives of British Guiana are very subject to a malignant ulceration of the rectum, and for relief of the distress, thus entailed, they resort to these drugs. Of the articles contributed by Jamaica two may be briefly noticed. One was a very fine sample of nutmegs. It appearing that the *myristica moschata* thrives admirably in Jamaica, more especially in a humid locality. A single tree 15 feet in height, puts out branches to the ground, and matured from 900 to 1000 fruits yearly. The other was a meal distinguished as "the Plantain." It is prepared by slicing the immature fruit of the *musa paradisiaca* into thin pieces, drying them in the sun, and pounding or grating them. The starch constitutes a highly nutritious food for infants, and is excellent for puddings. A vast number of other drugs, equally novel, were also on sight, but we have not been able to learn enough of their properties or value, to permit our venturing any statement concerning them. The show of chemicals was described as very magnificent and complete.

INDECENT ADVERTISEMENTS.

A great deal of virtuous indignation has been expended by platform speakers and pulpit orators upon the immorality of the cheap literature of the day. Whilst some have unjustly condemned all "light reading," including under this head the best works of our most celebrated writers of fiction, others, with more discrimination, have separated the wheat from the chaff, and denounced only that kind of reading which is noted for its wild extravagances, false views of life, and immorality; and which is so well known as the "yellow-covered literature." No good man, no lover of his country or his kind, but must feel deeply pained to witness the number of filthy and obscene pamphlets which are yearly imported into Canada from the neighbouring Republic. The licentious creations of the polluted mind of a George Sand, a Paul de Kock, a Sue, a Reynolds, and a host of minor writers of the same stamp, are beginning to find numerous readers among the youth of our population; and thus, seed is being sown broadcast, which is certain to yield, as it has already done in the United States, a luxuriant crop of infidelity and libertinism. Deplorable as are the effects on the morals of a community resulting from a wide-spread circulation of such novels and novellettes, it is not these that society has most to dread; it is rather the ten-fold more abominable and insidious productions of the "manly vigour"