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No. 15.

## ONLY A FARMER'S GIRL.

[NEW YORK WITNESS.]

I am only a farmer's girl;  
John is only a farmer's lad;  
But somehow, when we chance to meet,  
The very sound of his coming feet  
Can make my heart so glad  
That up to my cheek the warm blush flies,  
And he reads his welcome in my eyes.

I am only a farmer's girl;  
Master Tom is the 'Squire's son;  
But, strange to tell, his feet this way  
Turn often toward the close of day,  
And after the chores are done,  
When John (he passes the meadow gate)  
Gives me a scowl, and—will not wait.

I am only a farmer's girl,  
So what can the 'Squire want of me?  
My heart is John's; John knows it well;  
But it isn't for me the truth to tell  
So bashful a lad as he!  
So the 'Squire may come and the 'Squire  
may go,  
But all the answer he'll get is "No!"

The 'Squire praises my hair and eyes;  
The 'Squire says I'm a lady born.  
What care I for his foolish speech?  
'Tis John's voice only my heart can teach  
To sing like a bird at morn;  
But John is a jealous, foolish boy,  
And my days are shorn of half their joy.

O! I am only a farmer's girl,  
And John is only a farmer's lad,  
But I'd rather be in his humble life  
Than be a "lady" as 'Squire's wife,  
With a restless heart and sad!  
But John—so bashful a boy is he!—  
Is a long while asking my heart of me.

## THE "SPANISH MAGUEY."

Mr. D. P. Burdon, the inventor of the new fibre machine, speaks of this plant as follows:

The Maguey plant is a native of the island of Cuba and of Mexico. Its name in both these countries is "*Maguey Español*"—"Spanish Maguey."

It is a perennial, and propagates itself by shoots from the bulb, springing up around the parent plant to the number of about twenty-five every year for four years. Then the center stalk shoots upward to some twenty-five feet, producing a great number of

white flowers, the stem appearing like the mast of a vessel about six inches in diameter.

Its entire length is covered with shoots when it ripens, and when it reaches full maturity it falls to the ground to renew itself by these suckers or shoots taking root and springing up as new plants, thus propagating its kind one hundred times more than in the way mentioned already. Its roots are nothing more than soft fibres or tendrils; it is consequently essentially an air plant, living and growing by the condensation of the moisture of the atmosphere or dews that fall. It is a plant that never dies, and thrives even on the poorest soils. The ordinary frosts that would kill all orange trees do not harm it; it needs no care or cultivation, and flourishes without fertilization. Cattle will not destroy it—grubs and insects will not touch it.

This plant is the second in its family, of which there are five grades or species, all looking alike and growing, blooming and propagating the same way—only one after the other becomes more diminutive in size and in the height of the stem.

The "Spanish Maguey" must not be confounded with the century plant or the Mexican agave, for these, although of the same family, differ very materially from the Maguey plant, and those of the Maguey family. The first of the series of the Maguey plant is the Sisal hemp, which is largely grown near Sisal, in Yucatan, and is extensively exported to England and the United States. Mexico furnishes large quantities of the Maguey fibre to the United States, but Maguey as grown in Cuba and Mexico (these countries being more tropical and the dew heavier) furnishes a much coarser and longer, though not so strong a fibre as that grown in less tropical countries, such as Florida. Here, while its growth is less spontaneous and luxuriant, the fibre yielded is finer and stronger. Here, while the product of leaves may reach upwards of sixty tons per acre, in Cuba and Mexico it may reach

seventy-five, and even eighty tons per acre.

The Sisal hemp, as grown in Yucatan, is from four to five feet in length, but coarse and unpliant. It is the first of the family of the Maguey species.

From long experience with the Maguey plant during my residence in Cuba, I am prepared to say, with confidence, that it and all its branches are well adapted to successful cultivation in Florida, and that the introduction of the fibre industry here, with them as a basis, will prove of incalculable benefit not only in the utilization of thousands of acres of land that are useless for all other agricultural purposes, but in drawing to our State thousands of industrious German and other farmers.

There are many other fibre plants, both in Cuba and Mexico, that may be profitably grown and manufactured in Florida, of these is the Pita grass. This grass grows in great bunches or clumps, about from six to ten feet apart, and reaching a height of five to six feet. It has a blade about half an inch wide, and its fibre like that of the Maguey plant, grows in a watery bed of pulp. Its leaves or blades are fringed with long, fine, sharp—needles about the size of an ordinary sewing needle, and its fiber is as white as snow and as fine as the finest flax or linen material. Pita grass is a very hardy fiber plant and will grow well here. There is no machinery for the extraction of its fiber in the countries where it grows; all the fiber utilized is obtained by hand labor.

My recently patented machinery alone is adapted to the rapid extraction of these pulp fibers.

These pulp fibers are all of an independent nature, growing singly and separately in their watery beds contained within the leaf, and are not to be confounded with the bark fibers of hemp, jute, flax, ramie, etc. These latter have to undergo the process of rotting by exposure to the action of water and air so as to destroy the



woody body that the fiber bark clings to. This process of rotting mildews and decolorizes the fiber so that it has to undergo the bleaching process of strong alkalis to restore its whiteness, all of which it is needless to say impairs the quality of the material. Moreover, the bark has to undergo the mechanical process of "hatching" and "combing" to make it fit for market, and all these details involve expense and delay.

These objections do not apply to the fiber plants the production of which in Florida I so earnestly recommend. They require no other manipulation than the action of the machine to bring out their abundant yield, as white as snow, after a comfortable bath in pure water.

To illustrate the money value to the grower and to the manufacturer, of an acre of Maguey, I present the following facts and figures:

One acre of land embraces 4,840 square yards, and will conveniently accommodate that many plants. For convenience in calculation, say 5,000 plants on the acre. Each plant will yield 25 pounds and upwards of leaves per annum. 5,000 plants, 25 pounds per plant, yield per annum 125,000 pounds. Allow grower one-quarter cent per pound and he has \$312.50, or \$5 per ton for his raw leaves. 125,000 pounds of leaves will yield of fiber, 25,000 pounds or twelve and a half tons per acre. Allow 2 cents a pound for extracting 25,000 pounds of fiber, \$500.—*Florida Dispatch.*

#### We Should Raise Our Own Beef.

With an unlimited range of pasture in the flat woods where cattle can be raised without any other care than keeping them together and branding or marking them, why is it that we depend upon Armour or some other Chicago man for beef? and beef at such an enormous price as to put it beyond the reach of many. Twenty-five cents per pound for steak should be a fortune to our meat men. Experiments have demonstrated that an excellent quality of beef can be raised here in Florida with as little expense or even less than anywhere else. Even if no effort is made to improve the native stock they can be as readily fattened for the market, made as tender and good, in

fact far more so than the stale, flavorless Chicago beef, imported in close cars and sold on its fine appearance for twice what it should be worth. Cassava, potatoes, maize, guinea corn, etc., can be abundantly and cheaply raised for stall feeding and it only needs a man of energy, sense and experience in cattle raising and feeding to make a fortune in that line here at far less than the extortionate prices now charged.—*Halifax Journal.*

Sumter county is to have the largest orange grove in the State. Messrs. King & Co., owners of the Monarch orange and lemon grove, located between Sumterville and Wildwood, will plant 800 acres in orange and lemon trees, including what they already have out.

The Carpenter property, situated about a mile north of Orlando, was recently sold to Mr. Cone, of Baltimore, the consideration being \$7,000. A little over three years ago the same property sold for \$3,000.

Robert James, of Emporia, has realized over \$100 this spring from one-eighth of an acre of strawberries, and he is still selling.

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### Russian Freedom of Opinion.

From George Kennan's paper on "The Russian Penal Code," in the April Century, we quote as follows: "It is hard for an American to realize a state of affairs in which the public expression of a judgment or an opinion with regard to Governmental action is 'unpermitted,' and in which it is more or less hazardous for a dozen law-abiding citizens to meet at regular intervals in a private house for the discussion of public questions. Section 320 of Title IV. declares that 'Persons guilty of belonging to a society which employs any means whatever to conceal from the Government its existence, its nature, or its aims, or to keep secret its meetings, the subject of its deliberations, or the relations between its members, or a society which secretly disseminates any doctrines whatever, shall be imprisoned in a fortress for not less than four nor more than eight months, or in a prison for not less than one nor more than three weeks, according to the circumstances of the case.'"

"Of course, persons who meet regularly for any purpose in a private house render themselves liable to an accusation based upon this section. As soon as their meetings attract the attention of the secret police, they are made the subject of an official examination, which almost always leads to consequences more or less unpleasant for the participants. I know a group of gentlemen in St. Petersburg who meet at stated intervals for the discussion of public affairs, and who, although they are neither conspirators nor revolutionists, spend the evening in making a pretense of gambling, in order that neither the servants nor the police may suspect them of secret machinations. In the eyes of the Government a club of gamblers is a safe and innocent organization, but a private debating society is a dangerous menace to social order and to the rights and privileges of the Supreme Authority."

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**WINTER PARK, APR. 13, 1888.**

We frequently hear much said about the desirability of canning factories in Florida, and no doubt they might do very well, but for our part the evaporator bids fair to drive the tin can out of the market. It preserves the flavor of the fruit better, first because it is not cooked, and second, because it is not exposed to the tin and lead of the can, which in time will spoil the flavor of any fruit. There are many fruits upon which we should like to see the evaporator tried. We have a very strong impression that even the tomato, which the tin can has so long claimed for its own before almost everything else, will be found amenable to treatment in the evaporator, with a great improvement in the quality and lowering in the price of the product, since we shall not have to pay for the cans nor for the transportation of nine-tenths of the present weight in the shape of water, which can just as well be supplied when the fruit is prepared for the table. We shall be surprised too, if our guavas are not eventually found well suited for evaporation, with consequent great extension of their market, since they cannot be transported fresh to any considerable distance. Peaches, which are rapidly becoming an important crop, are well known to be good for evaporation, while according to accounts from Japan, the Japanese persimmons, which are also becoming a staple crop,

are much used in their native country in the dried state, in fact some varieties are said to be unfit for use in any other way. Another consideration is that many fruits cannot be canned without the use of a large quantity of sugar, which is not only expensive, but renders the fruit insipid and far less wholesome, especially in a climate where carbonaceous food is comparatively needed or desired. For family purposes evaporating is far easier, less expensive and more desirable than preserving and canning, and we hope to see its use largely extended in that way as well as in commercial works on a large scale.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.**

At a meeting of the Winter Park Company, held March 31st, 1888, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, A. W. Rollins, Esq., who was one of the original stockholders and Directors in the Winter Park Company as at present organized, has been removed from among us by death during the past year; therefore *Resolved*:

FIRST. That we recognize and honor him as one of the friends and leading benefactors of Winter Park and of Florida. His affectionate interest in this place, his constant thoughtfulness for its welfare, his labors and counsels in its behalf, especially his conspicuous part in the founding of Rollins College, deserve and receive our sincere honor and abiding gratitude. His name is deservedly associated with all that Winter Park shall become and with the best interests of this Southern portion of our country.

SECOND. That we record our sense of personal loss in this early removal from among us of our honored associate and personal friend. We miss his counsels and all his helpfulness in our work. But even more we miss and mourn the man and the friend.

THIRD. That we express our sincere and deep sympathy with Mrs. Rollins and all the circle of relatives in their loss, finding comfort for them and for ourselves in the life of Christian service that has been lived, in all the treasured associations of the past, in the assured rewards into which we believe he has entered, and in the good hope of reunion with him in the life immortal.

FOURTH. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Rollins and that they be made a part of the permanent record of the Winter Park Company.

E. P. HOOKER, *Committee.*  
 WM. C. COMSTOCK.

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Tatum, M. D., who was one of the original stockholders in the Winter Park Company, as at present constituted, and one of the early residents of

the place, has been removed from among us by death during the past year, therefore *Resolved*:

FIRST. That, with the multitudes whom he has elsewhere so ably and faithfully served as a physician and by whom he has been beloved, we first of all make record of his successful professional career and of the loss the community has sustained in his removal from among us. He was a man of unflagging devotion to his calling. In great feebleness he could not disregard the call of suffering.

SECOND. That we express our appreciation of the deep interest he always felt in the growth and welfare of Winter Park. He was an earnest advocate of progress, good order and morality. The most earnest words some of us have ever heard him speak were in the interest of the moral order and welfare of the place.

THIRD. That we convey our heartfelt sympathy to the family bereaved of husband and father, and that we address ourselves the more earnestly to the heroic discharge of our duties, in memory of his service in bodily infirmity, and that we anticipate cheerfully the reward into which we trust he has entered.

FOURTH. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Tatum, and that they be made a part of the permanent record of the Winter Park Company.

*For the Committee,*

E. P. HOOKER,  
 WM. C. COMSTOCK.

**JOTTINGS.**

Mrs. A. W. Rollins left after a very brief stay for her home in Chicago on the 6th.

Mr. F. W. Lyman will build on his charming site on the Boulevard and Lake Osceola.

A. M. Hyer is making arrangements to have one of the finest liveryies in the South here next winter.

Col. J. R. Campbell and wife of the St. James, at Jacksonville, were here visiting last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Forbes.

Mr. M. T. King has decided to build on his fine grove lots on Interlachen avenue. Judging from his plans the house will be a beauty.

Mr. Parker's grocery is certainly a neat, cosy place, and from its attractiveness will doubtless secure a good trade and pay its owner.

Rev. Dr. Talbott left on the 12th for his northern home, expecting to return in the fall and resume charge of All Saints' Church.

Henry S. Chubb, after a winter of hard and successful work for the Winter Park Co., has resumed his position as manager for Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

Mrs. L. W. Capen, Mrs. H. E. Allin and Miss Eugenia Allin, left for their home in Bloomington, Ill., on the 6th, via St. Augustine and the Sub-tropical.

Mrs. Geo. W. Godfrey has gone to her home in Rochester, N. Y. She will probably build and make her home, in future, on her pretty lots on Lyman avenue.



Gilbert Hart and family left for their elegant home in Detroit on the 10th. Their lovely Osceola cottage will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Etter during the summer.

Miss McElhinney left suddenly on the 10th, called home by the illness of her sister. We all hope to see her back next fall as her work in the Kindergarten has been very successful and she has made hosts of friends.

The Seminole is left in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dorn for the summer and the machinery in charge of Mr. Aleott all of which is proof positive that they will be well attended to and found in fine condition next fall.

Mr. Loring A. Chase left last week for Chicago via Thomasville, New Orleans, etc. It will be a pleasure for all to know that Mr. C. will return next winter for our place would be "Hamlet Hamletless" without his presence.

Col. Franklin Fairbanks and Mr. C. H. Morse with their families left last Friday for their homes. They will linger along the way in the Carolinas. They both think of building on their elegant Osceola lots during the summer.

John R. Ergood has decided to go out of the grocery business, and will fit that room and the upper floors of the whole block up for a neat, comfortable family hotel. It is just what is needed here and we think will pay from the start.

The most indefatigable worker it has ever been our pleasure to meet is Mr. C. H. Hutchins of Worcester. He came here to attend the meetings of the Winter Park Company Directors, pushed the work through, closed up the business for the year, arranged matters for the coming year and left before some of us could get our breath. As a business man to look after the vast interests of Mr. Knowles both here and in the North, he certainly is the right man in the right place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Knowles left last Monday. They go from here to Camden, S. C., where they stop at Hobkirk Inn for a short stay for rest and recreation. Winter Park is certainly indebted to them for a winter of ceaseless work for its benefit. We think that nobody came here that did not receive a pleasant word from them and an effort to interest them in Winter Park and make them feel that they were among friends. The fact is that while they have large interests here, their pride in the place and its success has a mightier influence than the money consideration and we should all feel glad that we have such powerful friends working in our behalf.

It's not a minute too early to begin figuring on what we need, ought to have and what will pay for the coming season. Let's see—*First*: Another large hotel at \$4.00 per day. *Second*: A large \$2.50 per day house. *Third*: A dairy. *Fourth*: A good stock of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods. *Fifth*: Lots and lots more vegetables and berries. *Sixth*: More boats to let. *Seventh*: A small private loan bank. *Eighth*: More pleasure arrangements of all kinds. *Ninth*: Roses, pansies, and all sorts of flowers in endless quantities. *Tenth*: Anything else

that a person can think of for the use and entertainment of 2000 people who come here to be entertained and are willing to pay a reasonable price for anything diverting that is respectable and inviting.

The Seminole, after one of the most successful seasons that any hotel of its size ever knew, was closed after breakfast on the 5th. The work of arranging for the summer was energetically commenced at once by Messrs. Forbes and Paige and all concluded by the 12th. Mr. Paige and family left on the 11th to begin work at once for the season at the Kaaterskill, and Mr. Forbes and family left on the 12th. Mr. Forbes will go to Boston to receive treatment for his catarrhal difficulty which has been very severe the past winter. He has made no plans for the summer, so we understand, pending this treatment. Mr. Riggs, the courteous gentleman who presided at the counter, left on the 11th for Old Point Comfort. Col. and Mrs. Campbell will visit a short time here with their friends, the Peckhams, and then go to the Kaaterskill. This closes one of the liveliest and pleasantest seasons that it has been our privilege to have witnessed and to one and all we wish to say your courtesies and kindness will not be forgotten and wherever your walks in life may take you there will be a warm place in Lochmede's heart for you.

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Samples of the Maguey fiber, which have been without any chemical or other preparation passed through Burdon's fiber mill, are four feet in length, as bright and clean as pure flax or hemp, and as strong. The plant from which this remarkable fiber was taken was three years old, and grown by Mr. Burdon at Sanford, Fla.

Two tons of Yucca pulp are daily worked up in the Mohave desert and sent to the paper mills near San Jose, where it is converted into manilla wrapping paper. About twenty men are employed in the manufacture of the pulp. Ere long the manufacture of printing paper and note paper will be commenced, and it is safe to prophesy that soon the manufactures from this plant will afford employment for thousands of men. The supply of material is unlimited. *Sacramento Bee.*

With proper care, from \$900 to \$1,000 per acre can be made clear of all expenses right here in Baker county raising onions. It requires some capital to buy seed for an acre of onions, but the man who can buy the seed and give an acre proper care is sure of the above amount net. We have made the estimate on a basis of one-tenth of an acre, and made due allowance for shortage on increased area. A gentleman writing from Georgia says he made, above all expenses, last year \$1,100 off of less than one acre in the "Silver Skin" onion. *Baker County Sentinel.*

The Florida Floral Perfumery Company has nineteen acres of tuberose in Fairfield and San Mateo, and expects to plant nearly two acres more. Prof. Moulie, the manager of the company, says that Florida is far ahead of Southern France, where the flowers are raised extensively by irrigating at a great expense. He asserts that he has known flowers from one acre of land to sell for two thousand dollars in one season. The expense of planting one acre is less than the cost of planting strawberries, the expense of caring for them is not half as much, and the income fourfold greater.

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"The bottom appears to be dropping out of the Southern California boom. Neither immigrants nor tourists are going there in such numbers this winter as they did last. Florida is the State towards which the faces of tourists are turned this winter. The number of her visitors thus far this year is greater than that of any previous year, and there is no doubt that it will continue to increase each year. Her attractions as a winter resort are greater than those of any other State, and the appreciation of them is steadily growing. Florida, and all the coast country of Georgia, South and North Carolina are bound in the course of years to become thickly covered with gardens, from which the supply of early fruits and vegetables and oranges for the great Northern cities will be drawn. Fast trains and swift steamers have brought New York and this part of the South in such close connection that the best products of Southern orchards and farms can be put into Northern and Western cities without losing their freshness. These cities are now the markets of this part of the South, and as they are growing markets there is no reason to fear that the supply will exceed the demand, however great the supply may be. Now is the time for the young men of the North to seek homes in this part of the South. Lands are cheap, but they will not be so long. The demand for them is pushing the price of them up. It will not be long before they will command as much as the lands of the truck farmers of New Jersey. What inducements are there for New Englanders and Middle States people to seek homes in either drought-cursed Arizona and California, or blizzard-killing Montana and Dakota? In Southern Georgia and in Florida they can find all the conditions that are necessary to secure health, happiness and comfortable homes. If they are wise they will seek the South, not the West.—*Savannah News.*

George F. Smith, of Daytona, last week shipped the first orange and lemon buds from the Halifax to Italy for budding purposes. The shipment is a result of a conclusion that the Halifax coast oranges exceed the Italian in quality.

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