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Attention is called to the second of the series of articles prepared by Mr. Leopold Blackman on the possible development of the fibre industry in these Islands. The manufacture of "abaca" fibre in the Philippines is of very ancient origin but it has only been comparatively recently that this splendid cordage material has been generally known to other countries. The strength and durability of "abaca" have caused it to be compared to "hemp," which fibre it has not only largely displaced in many uses but whose name it has also appropriated—Manila "hemp" now being the universal synonym in the commercial world for the fibre of the abaca plantain. Many attempts have been already made to introduce the cultivation of this fibre to other countries, but no great success has been encountered. The plant, however, which produces abaca—*Musa textilis*—was introduced to these Islands many years ago and, as the article suggests, its descendants should form a nucleus from which to start Hawaiian plantations. There is no doubt that whatever difficulties are to be encountered in establishing the industry here would well repay overcoming as the demand for abaca fibre is in excess of the supply. The suggestion of the writer to investigate the value of the fibre of the Hawaiian banana is excellent and will we hope be followed up. We have on previous occasions through the local press called special attention to this important industry. The economic value of our Island flora is too often passed by without inquiry, in favor of foreign competitors; but there is little doubt that we have many plants, either indigenous or at least which have become entirely naturalized by long sojourn among us, whose commercial qualities should be carefully determined. Such an inquiry would be fitting work for an Hawaiian Agricultural College instituted on the lines we proposed in our last number.