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Allspice

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Or Jamaica Pepper is a small berry, the fruit of a beautiful tree about thirty feet high with a straight trunk much branched above and covered with a very smooth, gray bark. The tree exhales an aromatic fragrance, especially during the months of August and September, when they are in full bloom, the blossoms consisting of small white flowers, which form a most delightful contrast with the dark green leaves. The berries, when they reach us, are of different sizes, usually about the size of a small pea, of a brownish color, and when broken present two cells each containing a black seed. The berries are gathered after having attained their full size, but while yet green, and are carefully dried in the sun and put in bags and sacks for exportation. They have a fragrant odor thought to resemble a mixture of cinnamon, cloves and nutmegs. Hence the name Allspice.

Medicinally, Allspice is a stimulant useful in cases of flatulence, but chiefly used to cover the taste of other medicines:

Almonds

Are the fruit of a tropical tree greatly resembling the peach tree of this country. It blossoms in the early spring and produces its fruit in August. The fruit is covered with a tough skin and is enclosed in a rough shell. There are two kinds of Almonds, the sweet and the bitter, only differing from each other in the flavor of the nut.