

Love is Thine.

What though the stars have ceased to shine?
Love is thine.
Though on thorns thou dost recline?
Love is thine.

Whoso doeth Love's sweet will,
In a world that worketh ill,
Peace abideth with him still:
Love is thine!

—Frank L. Stanton.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Notes of the Opening of the Interstate and West Indian Fair.

New York Sun.

Charleston, in which the Mid-winter Exposition opens to-day, is no mean city in the opinion of its inhabitants, who numbered 55,000 by the Federal census of 1900. For Charleston these things are claimed.

The only tea farm in the Western Hemisphere is within 20 miles of the chief commercial city of the second largest cotton manufacturing State in the Union.

Charleston is the port of shipment of sea island cotton, the finest cotton grown in the world, and South Carolina rice is the finest rice grown in the world; and according to authentic agricultural record, the largest yield of corn ever grown on one acre of land in the United States was grown in South Carolina.

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The Palmetto City, situated six miles from the Atlantic and within forty miles of the Gulf Stream, is the best strategic point on the South Atlantic Coast, and as such has been selected by the Navy Department as the site for one of the largest navy yards in the country.

It is nearer to the great Mississippi Valley, taking St. Louis as the central point, than any city on the Atlantic Coast, north or south. By the building of the Nicaragua ship canal, Charleston will be more advantageously situated for direct steamship lines to nearly every important market of the world, than any other Atlantic port—New York of course, excepted.

It is one of the oldest cities in the United States, the first settlement having been made 200 years ago by English colonists. One hundred years ago Charleston's population was 18,000, exceeded only by Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Boston.

It was the pioneer in railway construction in America. The first railroad ever operated on this continent by locomotive was the old South Carolina Railroad from Charleston to Hamburg, designed for the transportation of both passengers and merchandise. Six miles of the road were completed in the summer of 1830, and a locomotive was run on it. This locomotive was constructed in New York and was the first one built in this country.

The forecast of the Weather Bureau for Charleston in December, 1901, based on the record of December, 1900, is: Average temperature, 51; maximum, 70; minimum, 35, and days with temperature below 32 degrees, the freezing point, none.

The depth of the channel of the Charleston harbor, one of the best in the United States, is 30 feet. That of Savannah, is 24; New Orleans, 26; Mobile, 25; Port Royal, 26; Wilmington, N.C., 28, and Brunswick, Ga., 25.

There are 10,000 white male inhabitants in Charleston and 11,000 white female inhabitants. There are more colored than white inhabitants in the Palmetto City.

The hostilities of the Civil War, the bitter memories of which thirty years' time has nearly effaced, were begun near Charleston on April 12, 1861. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Exposition it was, on motion, resolved "that as no place in the United States is richer in historic associations, the Board of Directors assure the Grand Army of the Republic a most cordial welcome, if this city shall be selected as the place for the first Grand Army in the south in the twentieth century."

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CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE.

How One Man Began a Large and Profitable Industry.

A writer in Country Life in America retells the story of one Mark Carr, a jolly, sturdy woodman living among the foothills of the Catskills, who, about fifty years ago originally conceived the idea of sending Christmas trees to the New York market. Then the Christmas tree was a custom mostly celebrated by foreigners. He had heard or read of celebrations in the metropolis, when churches and houses were adorned with pine, hemlock and holly. It occurred to him that the stately young fir trees, covering the mountain side about his modest home, might be made profitable. The chopping and transportation would comprise the whole cost of the enterprise and it could be done at a season when he had little else to do. So, early in December, 1851, Mark and his boys drove two ox sleds, loaded with young trees, through the deep snow to the river at Catskill, whence the father started with them for the city.

One old-fashioned silver dollar secured a strip of sidewalk on the corner of Greenwich and Vesey streets, and there the long-sighted mountaineer set forth his forest novelties. Customers speedily appeared, soon buying all his wares at prices that seemed to him positively exorbitant. Highly elated, Mark enjoyed a few days of town life and returned home, but the next year he came again with a much larger stock, and from that time to this the business has continued to increase until now hundreds of thousands of trees are yearly sold from Mark Carr's old corner.

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