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Vol. I.

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1887.

No. 7.

GOD IS LOVE.

There lies in the center of each man's heart.
A longing and love for the good and pure.
And if but an atom, or larger part,
I tell you this shall endure, endure,
After the body has gone to decay—
Yea, after the world has passed away.

The longer I live and the more I see
Of the struggle of souls toward heights
above,
The stronger this truth comes home to me,
That the universe rests on the shoulders
of Love—
A love so limitless, deep and broad—
That men have renamed it and called it
God.

—*Jacksonville News-Herald.*

A SUMMER MORNING STROLL.

Last Saturday morning we accepted an invitation from Prof. Barrows to see the old town, or settlement, started under the name of Osceola, before Winter Park came in and took the wind out of the sails of the smaller craft. Stepping into the Professor's boat, a short pull took us across the north end of Lake Virginia to where the new railway crosses the outlet of Lake Mizell. Shooting the bridge, another ten minutes or less carried us to the opposite shore, where are the homes of Prof. Barrows and Judge Mizell. The former has an acre of ground on the lake shore, which he has only occupied a year, but which intelligent care and cultivation have placed ahead of many older places. With the help of his two sons he has built a neat and comfortable house, and got trees, vines, flowers, vegetables and grass well started, and those who think it takes ten years to make a home in Florida should go and see what can be done in one, if only a little thought and care and muscle are put out at interest during the time.

Judge Mizell is one of the old settlers here, and with the march of improvements has moved from his little pioneer's house in the old orange grove into a large and comfortable one on a high knoll commanding a fine outlook across the lakes. He joined our party and showed us over a portion of the

land adjoining his own and belonging to Gen. French. Here, between Lake Mizell and Lake Berry, another beautiful little sheet of water, is as pretty a piece of ground as one need wish to see. A house built here would easily command a view of all three lakes, Virginia, Mizell and Berry, with access to all for boating. Good sense has been shown in leaving some of the native live-oak trees standing and they add much to the beauty as well as the comfort of the place. One of them has taken the "weeping" form and makes a circular arbor perhaps thirty feet in diameter, in the center of which are three trunks ten to twelve inches in diameter, and all around the trailing branches touch the ground in an almost perfect circle. The shade is dense and cool, and a more perfect natural summer reading or dining room it is impossible to imagine. We were told of some giant oaks farther on, which however the limited time at our command did not allow us to visit.

Returning towards Judge Mizell's house we saw the ground which the colored people propose to occupy for their great fair next winter. Here a flat topped, circular knoll commanding a view of both lakes, Berry and Mizell, affords a fine site for the buildings of the fair, while around and just under the brow will be laid a circular race course, which the natural shape of the ground will enable a very large number of people to get an easy view of. A circular fence will surround all, enclosing about ten acres, and the neighboring grounds above described will be utilized as a park, in which visitors may enjoy a quiet stroll if so inclined. Altogether the place is admirably adapted to the purpose, and the new railway skirting Lake Mizell just at the foot of the knoll will give an easy means of access at all time.

Passing on to the north of Judge Mizell's house, we still find high land, from which extended views over the neighboring lakes are had, and which will some day afford fine sites for a

number of houses. Striking the railway grade a little way from the lake a short walk along the line brought us to the old homestead of Judge Mizell, and just opposite to it the house of Mr. B. L. Clark, who among other attractions has a fine large vine of white scuppernong grapes, spreading over the top of a frame perhaps thirty by fifty feet in size and hanging to the ground on three sides. Under this was a fine place to cool off, and the grapes just beginning to ripen overhead were as agreeable and refreshing in their way as the shade of the vine which bore them.

At this point the new railway turns due north, through the same avenue by which we passed the new place of Mr. Comstock on the circuit of Lake Osceola last week. It is appropriately named Phelps avenue, after Mr. Wilson Phelps who still lives near by, and who in 1875 laid out the settlement of Osceola, with this as its principal street. The Orlando and Lake Jesup Railroad, as projected and partly built, just before the construction of the South Florida Railroad in 1880, would have passed here, and here would have been the town, instead of around the South Florida station. But just as he was upon the point of completing the contracts for the Orlando and Lake Jesup, Mr. Brantley, who was the mainspring of the enterprise, suddenly died, and his road was never built.

With the opening of the new Orlando & Winter Park Railway, this neighborhood will be made more accessible, and will again come forward to claim its share of attention as a desirable place of residence. But our watches warned us to be moving, and passing hastily through Judge Mizell's old grove, which contains over 1000 bearing trees, besides many interesting experiments in tree culture about the old house, we hastily extracted the juice from a sweet Seville orange by way of sampling its products, and after a moment's stop at Prof. Barrows' house, were once more afloat, and soon

on the Winter Park side again. A few such little excursions would convince any visitor that Winter Park does not rely for its future entirely upon the pretty little town immediately in sight about the railway station and hotels. There is a large extent of beautiful country all around that is all available for the most charming places of residence for such as prefer a larger space than is afforded by a lot in town, and yet wish to be within easy reach of the attractions of the town and their neighbors who live there. Nothing could better please such persons than the country just across the lakes from which a pleasant little sail brings them to town or carries them from one place to another.

Pea-Vine Hay.

For the Florida Dispatch.—This is unusually fine weather for the season for drying and curing early cow peas for horse feed. My experience in making cow-pea hay last year may benefit some of your numerous readers.

On the 26th of May, '86, we started two plows on a six-acre field of rye stubble and dropped six or eight peas at every step in every fourth furrow, soil a good quality of high pine, bordering on what we call pine hamack, finished plowing on the 27th, on the 28th harrowed with a two-horse Acme to level the ground. They were plowed once on the 15th of June, about half with turn-plow and balance with sweep. Could see no difference in the growth, but the latter left the ground very level.

No fertilizer was used. The yield of vines was quite large, but peas only moderates, but yield of the latter on the poorest ground.

On the 16th of August, the weather being fine, and the peas on one side of the field being nearly ripe but retaining their leaves, we mowed enough with a common grass scythe to make a ton or more of dry hay. As fast as the leaves became well wilted and before they were crisp, they were thrown in piles with hay forks, each pile large enough to make a good feed for two horses. These piles were never spread out again but turned over on the hot ground three times a day, and at night three or four piles were put together to protect from the heavy dew, and in the morning when the dew was off they were separated and turned as before. We hauled on the 28th, after drying nearly three days, and still apparently not quite dry enough. A few handfuls of salt were scattered over each layer in the mow.

On the 10th, we cut about as much more and treated the same as the first lot, except it was left to cure until the afternoon of that day, and in addition each pile was bound with a light band of damp rye straw, which proved of good service in hauling the hay.

We have been in Florida five years, except an annual short sojourn North, have kept two horses and bought northern hay the first two years, afterwards crab-grass hay, which is very good, but nothing to compare to pea hay. It came out of the mow with leaves as green as when it was put in, and one quart of corn at a feed was ample when the pea vine was used.

HENRY GULICK.

Summit, Fla., July 18, 1887.

FOR SALE.

A house in Winter Park, has eleven finished rooms, near Depot, Post Office, Churches, Stores, Schools, etc. A good bargain if applied for soon. Apply on the premises, to the proprietor, 5-1m R. J. D. LARRABEE.

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Carriers of Contagion.

Any one who uses a towel in common with the public, or a piece of soap, or brush and comb, or any requisite of the toilet, runs the risk of possible infection. The subject of antiseptics, simply another word for cleanliness, has not necessarily brought to light many new facts, but has set people to thinking of old ones. The germ theory of disease is to most people a very vague one. There is a general idea that disease is carried by germs, and that the air is filled with these, and it is a wonder to most people that every one is not so afflicted, the laity conclude that the germ theory is an absurdity and a contradiction. They do not consider the element of a fertile soil. The germ is the same as a seed, and all organic bodies are reproduced by a seed. We must plant seed in a soil suitable for it, and the surroundings—heat and moisture—must be adapted to it if it is to grow. As we descend in the scale of organic life, we find that some of the lower animals can hardly be distinguished from plants, and these are reproduced not by seed, but by a process of division or budding. A part of the animal is divided and separated, and forms a new animal.—*Scientific American.*

Virtues of the Cactus.

It amuses a person from the western part of our country to see people cultivating as a rare plant a thing that is the pest of the plains. I mean the common cactus, which I have seen in many green-houses and gardens in this city. With us it is an intolerable nuisance, and one would as soon think of cultivating a particularly active set of fleas and mosquitoes. But the cactus has one virtue that would be highly appreciated if known in this city, where the water is more in need of a bath than the dirtiest inhabitant. When split open the cactus is far better than any filter for clearing and settling water. A single blade will make twenty gallons of Mississippi water as clear as crystal, and will leave no unpleasant taste as a reminder of its use. As an antiscorbutic it is also most effective, and is freely used on the plains for this purpose. The cactus is, therefore, not without its value, but as an ornamental shrub it appears to me to be a complete failure.—*John Bostwick in Globe-Democrat.*

Colonel G. A. Karweise, a civil engineer of large experience, and representing a considerable amount of capital, is in Pensacola for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of establishing a large plant for building iron ships there, and also for the manufacturing of machinery, putting in dry docks, etc.—*Florida Dispatch.*

THE PIONEER STORE

—[IN]—

WINTER PARK,

A. H. PAUL, PROPRIETOR.

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Winter Park and vicinity, that he has bought of Mr. J. R. Ergood his stock of

GROCERIES AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

and will aim to keep up the reputation of the store, by keeping a

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Office at Winter Park with Chas. J. Ladd.

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as second class mail matter.**WINTER PARK, AUG. 12, 1887.**

WE ARE obliged to appear on slightly thinner paper than usual this week, as a new lot on the way failed to reach us in time.

KEEP that incorporation business stirred up, and be sure that the doubtful ones fully understand the very small rate at which the property in Winter Park will have to be taxed to secure the benefits of law and order, and to make it somebody's business to look after things and see that they are done right.

WHAT is everybody's business is nobody's business, and is never done. We all want our streets kept in order and improved; we all want our property protected; we all want the tramps, dead-beats and bummers to understand that there is somebody ready to take care of them if they visit our town. Let each of us make a mental estimate of the property in town, and see what percentage of the cost of what we want will fall to us to pay. With very few exceptions it will be found that those who will have the the heaviest part of the burden are the most active promoters of incorporation.

WE acknowledge the receipt of the *Kaaterskill*, a handsome quarto of twelve pages the size of our own, with cover, printed at the Hotel Kaaterskill, in the Catskill Mts., New York. It is a model of typography, and well filled with the doings of the guests; and other light matter in keeping with the temper of people on a summer holiday there. No doubt they all want it as a souvenir of their visit, and to send away to let their friends know what they are doing, and the pleasures pro-

vided for them at that delightful resort by Manager Paige, who in a few months will be again doing the same genial service for the guests of our own Seminole.

THE yellow fever at Key West has been a rather doubtful sort of terror all through, hardly rising to the dignity of a full-fledged contagion. It seems to present more of the characteristics of a local epidemic, similar to those of typhoid fever which often arise from similar causes in more northern cities. The warmer climate caused the fever to develop some of the symptoms of yellow fever, but neither the number of cases, nor the ratio of mortality has been at any time greater than often occurs in epidemics of typhoid fever, and there has been no greater evidence of the spread of the disease by contagion.

ALREADY a few of the summer wanderers are beginning to return, and in most cases express themselves as glad to get back to the balmy breezes of Florida, which refresh without chilling, and our glorious summer weather, which is warm but not oppressive, and does not keep us in constant fear of a sudden drop below the overcoat mark. Many have left Florida this summer to find a hotter and in every way less comfortable summer in more northern latitudes, and to find the expected recuperation only after returning here. A visit to our own sea-shore resorts would often have served their purpose better, with pecuniary saving to themselves and the state.

A word to certain delegates from Hannibal Square: There is no disposition to slight anybody, nor to manage the town affairs to anybody's hurt or disadvantage, but your attention is called to the consideration that the government of the town is simply a matter of business. There are certain things that all towns must do, and these are to be paid for. It is right and just that those who contribute the money should have the largest vote in saying how it shall be spent. A reasonable representation of all parts of the community is expected and desired, so that none may be overlooked through having no one to speak for them, but something more than mere numbers must be consid-

ered, and a peaceful and mutually satisfactory adjustment and smooth running of town affairs cannot be expected unless all agree to what is fair and just. Otherwise there must be continual misunderstandings, disputes and underhanded attempts to secure the advantage, and consequent ill-feeling and distrust. Consider who is likely to suffer most by such a state of things, and act accordingly.

GO TO HALIFAX.

Mr. W. G. Wright, the manager of the Halifax excursions, informs us that better arrangements have been made than ever before for the pleasure and amusement of his next excursion party to Halifax Beach. We think from the letter of appreciation printed below that any one fortunate enough to be a member of the coming excursion, will be assured of good treatment and a pleasant time.

The following is the letter, which bears the signatures of many citizens well known in this community:

WHEREAS, We have enjoyed the hospitalities of Messrs. Wright, Anderson and Bostrom on our excursion to the far-famed Halifax Beach, during which we have been royally treated by the said gentlemen and others; therefore

Resolved, That we return to these gentlemen our heartiest thanks; that we recommend them to everybody as first-class gentlemen, and the enterprise in which they are engaged as all that is claimed for it and more.

In freedom from insects, delightful air, and suitability as a summer resort, we can truly say the superior of Halifax Beach does not exist.

To the people of Ormond who so kindly tendered us their entertainment, we are grateful, and in fact the excursion from its inception to its close was a full, unqualified success.

E. P. Hooker, Pres., Winter Park.
Philip Isaacs, Sec'y, Sorrento, Fla.
R. T. Hall, Tavares, Fla.
J. R. Mizell, Winter Park, Fla.
R. R. Thayer, Winter Park, Fla.
Henry S. Chubb, Winter Park.
G. A. Ginn, Paola, Fla.
E. F. Sperry, Orlando, Fla.
C. E. Johnson, Orlando, Fla.
S. S. Capen, Winter Park, Fla.
J. S. Capen, Winter Park, Fla.

Jottings.

Go to Halifax August 15th. †

Sea beans, shells and surf at Halifax. †

Mrs. Spring and Miss M. E. Spring are visiting "Cape Cod Folks" this month.

Robert H. Wolfe is spending a well earned vacation at his home, Cureton's Store, S. C.

Clams, fish and chowder at Halifax. †
Winter Park to Halifax and return
\$4.50.

Mr. Jno. R. Ergood, left for the North on business, Aug. 8. Mrs. Ergood will accompany him on his return.

Messrs. Moyers & Middaugh have a large stock of mouldings in the old grain warehouse on West Park Ave.

The responsible position of cook at Griffiths' restaurant is well filled by Miss Anell, a young lady of experience and ability.

Wadsworth R. Smith, Esq., agent of Lieut. G. L. Dyer's grove, leaves for Washington, D. C. to-day on a vacation of six or eight weeks.

Judge J. F. Welborne left for his long anticipated visit to New York; on the 5th inst. Business engagements will soon bring him back to us.

Mr. Dunkel has sold out his interest in the billiard room to W. T. Rutland, who will have exclusive control of the business until Mr. Kleinmer's return.

As it is a proverbial trait of human nature to "rob Peter to pay Paul," it is suggested that our popular merchant of the latter name stands a good chance for success.

Holden Bros. have been shipping orange buds in large quantities all of last month; to Lakeland, enough, one would think; to bud all the trees in that part of the country.

S. P. Butler has returned from his visit to his family. The floods made "Marching Through Georgia" a difficult task. Was it three, or four, rivers he had to swim to get to the depot?

People complain of dull times, and about the town the business is quiet, but the buzz of the planer far into the night is a constant reminder that Wilkes & Co. are having about all they can do with lumber orders.

Where is the Town Improvement Association? Early in the spring we were assured on the authority of that veracious sheet, the New Age, that in June work would be begun on a section of the public park, and that it would be ornamented with trees and shrubbery. June and July are gone, August is here and nothing done yet. Wake up, ye slumberers!

Rev. F. B. Carpenter preached at All Saints' Episcopal Church last Sunday evening for the last time before his departure for the North. The subject of his discourse was "The Transfiguration," and the lessons drawn were practical and helpful. Rev. Mr. Bates will read Evening Prayer next Sunday at half past five, and this service with sermon will be held until further notice, each Sunday.

Letters from H. G. Davies the past week indicate a little more charitable feeling towards Florida than when he went away in the spring. He tells the same story as all the rest. The summer in New Hampshire has been exceptionally hot. Hasn't suffered as much from heat in all the years he was in Florida, as he has this summer. We shall be glad to see you back, Harry, and all will be forgiven.

All aboard for Halifax August 15th. †
H. P. Scharringhausen, Chautauqua, Chautauqua Co., New York.

Another little girl that came to town last week will soon be calling Reuben Thomas papa.

A Laundry will be opened the latter part of this month in the building formerly known as Quincy Market, on the Boulevard.

"Show thyself a man!" was the text of an interesting and instructive discourse preached by Rev. Mr. Partridge at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning. This was the first of a series by visiting clergymen during the vacation of Dr. Hooker.

As a party of Winter Park young men were returning from Orlando early Tuesday morning they discovered a complete set of fine surgical instruments scattered along the railroad track. Search resulted in the finding of a satchel burst open and ruined, and the instruments were also probably rendered useless. The name of Dr. W. P. Lawrence of Orlando was on the satchel, and it will be a serious loss to him.

The ingenuity exercised in devising imaginary schemes and concocting improbable stories about the new incorporation would bring renown to the most fanciful romancer of the new school. A report that the name of Winter Park was to be changed to Osceola was so quickly accepted by a company talking about town matters lately, that the inventor took special care to acknowledge the error before the party separated. About this time, while keeping your ears open, be sure to keep cool, and believe about one-tenth of what you hear.

A DRAMATIC EVENT.

Scene—Tetley Place, a charming retreat on the shore of Lake Maitland, the residence of John Carville Stovin, Esq., Notary Public for the State of Florida at large. Time—An evening in August.

Dramatis Personæ—Esquire Stovin and family, agent Smith, an unknown person of a sable complexion, dogs, etc.

For a long while there had been mysterious happenings about Tetley. Petty pilfering had become so common as to be almost unbearable. Chickens and turkeys disappeared and the food in the granary was frequently taken. The recent capture of a wild cat did not remedy matters. Footprints were noticed in the sand about the house, and on one occasion a blank cartridge was fired at a loafer on the premises. Lately, the grain began to disappear so rapidly from the store room, that it could no longer be borne, and it was decided to make a determined effort to discover the thief. Consultation resulted in a scheme of alternate watching in the cowshed by Messrs. Stovin and Smith.

Event—It was the evening of August 3, clear and pleasant. The moon, just rising, faintly lighted the orange grove. All was still save the baying of the ghost of the old yellow hound at the house. At the shed lay Mr. Smith, holding the fort, entrenched behind bales of hay and bags of grain, with an ample supply of arms

and ammunition, watching and waiting. Unsuspectingly but cautiously a form stole through the groves of orange and lemon, looking about as if fearing a possible snare. Unseen by the guard inside he approached the door, the creaking of a hinge was the fatal moment for him. Opening the door, he received a charge of shot in his legs, and with a howl of terror and pain, he ran from the place with all possible speed, closely pursued by Smith and the others from the house, who had rushed out immediately at the sound of the gun. Going directly for a wire fence he tore the strands from their fastenings and reaching a boat lying at the edge of the hammock, escaped by just one fortunate moment.

Query—Who is the nigger? Squire Stovin will not be troubled by petty pilferers again very soon.

Notice of Incorporation of the Town of Winter Park.

Under and by virtue of the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida regarding the incorporation of cities and towns, we the undersigned registered voters within the metes and bounds hereinafter described, hereby give notice that it is our intention to incorporate said district into the Town of Winter Park, and that a meeting for the purpose of organizing a municipal government and electing officers will be held at Ergood's Hall, on Saturday, Sept. 16, 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Metes and bounds described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the north-east corner of Section one (1), Township twenty-two (22) south, Range twenty-nine (29) east, and running west along Township line to the first quarter-section corner, thence south two and one-quarter (2 1/4) miles to the south-west corner of the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter of Section thirteen (13), Township twenty-two (22) south, Range twenty-nine (29) east, thence east two and three-quarters (2 3/4) miles to the south-east corner of the north-west quarter of the north-west quarter of Section sixteen (16), Township twenty-two (22) south, Range thirty (30) east, thence north two and one-quarter (2 1/4) miles, more or less, to the Township line, thence west sixteen (16) chains, more or less, along said township line to the south-east corner of Section thirty-two (32) Township twenty-one (21) south, Range thirty (30) east, thence north one-half (1/2) mile along east boundary of said section to the quarter section corner, thence west two (2) miles to Range line, thence south along said Range line one-half (1/2) mile, more or less, to point of beginning, containing forty-six hundred (4600) acres, more or less.

W. S. Lane	M. Abbott
L. H. Dunkel	J. H. Ford
Alexander Earl	Charles Clark
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Charles J. Ladd	William Wilson
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B. C. Rackliff	E. L. Maxson
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J. C. Smith	C. F. Avriett
Jno. M. Hunter	R. J. D. Larrabee
Thos. W. Griffiths	B. F. Moses
Dock Clark	T. B. Wilson
Walter Simpson	G. C. Henderson
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Nathan Barrows	J. L. McLaughlin
B. L. Clark	W. M. Baxter
J. H. Lamay	Wm. A. Guild
Henry S. Chubb	John R. Mizell
J. S. Bethune	W. S. Stranghter

R. Thomas
Robert Ruffin, his x mark
G. W. Washington, his x mark
Richard Redmond, his x mark
Samuel Wilson, his x mark

C. J. Ladd,
witness to
mark

Winter Park, Aug. 1st, 1887. G-1m

Successful Cold Storage.*From the Florida Dispatch:*

I was much interested in the "cold storage" question, so ably set forth in the July 4th number of your paper. That it will play an important part in the marketing of our perishable fruits, no one who has given the matter consideration can deny.

Having some five thousand orange trees, many of which are now bearing, and all should be in a year or two, I have been giving thought to cold storage as one of the most promising methods of carrying our fruit beyond the season of glut, so as to get a profit rather than loss. While on my grove at Altamonte, Orange county, last April, I shipped to Boston some oranges and grape fruit, and gave orders that one box of each be sent to a cold storage warehouse. The fruit was picked the first day of April. The first shipment reached Boston April 13, and one box of each went into the warehouse that day. On June 23 I took out the box of oranges, and found nineteen that were more or less decayed. The balance were plump and apparently as good as when they went in.

Yesterday, just three months after they went into the cold storage, I withdrew the box of grape fruit. To my surprise, not a decayed one in the whole box. They were smooth and plump and full of juice. These were grown on pine land, which had something to do with their keeping so well. From my experience I do not hesitate to say we can carry our orange crop past the glut season, and I expect to have grape fruit another year until September 1st.

In the room in which the fruit was kept the temperature was uniformly kept at forty to forty-two. I am ready to co-operate with other growers in Orange county and erect a cold storage warehouse, and also take steps to provide refrigerator cars. Why can not our Florida Fruit Exchange move in this matter? GEO. FROST.

Boston, July 13, 1887.

Brown Reins or Saddle Leather.

Unstained leather may be colored a fine chestnut brown by treating it daily for a week or more with a solution of pine and alder barks. The bark is leached with rain water, using, by bulk, ten times as much water as ground bark, returning the water to the leach until all the coloring matter is extracted from the bark. The leather is then laid into the water, and allowed to remain until wet, then hung up to dry. By repeating the process three or four times, a fine color is secured.

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We find the following interesting letter from an old resident of Putnam county, in the New York *Weekly Witness*, and we are sure it will be read with pleasure by many who are thinking of this sunny land as their future home:

My attention was attracted by the article in the *Witness* of May 11th, on "Climate in North America." As the writer desires to hear of a place "Not only pleasant in winter, but fairly so in summer," I am inclined to write and tell him and others where it certainly can be found. In this letter I do not write for the benefit of pleasure seekers. They are at liberty to go where fancy leads and their bank account permits. But I write for the numerous class mentioned by my Canadian friend, "who would be benefited by a change of climate, especially from a cold to a warmer." The poor invalid does indeed need a place where he can remain and make a home. Too often it is expected that a change of residence for a month or two will bring back the health which is sought so eagerly. Disease has been quietly but surely stealing upon him and gradually undermining his constitution. He awakens to the fact, or his physician is desirous of getting him off his hands. California or Florida is prescribed. Business perhaps, permits an absence of only one or two months, and yet, if not entirely cured, the invalid goes back home, perhaps, anathematizing the climate from which he has hoped so much, and looking upon the whole thing as a fraud. Would it not be a wonderful climate that could infallibly cure an invalid in so short a time? And yet in truth the climate of Florida often does cure so much in a short time. But to secure the full advantage of such a change of climate, the invalid should go with the intention of remaining more or less permanently, thus giving the climate a fair and generous test.

Of California, I do not consider myself competent to write, knowing nothing of its climate and productions only through others who have been there, or through what I may have read. Of Florida, I think I do know something. Surely with a continuous residence of nineteen years, I may be pardoned for saying so.

While I can still look with pride to Ohio, my native State, I think I have very thoroughly adopted Florida as my home, and when I read that which is misleading about it, or a misstate-

ment of facts, I always wish to lift up my voice in protest and vindication.

Of the climate of Florida there is but one opinion. It is incomparable. Had Dr. Mackinnon sent his patient to Florida in place of California, he would not have complained of the wet season, as with us winter is the dry season; there being rain enough, however, for the cultivation of crops. But the real rainy season comes just when it is needed—during the hot weather in summer. How it refreshes everything, and how it makes plant-life grow and luxuriate! This fact alone—of the rainy season coming in summer—is of itself proof of Florida's superior climate.

To the invalids "who would like to hear of a place that is not only pleasant in winter, but fairly so in summer," I can conscientiously and emphatically say, you can fully find it in Florida, where the summers are not only fairly pleasant, but thoroughly and unexceptionally so. And you will find this statement reiterated by hundreds and hundreds of people from the North who are making Florida their permanent home.

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