

Stove-Heated Orange Groves.

The Florida orange growers have not forgotten the lesson taught by the severe frost of five years ago, which played havoc with Southern orange groves, and abundant preparations were made for the last cold spell. In many of the groves piles of lightwood knots were stacked between the rows of trees ready to be lighted whenever the mercury ran down dangerously near the freezing point, while many of the younger groves were almost hidden in banks of sand, a branch or two here and there being the only indication visible of vegetable life below.

In other groves the preparations have been much more elaborate. Row after row of sheetiron stoves, all filled with wood and ready for the match, are seen in many places, one planter having more than 500 stoves in his orchards, while other growers, even more determined to give no quarter to Jack Frost, have covered their trees up entirely, either with cloth or waterproof paper tacked on to wooden frames. The air inside this enveloping material can be warmed in a few minutes by oil lamps or heaters made expressly for the purpose.

The most extraordinary device in the whole state is that adopted by the owner of about 600 acres of groves in the vicinity of Deland. To carry out his ideas, he purchased a sawmill and employed a large crew of carpenters, and is now actually building a house over each one of his orange groves. He has already inclosed in this way a 15-acre piece.

Outside is seen a large, low, flat shed, and inside are the trees, looking unnatural in the twilight, while at intervals on the ground are piles of wood in readiness to furnish heat for the great conservatory. As soon as danger of frosts has passed the sides and roof of the structure will be removed, and the grove will be once more open to the sunshine. Preparations are now being made to similarly inclose a grove 40 acres in extent.—*Chicago Record.*

Pride and the Fall.

Mr. John Morrison, a successful commercial traveler, has spent a great part of his career in hotels, and one of his theories has been that the mind can be so trained that a hotel fire ought not to distract the reasoning faculties when presence of mind is needed. He impressed his theory strongly upon Mrs. Morrison by instructing her how to act if she were ever in a hotel that was on fire.

He and his wife were aroused from their slumbers one night by an alarm. The hotel in which they had their rooms was on fire, and there was great confusion and tumult among the guests.

"Now is the time to put into practice what I have always preached to you, my dear," said the gentleman. "Don't get excited. Put on all your indispensable apparel and take your time. Don't lose your head. Just watch me."

He calmed Mrs. Morrison's anxiety, handed her the articles necessary for the toilet, put on his collar and cuffs, took his watch from under his pillow and placed it in his pocket, put on his hat, and walked with Mrs. Morrison out of the burning building into the street.

"Now, my dear," he said, when they were safe, "don't you see what a grand thing it is to keep cool, and act with a deliberate purpose in an emergency like

this? Here you are dressed, and over yonder are several ladies in complete dishabille."

Just then Mrs. Morrison for the first time glanced at her husband.

"You are right, John," she said. It is a grand thing to keep cool and act deliberately, but if I had been you I would have stayed in the room long enough to put on my trousers."—*Tit Bits.*

She Got Elizabeth.

The original story, which was a true one, ran this way: A little girl, sent up stairs to bed, had been calling down to her mother to bring up Elizabeth, her favorite doll. As the child had been previously supplied with another object to take to bed, the mother would not let her have the doll; but still the little girl called out:

"Please bring up Elizabeth!"

"If you call again, or if you cry," said the mother, sternly, "I shall certainly come up and whip you!"

There was no calling for a few moments, but the mother heard, and pretended not to hear, some low sobbing. Then presently there came a plaintive cry:

"Ma-a-ma!"

"What is it?"

"When you come up to wh-wh- whip me, won't you bring Elizabeth?"

Then there was a wild, long, broken-hearted wail,—and the child got Elizabeth without the whipping that time.—*Boston Transcript.*

Wanted One That Would.

Irate Female—See here; do you mean to tell me that I have such an ugly nose as that?

Photographer—But my apparatus cannot lie, madam.

Irate Female—Then, for goodness' sake, go and get one that can.—*Ohio State Journal.*

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