

GREAT PEACH CROPS.

COUNTIES IN OHIO WHERE IMMENSE QUANTITIES GROW.

Busy Scenes at the Shipping Centers When the Season Is On—Some Facts of General Interest.

One of the greatest peach-growing counties in Ohio is Ottawa, on the south shore of Lake Erie, a distance of a few miles east of Sandusky.

In a busy season, says the Brooklyn Eagle, the freight yards at Gypsum are filled with loaded wagons brilliant with the red of the mosquito netting over the yellow fruit, and the pier at Ottawa harbor and the bank above are equally busy and present a handsome picture.

The fruit or packing houses are many, each large farm having its own building for this purpose, unless it happens to be located near some of the large fruit companies' houses.

From the fruit house upon the bluff at Ottawa the baskets are loaded upon handcars and run down a narrow steel track to the dock to be put aboard the big boats, which are loaded even to the roofs at times.

Port Clinton, Lakeside and Danbury are other good shipping centers, and at any of these points in a good fruit year the freight traffic in peaches is a heavy demand upon the shipping facilities.

The peach farms are large, some numbering as high as 15,000 and 18,000 trees, the long rows of even-sized trees stretching back from the roads over acres and acres of ground, giving one better than anything else could do an impression of the vastness of the peach industry in Ottawa.

Last winter was a disastrous one for the peach grower, however, one-half of the trees planted having died from the severity of the weather.

New Georgia Industry. Hobbling along on a wooden leg, an old darkey, with a basket on his arm, sang this refrain up and down the main street of a Georgia village.

How Snails Are Collected. Snails are collected in the French provinces all day long by men, women, and children, who with iron hooks search for them at the feet of thorn bushes and under ivy and in water in old wells.

The Real Pleasure. Wife—I wish we had a nice large country place where I could have a garden party.

SCIENCE IN SKYSCRAPERS.

Why Windstorms and Earthquakes Have But Little Effect on Tall Buildings.

Probably no person unaccustomed to such an experience ever stood on the roof of a 20-story building, when a great wind was blowing, without a tremor of the nerves, and at least an imaginary sense of swaying in the huge structure beneath his feet.

Careful observations to determine the amount of oscillation of tall buildings in a high wind were made in Chicago, a few years ago, during a tempest in which the velocity of the wind reached 80 miles an hour.

But it should not be inferred from this that no special effort is needed to secure a lofty building from the effects of the wind.

This is one of the niceties in the modern art and science of building. Experiments and mathematical calculations, of which the general public can have little idea, have determined the pressures exerted against lofty structures by winds of various velocities, and also the best methods of enabling the buildings to withstand these pressures.

It is a system of steel connections which, in the body of a tall building, serve a purpose similar to that of the interlarding muscles and tendons which bind together the bones of the human skeleton, and enable it to act all together, as a unit, in resisting forces tending to upset or crush it.

KNOWS LITTLE OF AMERICA. The Average Englishman's Idea of People and Events Is Very Crude.

The average Englishman is not a very student of American affairs. He does not learn anything of American history in school; he is not taught American geography; from the revolution onwards, with a slight break at the time of the civil war, the history of the United States is a sealed book to him, and of the general form and workings of the American system of government he knows worse than nothing.

Pensioners of States. Nevada has fewer pensioners than any other state in the union according to the latest report of the commissioner of pensions.

When Silence Is Golden. It is a blessing for the happy home that husbands and wives do not always know exactly what each thinks of the other. —Chicago Journal.

A RHEUMATIC ROCK.

MEDICINAL ORE THAT IS FOUND IN MONTANA MINES.

Men Carry Pieces of Radiumite in Their Pockets and Attribute to It Power of Curing Diseases.

Radiumite, the new designation given to a strange mineral possessing peculiar medicinal properties, is being found in several of the large mines in the neighborhood of Butte, Mont.

They called it "medicine ore" and "rheumatism rock," says the Chicago Chronicle, and have been in the habit of carrying bits of it in their pockets at all times.

Although the miners themselves have had implicit faith in the healing properties of the ore for many years, Butte doctors and the public generally quite regarded it as a superstition, placing the radiumite on a plane with the buckeye and the rheumatism ring.

The Butte medicine ore possesses the strange quality of emitting a brilliant light under slight friction by some metallic substance, or even with a fingernail.

While the Paris scientists were making their wonderful experiments with radium it occurred to a Rarus miner that the little lumps of "medicine ore" might contain the rare element discovered by the Curies.

He wondered if there was any basis for the belief of the miners that the "medicine ore" could cure anything and he began an investigation of a number of reported cures.

The people of Butte are beginning to take an extraordinary interest in the search for the new medicine. Miners have given up positions to search for the ore, and superintendents of several mines where it has been found are besieged with applicants for jobs.

The Way Some Read. Hewitt—People don't want much nowadays.

Excellent Proof. "To convict the defendant of assault and battery," said the woman's lawyer, "it must first be proved that the intention was there."

Plenty of Dogs. There are nearly 10,000 dogs in Kansas City, Capt. James Kennedy, the official enumerator, has accounted for and collected taxes on 8,600 since June 1, a gain of 1,000 over last year, and says he hopes to round up the other 2,000 before snow flies. —Kansas City Star.

THEY HELD UP ST. LOUIS.

Young Couple Unintentionally Find Out All About Their Wedding Presents.

Six sets of dining room furniture and numberless dressing tables, chairs and couches were among the wedding gifts received by a young Chicago couple who did not intend to keep house.

"Well," said Rex, "there are four families of my Starkhouse relatives living in St. Louis, and not one of them sent a thing."

"Dear Nephew. No, I didn't send the spoons, but I am sending you a piece of cut glass, which I trust will reach you safely, with all good wishes. Your uncle."

"Dear Cousin—I have no idea about the spoons, but I am sending you with this a parlor lamp, which brings my congratulations, though it comes a little late. Devotedly."

"Dear Old Fellow—None of us sent the spoons, but we have ordered a big leather chair for you and hope you will like it. Your cousin."

RECORD FOR LONGEVITY. Many Negroes Have Passed Beyond the Ninety-Five-Year Line in America.

The race of Washington's colored body servant is very nearly extinct and the negro nurses of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe are no longer numerous.

In North Carolina about two-thirds of the population is white and one-third colored. The number of white residents over 95 was 212, while the number of colored residents over 95 was 541.

There was one old woman in the congregation, though, who could appreciate the worth of a discourse, read or impromptu. There came a learned clergyman to the church one Sunday, and he preached such a sermon as had never been heard there before—a sermon, indeed, with graceful, learned and uplifting. But he read it. His manuscript lay in plain sight on the desk, and had after he had as it were turned, gave forth a fluttering sound.

GOOD SERMON ANYWAY. One Delighted Reader Thought So Even if It Had Been Read by a Woman.

In Cleveland there used to exist among the members of a certain large religious society a great rivalry in the reading of sermons. The minister in question, a minister, reading a sermon, expressed that his face looked red and his eyes, downward on his manuscript, made him appear stupid.

Better Days Ahead. "I tell you, sir, the automobile will soon be within the reach of everybody."

Deadly Modern Bullets. The modern bullet will pierce the carcasses of three horses in succession at 550 yards, of four at half the distance, and one will kill a man after passing through the trunk of a thick tree.

FOR THE NORTH POLE.

NEW ARCTIC SHIPS BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR PEARY.

To Be Constructed Upon the Most Approved Lines for Arctic Sailing—Plans of the Explorer.

Robert E. Peary has announced that he will again attempt to reach the north pole in a specially constructed vessel, in which he will embark next summer.

"My vessel will, I believe, be the ablest ship that has ever pointed her nose inside the arctic or antarctic circle. She will possess such shape as will enable her to rise in the pressure of the ice floes and escape destruction.

"Dear Dorothy—We three girls have had the greatest time trying to decide what to get for you and have at last hit upon the idea of ordering a big green daynort, just like the one we four used to all on so much last summer. It is very late in the day, but we just couldn't resist any longer with loads of love from all of us."

"I should say we had!" she gasped. "And now who sent those spoons?" "Never mind the spoons! I am going out now to see if I can hire a storage-warehouse."

What I require, then, is not a sailing ship with two auxiliary engines, but a ship capable of remaining out for a number of years and covering long distances at slow speed, with moderate consumption of coal.

SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING. Man Who Is Agent-Ridden Incurs the Displeasure of Ministerial Caller.

A gentleman prominent in legal circles in Baltimore recently stepped into a beautiful home in the suburbs of that city. At first the lawyer was much pleased with his purchase, but in a little while so many agents of various sorts had called upon him that he became seriously tempted to move back to town.

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My dear sir, you are wasting your time trying to sell any window blinds at this time. What, as you see, quite well provided for in that respect. The window blinds.

Royalty and Trade. The king decidedly disapproves of any near connection of his engaging in trade. Recently one of the best-known stockbroking firms in the city of London offered Prince Francis of Teck £3,000 a year to become a member of the stock exchange.

Prudence. "Why do you begin to laugh the moment you pick up that comic journal?" "Because," answered the cynical person, "I have to laugh to get my money's worth. And I never feel like it after I get through reading it."

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