

EVAPORATING APPLES.

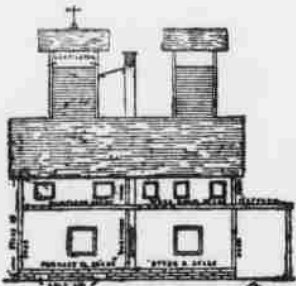
In the Extensive Fruit Districts of Western New York.

In fruit districts, such as in western New York, where apple growing is done on a large scale, there are large evaporators in every town where farmers may sell their windfalls. In some seasons when the crops are large and prices low entire crops are shaken from the trees and sold in this manner, often the grower realizing as much for the fruit as to pick and ship it in barrels.

There are also small evaporators made for farm use. These are made of wood, with a system of racks, fitted one above another, upon which to put the sliced apples. A stove below furnishes the heat, and ventilators are made in the top of the building by which the heat is regulated. These dry houses are made of different sizes, and from eight to forty bushels of apples may be dried in twenty-four hours. The difficulty with these farm evaporators is to obtain the necessary help with which to do the work. The work cannot be so economically done as with the large evaporators, and they are going out of use to a large extent, beyond providing for family or local needs.

George T. Howell, a New York fruit grower of note, describes in American Agriculturist a drying house he put up four years ago. It is 20 by 30 feet, two stories, with an 18 by 20 feet. This is not shown in the sketch, but it extends out from where the platform is shown. This addition is used for paring, retrimming, weighing and packing. There are two rooms below, each 25 by 20 feet, in which furnaces are placed with a system of pipes running around the rooms near the top which carry and distribute the heat to the floors above, upon which the apples are spread. Two large towers are built through the roof which carry a strong draft, thus drawing the heat up rapidly from the furnace rooms below.

The entire cost of this building was \$800. He has turned out in a season



ELEVATION OF DRYING HOUSE.

sixteen tons of white stock and five tons of chops and waste. With another furnace room and drying floor, several more tons of chops and apples could be dried. The chops are apples too small to be pared and are run through without paring. The waste consists of cores and parings.

It requires four tons of coal a week to run the two furnaces. The chops and waste will usually pay for the coal. The summer and autumn apples are too soft to be of any value for evaporating. About Sept. 15 he begins on the greenings and earlier winter varieties. When running up to full capacity it requires ten people to handle the work a day man to run the stoking, to attend to the furnaces and do the general work and one night man. Two horses will run through the machine a hundred bushels a day, while six women are required to trim the apples, cutting out bruised spots and pieces of the skin that the paring missed.

Wheat Harvest.

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The average condition of winter wheat on July 1 was 87.5 as compared with 83 last month, 82.7 on July 1, 1905, 78.7 at the corresponding date in 1904 and a ten year average of 79.4.

The average condition of spring wheat on July 1 was 91.4 as compared with 93 last month, 91 on July 1, 1905, 83.7 at the corresponding date in 1904 and a ten year average of 88.2.

The amount of wheat remaining in the hands of farmers on July 1 is estimated at about 46,033,000 bushels, equivalent to about 6.9 per cent of the crop of last year.

Cowpea Hay in Mississippi.

To make choice cowpea hay the vines should be cut when the leaves first begin to turn yellow and when here and there is a ripe pea pod. Do the cutting in the morning after the dew is dried off and on a sunny day. Bake in small piles late in the afternoon. The next day turn the piles over after the dew has dried off and late in the following afternoon haul to the barn. To get the most good from pea vine hay it should be cured so as not to lose the leaves. When one has ample shelter room, it is best to cure the vines under shelter by hauling them and turning them every day or two till they have been turned twice. It is very fine, but a difficult hay to save. When properly cured it is equal to alfalfa and relished as much by all stock writes a Mississippi plan to Rural New Yorker.

DAVIDSON NOTES.

Valuation of Property—An Old Shingle, Big Cucumber—An Accident.

The valuation of property in Davidson County for 1906 is reported at \$6,717,133.16; an increase of \$578,000.

Gov. Glenn will address the people at Thomasville, Sept. 22nd on the issues of the day.

A handsome fountain has been received at Lexington to be placed in the cemetery.

The Methodist Protestants of Lexington have purchased from G. A. Barrier his home for a parsonage. Mr. Barrier has moved to the country.

Mr. W. L. Wya te, of Tyro, is displaying a huge cucumber of the Long Green variety, that he has grown this season. It was about a foot in length and weighed four pounds, eleven ounces.

A. W. Pickett, of Lexington, has two pine shingles that are known to have done service for more than a century and are still in good condition. They came from a barn of the father of Adam Smith, in Jackson Hill Township, and were put there 100 years ago—in 1800.

Lexington School opened Monday of last week with 480 children enrolled.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth returned to Thomasville last week after three months absence abroad.

Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Capple, of Winston-Salem, are visiting relatives at Hanesville.

Miss Edith Moring, of Asheboro, was a guest of Miss Ella Lambeth, at Thomasville, last week.

John Herman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mock, died Sunday night, Sept. 9th, at Thomasville.

Miss Corinna Thomas left Thomasville Tuesday for Baltimore, Md., where she has a position with Madam George, the Modiste.

Lexington, R. F. D. 3, Sept. 10—Mr. Ben Lanier, who recently visited relatives on this route, had his visit cut short by an accident received from the kick of a mule. He was struck in the face and a bone broken in his nose. Dr. Hartley dressed the wound and Mr. Lanier left for his home in Winston.

The Republican convention which met Saturday in Lexington acted wisely, and strengthened their ticket by the nominations of M. H. Stone for Register of Deeds, and M. F. Briles for County Commissioner. The weak places on the ticket are for Sheriff and Clerk, Mr. Delap having been used here as a cudgel to pestle the insurgents with, will lose like sixty at this box. Mr. Green having fought with one faction of the party in previous elections will be slaughtered at every box in the county, no doubt.—Thomasville Times.

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Tabbs' "Octogenarian" Story.

"I got a good joke on Captain Merrivale the other day," he continued. "You know old Doctor Ferguson died last week? Well I was talkin' to Merrivale next day after the Doc. died, and Merrivale he allowed that Ferguson was a good man and that he was mighty surprised to learn that the old feller had nigger blood in him. 'Nigger blood?' says I. 'Can't be,' says I. He picks up the News, sober as a judge, and hands it over to me. 'Read that,' he says. 'Don't it say, clear as print can make it, that the old Doctor was an octogenarian?' 'Course I allowed that it did, and I tried not to laugh 'cause it might 've hurt his feelin's. He's sensitive, Merrivale is. But it was the best joke on Merrivale I've heard in a month o' Sunday.'—From 'The Balance of Power,' the new American novel, by Arthur Goodrich.

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