

brought in from the open air (having been plunged out during summer), the pots are laid on their sides under the stages in a moderately warm house, and are gradually dried off. When started in February or March of the following year, they resemble a monster Cape bulb, full of pithy vitality, which, in a genial



MUSA SUPERBA.

heated atmosphere, rapidly gives forth a succession of leaves. For whatever purpose intended, the ripening-off during winter seems to be a cardinal point in its treatment.—T. MOORE.

THE FAILURES IN WALL FRUITS IN 1873.

BELIEVE Mr. Fish is quite right (see *FLORIST AND POMOLOGIST*, p. 231) as to the scarcity of superior wall-fruit, when he says that the cause must be attributed to the immature state of the wood and flower-buds made last summer and autumn. Of a long south wall here, principally covered with