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No. 25.

LITTLE THINGS.

We call him strong who stands unmoved—
Calm as some tempest-beaten rock—
When some great trouble hurls its shock:
We say of him, his strength is proved.
But when the spent storm folds its wings,
How bears he then life's little things?
About his brow we twine our wreath
Who seeks the battle's thickest smoke,
Braves flashing gun and saber stroke,
And scoffs at danger, laughs at death;
We praise him till the whole land rings,
But is he brave in little things?
We call him great who does some deed
That echo bears from shore to shore—
Does that, and then does nothing more,
Yet would his work earn richer need,
When brought before the King of kings,
Were he but great in little things.

—Anon.

About Immigration.

To come right down to sober earnest and talk sense in this matter of increasing our population, there are one or two things which seem to us need be said in this matter. Though the resources of our State are not yet fully developed, they have already shown themselves to be wonderful. Florida is destined to take the lead, not only in raising oranges, but in the tobacco, sugar, cassava and other industries. So far so good. It is more than good; it is glorious. But there is another fact to be taken into consideration. Probably a large proportion of the Northerners who immigrate to Florida come from the towns and cities. They know next to nothing of even northern methods of farming, and less than nothing of southern ones, for what little knowledge they may happen to have counts all amiss. These men cannot at the first trial succeed with a grove. They cannot raise even a decent hill of sweet potatoes until they learn how. They sit down in their miserable little cabins, desolation all around them, eat their unwonted diet of hog and hominy, and bewail the ill chance that brought them to our State. It isn't the fault of the State. Our State is all right, as they will find out if they stay long enough, and it isn't

really their fault, for they have done the best they knew how. The trouble is, that we, in our over-anxiety for immigration, have unwittingly told the truth in such a way that it has had the effect of a misrepresentation.

Now, "what Florida wants more than all else is," not "an increase in its population," but something for this ever increasing population to do when it gets here. Let a man try his hand at an orange grove if he wants to, but when he gets tired or fails, there should be something else for him to do.

We want factories, and plenty of them. Why should we send north for our shoes, our tools, our furniture and the many other things which might be manufactured here? We need to decrease our imports and increase our exports, so that we may bring money in instead of sending it out. Every man who starts a factory here and gives employment to other men is a public benefactor. Let our immigration societies direct some of their efforts towards the establishment of great manufacturing enterprises in our State, and in a short time the people will need no urging to come here.

Let us get to details. First, we are shipping whole train loads of beef cattle, both north and to Cuba, and are importing every ounce of canned beef products, every hide of leather, every pair of shoes and every barrel of fertilizer that is consumed in this great State.

Second—While the Sub-Tropical Exposition has demonstrated that Florida has an ample supply and more beautiful varieties of native woods than any known country, except the valley of the Amazon, we are importing almost everything we use in the way of furniture.

Third—The great corn region of the West is supplying grain for all the starch and glucose used in this country, when Florida can produce cassava for a much better article at one-fourth the cost. This industry itself amounts to millions annually.

Fourth—We are growing fresh vege-

tables the year round, and living on canned abominations at an immense cost.

Fifth—Instead of keeping healthy on fresh cow's milk and butter, we are buying sweetened gruel in tin cans by the carload.

Sixth—We are bringing our paper and cordage from somewhere about the North Pole, and burning up to clear the ground of the best fibre for either that the world has any knowledge of.

We will continue the list when any one out of business wants a pointer.—
Bartow Informant.

The article which we print above concerning immigration, contains a great deal of truth on a very important subject. The experiment has been tried a great many times, by a great many different countries, of turning their whole attention to one industry or class of industries, and depending upon free trade with other countries to supply what was not produced at home, and every time it has resulted disastrously if given time enough to develop its full power of mischief. It is an old saying that you can't stop a round hole with a square plug, and it is equally foolish to expect all the people of a country to fit in the same class of pursuits, and make a success of them, to say nothing of the difficulty and loss incident to exchanges of products between places far distant from each other. When the Bartow editor has to pay a tax of ten or fifteen, or perhaps twenty per cent, in the shape of freight on his paper, he sighs for a paper mill nearer home, and enlarges upon the benefits to be derived from increased variety in the employment offered to our people. In this he is perfectly right. If we had all the manufacturing industries in the State which we might and ought to have there would be no trouble about getting people to come here. We should not every summer see good workmen stranded by the dullness of trade, and tramping it out of the State, to go home and tell

their neighbors that they could not make a living in Florida. We should have plenty of work for more people than we have here, and the news would soon spread that there was plenty of work to be had in Florida. Then we could not keep people out with a Chinese wall. That is the history of other parts of the country, and it will yet be ours. Only let it be known that there is a chance for a man to do well in whatever trade or business he may follow here, whether he happens to succeed at farming or not, and thousands of people, who now fear to risk everything on the success or failure of a business they know nothing about, will flock into the State at once. They are all ready and anxious to come, but they fear meeting just the fate that our Bartow contemporary sketches. They have no desire to find themselves at the end of the year with their money gone, their crops a failure, and no chance for work at their trades, as many have done before them, and it is the worst kind of imposture to hold out great promises to such people to induce them to come here. We have altogether too many of them already, and our communities as a whole are too young to be burdened with so many people who cannot support themselves. They are not paupers—oh, no—they are very respectable and honest people, whose very presence in the State at all proves their honorable ambition to make their own living. Because of their evident good character, and prompt payment as long as their money holds out, nobody hesitates to trust them with anything they want, and they go to the stores and run up accounts, as they have always done at home, not doubting their ability to pay, and fully intending to do so; but at last the time comes when they expected their crops to take the place of their now exhausted cash, the crops have not materialized, and they cannot pay their bills. They evidently mean to pay, and the merchant carries the account as long as he can afford it, and when, at last, he has to stop it, it is so large they cannot hope to catch up with it, and it never is paid. The merchant gets caught on one after another of such accounts, and presently he makes an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Is it any wonder that

money gets scarce, and trade is dull? We want people—lots of them—our State offers a promising field for the labor of many thousands of people, and the investment of many millions of dollars; but we want people who know how to adapt themselves to our opportunities, and investments that will enlarge the variety and extent of such opportunities. It is all coming gradually, but meanwhile let us have a care how we invite people to come here and bankrupt themselves and others. Let us rather do all we can to encourage the establishment of new industries, both by direct assistance and advocacy, and by our influence and votes in shaping national and state legislation so as to encourage and build them up.

A timely article in the July *Century* is "Disease Germs and how to Combat Them." It will be accompanied by a frontispiece of Pasteur, who has made disinfection and fermentation a longer study than hydrophobia, although it is with the latter that his name is more intimately associated in the public mind.

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CUBAN experts have pronounced specimens of Florida tobacco fully equal in quality to the finest Havana, and one of them remarked in conversation the other day, that not only had Florida the requisite climate and soil to raise as fine tobacco as any in the world, but unless some change came in the outrageous government of Cuba, a few years would see the Cuban tobacco growers emigrating *en masse* to Florida, for between the government and the banditti they were robbed of all their profits, and if these were increased by the adoption of new machinery or methods, forthwith a special tax was imposed which took all the gain made.

NEXT week completes the first year of LOCHMEDE. We have tried to make it as good a paper as circumstances and the support given us would allow, and we trust we have succeeded sufficiently well to induce the people of Winter Park to desire its continuance. As we announced at the beginning, we have all along had it in mind to open an office and print the paper in Winter Park, if the business seemed to warrant it, and we hoped the increase would be such as to lead us to do so. Thus far it has not, but we still hope that it may. We are assured that it would if we would only take the chance and move in, but as yet we have not seen sufficient promise to justify our doing so. Not that the ultimate prospects of the town are not bright enough—nobody could wish them any better—but we cannot afford to carry the business with risk of loss until those prospects are realized. Most of those who really desire the establish-

ment of a printing office in town are doing their part to support the paper and make it to our interest to come, but as yet there are not enough of them to pay the bills. Therefore, if you want the paper established in town, join in and do what you can in subscriptions and advertisements to make it pay. We promise to do our part to the full extent of value received, and even anticipate a little, but we cannot afford to speculate much. It is for those who can do so to advance their interests by helping the paper to get through the speculative period of its life.

SOMETHING HAS COME.

The news this week abundantly justifies us in saying that "something was coming." Many others expected both the important events which are announced, but nobody could feel sure until they actually came. We tried, during the contest of last summer, to treat both sides fairly and impartially, and while we have always hoped for the incorporation of the town at the earliest possible moment, it is in no partisan spirit that we rejoice at the settlement of the question and express the hope that it may be final. We most heartily wish that the end might have been reached by means more universally acceptable, and regret, therefore, that the original incorporation on square boundaries was ever upset, as we think that the most likely to have proved permanently satisfactory. That, however, is now beyond recall, and we can only hope that future annexations may improve our lines. That there are disadvantages in the present plan, and that it may bear hardly on a few individuals, we fully recognize, but we are very firmly convinced, nevertheless, that it is now for the interest of all concerned to put all disputes aside, and heartily join hands to make the best of what we have got. The delay and dispute have already cost us far more than the aggregate of any possible individual losses or inconveniences from incorporation. People who contemplate residence or investment in a new place want above all things to know that a settled government exists, and that will prevent the material alteration of the conditions they are calculating on. Some may prefer an incorporated town and some

may not, but a dispute satisfies neither one class nor the other, and we lose both. That is the principal reason why we wished to see the matter settled, regarding a settlement one way or the other as more important, even, than the accomplishment of incorporation. Moreover, since incorporation had to come some time, the decision that way is a more permanent settlement, and therefore more desirable, than one which would have left the whole ground to be gone over again. Imperfections can be remedied more easily than all could be brought to an agreement on an original plan.

After incorporation, the most important event which Winter Park has been looking for is the building of the railway to Orlando, which is now as good as an accomplished fact, except that we can't have our Fourth of July excursion over it. This makes Winter Park the fashionable suburb of Orlando, and thus adds the best part of Orlando's growth to our own. It also gives us quick and frequent connection with the best center of trade in this part of the State, and thus makes Winter Park more desirable for residence in the eyes of those who would naturally choose it. In many ways, not yet apparent it will undoubtedly add much to our resources and business, and it should be regarded by all as a great help to our progress. Should the contemplated extension to Lake Jesup be realized, another source of revenue and attraction would be added, and finally we hope to see eventually a continuation to the coast. Orlando and Winter Park, and surrounding country, need a direct line to summer resorts on the Atlantic beaches, and it must come sooner or later. As population increases, and people have time to get more permanently settled and complete their establishment, there will be an increasing number who will demand a summer resort, both for cottage residence, and for vacation and excursion resort, and we shall not be complete until we get it. Our winter business too, demands more direct connection with other popular resorts, to say nothing of the possible supplies of fish and oysters that we might have from the shore. The evident demand will be sure to bring a response in time, and in this rapidly developing country we shall not have to wait long, we may be sure.

JOTTINGS.

Chautauque met at Mr. Cox's this week.

Mr. Davids has returned from his trip to New York, Worcester, et.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter will officiate in All Saints' Church at 10:30 a. m., on Sunday, June 24th.

Our Jeweler says he is going with some friends on a hunt along the Gulf coast. He says, deer may be hunted, but they will be of the four-, and not of the two-leg kind.

Miss Bascom is now the librarian at the circulating library. It is open Saturday afternoons and has quite a large patronage. If any of our institutions deserve success, it does.

Our town was visited during the past week by Mrs. General Harney. Few people have a more interesting history than General and Mrs. Harney. She was very much pleased with Winter Park and we sincerely hope will become interested here.

Watermelons are plentiful and of excellent quality. Little crowds can be seen at almost any hour trying their best, and generally with success, to surround a 30, 40 or 50 pound melon. We like to join just such crowds and insert our whole face deep into the luscious cores. They certainly are about as good eating as can be had.

We had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Lyman's new house a day or two since. It is going to be a very pleasant house when finished, with large, airy rooms, broad, roomy porches and all the other things necessary to make a Florida house comfortable and delightful. It is rapidly approaching completion under the skilful hands of Captain Pierce.

A few weeks ago Mr. MacCallum sold forty acres on Lake Howell to Messrs. Fitzwilson and Peterson, of Illinois, and since then has sold five acres on Lake Berry to Mr. Peterson. These gentlemen are the forerunners of a number of others from the same State, who expect to arrive next winter. Mr. Fitzwilson has gone back to Illinois, and returns in the fall with his family. Mr. Peterson is here for the summer, attending to the improvement of the properties, and will go back for his family later.

The few wind-mills that have been put up here are successes, and their owners are all more than pleased with their successful operation. It seems to us that this is the solution of the question of successfully raising a good many crops

not raised here now. We have plenty of water handy to almost any land, and with a practical and cheap way of putting it on to certain crops just when needed, as can be done with a wind-mill, our much derided sand, which is not sand at all and naturally very fertile, can be made to yield very profitably hundreds of different products.

We are glad to state that the Orlando and Winter Park R. R. is now beyond doubt a certainty within the next thirty days. It has been pretty definite for a considerable length of time, but the reception of shipping bills for the material and the giving of orders for the tools to lay the track, put it down as an absolute certainty. It was hoped that it could be completed by July 4th, and as far as the work is concerned, it still can be, but it is not thought best nor safe to run a crowd over the road so soon as that on account of the liability to accidents. We feel perfectly confident that the Orlando and Lake Jesup extension will be built at once, but it is not a certainty as the first link now is.

The decision of the Circuit Court on the incorporation case was rendered last Friday in favor of the incorporation. The case was tried before Mr. Massey, who was appointed referee by Judge Broome, and the decision is in favor of the present incorporation on all points. Pursuant to this, the town council met on Monday evening and after a full consideration of the subject, decided to proceed to their duties as officers. We trust that the gentlemen will at once establish a progressive, but economical government, and that no steps will be taken in any other than a fair, equitable spirit, but that soon, as a united people, we shall push the development of our beautiful place as one man. Surely that is what we need and all we need to bring our place to a proud position among the cities of Florida. Whoop la! let's push hard all together.

The young people in Osceola have organized a literary society. The organization took place in the hall of the Misses Brown and McClure's chapel, March 12th, 1888, and the following board of officers was elected: president, Miss Jewell; 1st vice-president, Lena Mizell; 2nd vice-president, James Jewell; recording secretary and treasurer, Charlie Chubb; corresponding secretary and sergeant-at-arms, William Ingraham; librarian and janitor, Fred Ward. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, to which all are invited and made welcome, and while the society is still in its infancy, it is hoped that enough

interest may be awakened to crowd its hall, and that it may be the means of doing much good among the young people of Osceola. We hope it will be well attended and encouraged by our citizens.



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An Everbearing Grape.

L. M. Hitchcock presents us with specimens of the McKee everbearing grape, which is growing at his place on Sunnyside, just east of town. He brought two vines of this variety from Texas, where they flourish luxuriantly, and bear the year round. The fruit grows in clusters, is small and rather acid, but is said to be excellent for wine. Its everbearing qualities will commend it to fruit growers throughout the State. Mr. Hitchcock thinks it is well adapted to Florida, as thus far he is making a success of its cultivation.—*Leesburg Commercial*.

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