

MADDER AND BARILLA. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, has appointed a committee to "inquire into and report what progress has been made in this country in the cultivation of dyer's madder, and whether it will be proper for the Horticultural Society to adopt any measures to extend its cultivation." They were also instructed to include in their inquiries, "the culture of barilla and its preparation for the purposes of commerce." This committee are desirous of collecting as much information as possible, before they adopt any conclusion upon the questions referred to them. This, they are aware, must depend, in a great measure, upon the liberal communication of facts on the part of those who are practically conversant with these articles, either as agriculturists, merchants or manufacturers. With this view they request information in relation to the cultivation of either of these plants—the extent to which they are raised or imported into this country—the preparation which they undergo to fit them for commerce—the fluctuations which have been observed in their abundance, and price in our markets—their adaptation to the soil and climate of this country—the diversities observed in the qualities of merchantable madder and barilla, and to the causes which are supposed to produce these diversities—in a word, to every point which can throw light on this subject. Communications may be addressed to David Landreth, Jr. Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia.