

Reviews and Abstracts

400 Plants of South Florida

By J. F. Morton and R. B. Ledin, 1952.

Test House Inc., Coral Gables, Fla.
134 p. \$3.50.

In this truly beautiful and useful book, the authors describe the most common trees, vines, shrubs and herbaceous plants cultivated in southern Florida. Included in this group are the lime, sweet orange, Soursop, Breadfruit and other sub-tropical and tropical fruits, as well as many ornamentals.

This book consists essentially of a series of brief plant descriptions, in encyclopedical form, which include the most popular common names, the botanical name (genus and species), use, and a "word picture" written in non-technical

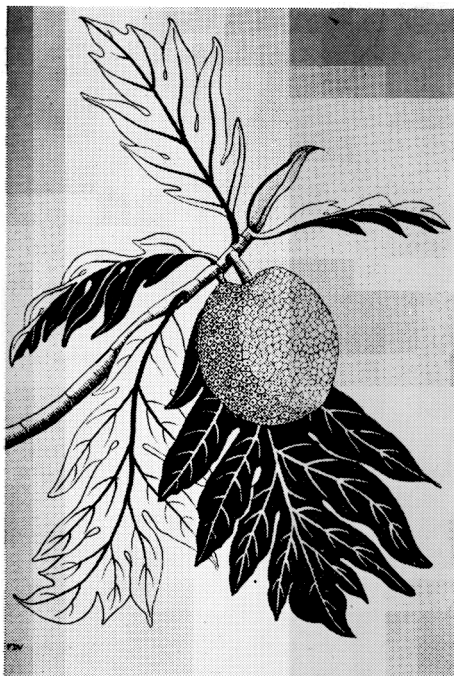
language so that the layman may find it understandable. The plants are well cross-indexed according to their common and scientific names in the back of the book.

One of the most outstanding features of this very readable book is a series of very attractive pen-and-ink drawings illustrating the flowers, fruit and foliage of a number of the plants described.

The authors, Julia Morton, of the University of Miami, and Dr. R. Bruce Ledin of the University of Florida, write very clearly and with authority. Any horticulturist or botanist interested in tropical and subtropical plants, and any amateur gardener who is living or planning travel in Florida would do well to make this unusual book a part of his library.

Text House is also reissuing "Fifty Tropical Fruits of Nassau" in a binding and size to match "400 Plants of South Florida." "Fifty Tropical Fruits of Nassau," by Morton and Morton, is another beautifully illustrated book, in which the outstanding fruits found in the Bahamas and Florida are described. The latter book has already been reviewed in Vol. 2, No. 3 (Autumn, 1947) of the *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*.

—G. M. K.



Leaves and fruit of the Breadfruit tree
(*Artocarpus altalis* Fosh.)

A Comparison of the Storage Life of Standard Varieties of Apples with their Red Bud Sports

By W. S. Clarke, Jr., 1952.

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The complaint has been made that the red bud sports of many apple varieties fail to keep in storage as well as their parent varieties. A study of this problem was made during the winter of 1949-50 at the Pennsylvania State Col-