



DATED STEMS OF THE EDIBLE BAMBOO.

In Japan the edible bamboo (*Phyllostachys mitis*), is grown in large groves and the young shoots are marketed as asparagus is sold in America. The stems are dated in ink with the character for the year of their birth, and four years later they are cut for timber. Small groves of this species are now established in Louisiana. Photo No. 1644 by David Fairchild, Kyoto, Japan, 1902.