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A PECAN ORCHARD.

On their plantation in Halifax Congressman W. W., and Claude Kitchin are planting 100 acres in pecan trees. From this enterprise it is said that after the next ten years they expect to realize an annual income of some \$20,000.

This should prove a profitable investment, and the wonder is that some of our people in this section, who have "land to burn," do not go and do likewise. There is hardly a finer soil or climate in the world for successful pecan culture than we are possessed of. This has been demonstrated by a well known Lenoir county farmer who possesses a pecan orchard that yields some very fine fruit.

Such fruit pays too. Of course the market price will vary, but 15 cents a pound can easily be had for the fruit.

Then there is another aspect of the case. When we plant out trees for shade, especially in the yard and lot, why not plant out some fruit-bearing trees? To be sure they may not mature into good shade trees as rapidly as some others. But when they do mature, we have the shade and the fruit both—and that amply compensates for the waiting. It will make property more valuable to be set with fruit-bearing shade trees of the pecan, mulberry or some similar kind; and the future holder would hold his name blessed who was so thoughtful as to thus stock the land.

There is much in this idea of setting out fruit-bearing trees, not only in fruit orchards, but as shade trees. Make the trees both useful and ornamental.

A GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT.

One of the most important events of the closing year has been the completion and opening of the new Williamsburg bridge in New York city. The new bridge spans the East river from Manhattan to Brooklyn just above the old Brooklyn bridge.

Strikingly illustrative of the wonderful advance in development of the structural industries of this country during the last quarter century is the difference in time required for the completion of the two; for, while the bill authorizing the new and far greater bridge only became a law on May 27, 1895, and the first actual work on the bridge was commenced on the Manhattan tower October 28, 1895, active operations were commenced on the Brooklyn bridge on January 8, 1870, and it was not opened until May 24, 1883, when, however, its roadway and promenades were all complete.

Thus it seems that the Brooklyn bridge was about 13 years in construction, while the new Williamsburg bridge required only about 7 years.

The new bridge wrests from the old the distinction of possessing the longest suspension span in the world, but the difference is only 4 feet 6 inches. Its span is exceeded but by one structure in the world, the Forth bridge, in Scotland, which measures 1,710 feet, or 110 feet more than that of the Williamsburg bridge, but the Scotch bridge is of the cantilever type.

All the experience and knowledge gained in the building of the Brooklyn bridge was brought into use in planning and building its successor, and many difficulties met and conquered in the old were avoided, but it is an open question, rather too late for any but the idlest discussion, whether, had the engineers been left to choose, they would not have built a cantilever instead of the suspension structure made mandatory by the authorizing act.

The length of the entire bridge between the terminals is 7,200 feet, and as 5,280 feet make a third, it will be seen that the bridge is about a mile and a half in length. The bridge is 118 feet wide. It will accommodate two roadways, four trolley tracks, two elevated railway tracks, a bicycle path and a foot walk.

The total cost of the bridge, exclusive of the site, has been about ten million dollars.

On January 1st the law regulating child labor in the mills in this State goes into effect. This law was passed by the last legislature. It prohibits the working in the mills of any child under twelve years of age, and the working for more than 66 hours a week of any person under 18 years of age. This law applies only to operatives in the mills.—Wilmington Messenger.

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PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

WHEN Senator Allison heard that ex-President Cleveland had positively declined to be a candidate for president in 1904, he remarked, "In 1898 Horatio Seymour said, 'Your candidate I cannot be,' and yet he was nominated and accepted."

Ex-President Cleveland, who for some years has lived at Princeton, N. J., owns a house in the neighborhood, which he leases to a university professor, a friend of his, for a very moderate rental, and in this connection a good story was recently told in Harper's Weekly. Last spring the rains were unusually heavy, and the professor's cellar was frequently inundated, greatly to his annoyance.

Having found, upon investigation, that a defect in the construction of the wall was responsible for the trouble, he called upon his eminent landlord to register a protest. "Mr. Cleveland," he complained, "my cellar is full of water." "Well," rejoined the ex-president, "what do you expect for the rent you pay—champagne?"

General Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico for over twenty-five years, who it is again said, is about to retire from the cares of state, has a strain of Indian blood in his veins, which perhaps accounts for the affection felt for him by the common people.

This good will was illustrated a few years ago when President Diaz was invited to Catarce, the chief mining camp of San Luis Potosi, to inaugurate the great electrical plant at the Santa Ana mine. When Diaz appeared at the works the laborers went wild and surged upon the presidential party. One grizzled old Indian in the van hurled his shabby hat aloft with a stentorian shout above the clamor, "Viva nuestro tata!" ("Long live our father!") Tata is at once as affectionate as papa, yet reverent. The Indians use it for God.

Rushing upon the nonplussed president he caught him a tremendous hug that fairly lifted him from his feet. Diaz involuntarily fell back a step. Then his inscrutable face suddenly resolved into a smile, half humorous, half tender, and as his friends elbowed him out of the crush they saw a tear creeping down either cheek of the veteran statesman who has done so much for Mexico since he took the helm of the ship of state for the first time in 1876.

Cora, countess of Stafford, whose engagement to Mr. M. T. Kennard of London was recently announced, is an American by birth. She was Miss Cora Smith of New Orleans before her first marriage and was the widow of Samuel J. Colgate, the millionaire soap manufacturer of New York, when she wedded the Earl of Stafford in 1898.

At that time she possessed a fortune of \$10,000,000, left to her by Mr. Colgate, who died in 1893. The earl was killed by a railway train near his country seat, Wrotham Park, only a year after his marriage, and as there was no male heir resulting from the union the countess was compelled to give up Wrotham castle and the house in St. James square, London, both of which had been put in order with her money.

The estates went to the earl's brother, the Rev. Francis Byng. This gentleman was formerly the vicar of St. Peter's church, Kensington, and chaplain to the speaker of the house of commons. About twelve years ago he suddenly resigned his benefice, mysteriously disappeared and did not return until by his brother's death he became the fifth earl of Stafford. Cora, countess of Stafford, has one daughter by her first husband.

Senator Francis Newlands, the new member of the upper house from Nevada, whose pet scheme to annex Cuba finds little encouragement in the senate, is nevertheless a persistent man and may eventually win out. He is clever and resourceful, and the manner in which he lobbied the irrigation bill through congress last winter is still the subject of cloak-room gossip.

The senator was a representative before he donned the toga and for years had tried in vain to interest congress in his bill to irrigate the arid lands. Becoming desperate, Mr. Newlands, after long cogitation, devised the plan that brought success. One evening he invited a large party of senators and representatives to dine at his house. After



SENATOR NEWLANDS.

dinner a large screen was unfolded, and it was announced that there would be a magic lantern display.

Mr. Newlands had a powerful stereopticon ready with an expert behind the lenses. First he showed his audience pictures of unirrigated lands that were barren deserts and immediately after them lands under irrigation that were blooming with rich crops of valuable produce. He repeated his dinners and magic lantern shows until his colleagues were convinced, and the bill became a law.

No member of the diplomatic corps is more popular in Washington than is the Viscount de Chambrun, who is especially interesting to Americans because of his American birth and the fact that he is a great-grandson of Lafayette. The viscount's father, the late Marquis de Chambrun, was for many years counselor of the French legation at Washington, and the present attaché and the present attaché was born there in 1872. His mother was a granddaughter of General Lafayette and an adopted citizen of the United States.

Viscount de Chambrun was married in February, 1901, to Miss Longworth of Cincinnati. Mrs. Belmont Storer, wife of the United States ambassador at Vienna, is an aunt of the viscountess. The viscount is a captain in the artillery de marine, and just previous to his marriage had closed two years' active service with the Fontenay-Lamy expedition in Africa.

He was twice mentioned in dispatches for gallantry, once for placing dynamite bombs under the gates at the taking of Kancheri and again for carrying orders the length of the enemy's line under a fire principally directed at himself. On delivering his orders he was struck by a bullet at the moment his commander fell dead at his side and was seriously wounded.

Edmund Clarence Stedman, the veteran poet and critic, who recently celebrated his seventieth birthday, is the subject of an amusing anecdote which is current just now in literary circles. Mr. Stedman, it seems, while on a visit to France stopped one day on a country road to admire the surrounding country, says Harper's Weekly.

As he stood gazing meditatively over the fields he noticed that several peasants who passed him on the road bowed and took off their hats to him. Mr. Stedman was at first surprised at their salutes to his honor and wondered for whom these polite peasants mistook him, but as they were repeated by peasant after peasant he finally concluded that his reputation had penetrated farther than he had ventured to suppose. As he moved away from the spot he happened to glance behind him. He had been standing in front of a statue of the Virgin.

Although Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles are good friends, each now and then takes a conversational shot at the other.

Shortly before Miles retired from the army the famous soldier and sailor went down to Mount Vernon together on some holiday, when, naturally, there were hundreds of visitors to the old home and burial place of the Father of His Country. General Miles seemed much impressed. He silently contemplated the crowd for a few moments and then said with feeling:

"What, I wonder, would Washington say if he were suddenly to appear here in the flesh now?"

"You mean just at this moment?" asked the admiral, with a suspicious twinkle in his eye.

"Yes, certainly," answered Miles, a trifle annoyed that his companion had failed to catch the inspiration of his thought.

"I really don't know," said the admiral, whose twinkle by this time had become really malicious, "unless he asked how the blazes you ever succeeded in getting the job you hold."

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, U. S. N., resigned, whose plan to make Uncle Sam a first class naval power in fifteen years by the expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 quite took the breath away from the general naval board at Washington. It is regarded as a hero by many, often much to his annoyance. On his last visit to Greensboro, Ala., his native town, one of his old friends asked him if he was still bothered by an excessive mail from unknown persons. Captain Hobson replied that he was and that some persons seemed to regard him as a general information bureau and asked the most outlandish questions. One of these questions came to him in a recent letter. It read:

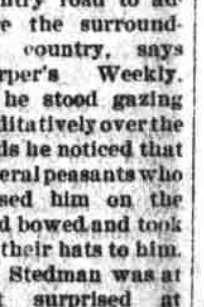
Mr. Hobson—Can you tell me how far the Mississippi runs up?

Captain Hobson replied:

Your Sir—In answer to yours of recent date I have the honor to say that the Mississippi River does not run up at all.



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