

IN THE ORANGE GROVES.

How the Fruit is Grown, Harvested and Marketed in Florida.

An orange grove is one of the most beautiful sights on the face of the earth. The leaves are a very dark green and exceedingly glossy, and, as there is no dust in Florida, the soil being of a sandy nature, the contrast is very striking and certainly most beautiful.

Fruit-growers think that the rye improves the trees also, as it absorbs much of the heavy dew, and keeps the roots moist and cool. The latter part of February this rye will be all plowed in and preparations made for another year's growth.

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When the oranges are packed in boxes, they are put into a packing house with it, shut the building tight and fume it with sulphur. This process turns the fruit a brilliant yellow, but unfortunately leaves the inside as sour as ever.

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A ROUGH PLACE.

Why a Young Man Does Not Care to Serve Uncle Sam by Taking a Course at West Point.

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CANAL BOATMEN.

Some of the Reasons Why His Lot Is Not a Happy One.

"Whoa there, you 'tarnation brutes. Have to feed you on the fat of the land this blessed winter? You got durned, slab-sided, ugly—hello, who're you, my pretty?"

And the canal-boat Captain turned from his two drowsy and happy looking mules to the lead reporter, who had just clambered down on the deck from the pier of Old Slip. He was a hearty old fellow, was the Captain, with crisp, coal black hair, leathery skin and a rolling movement at the shoulders which suggested a disposition to occupy as much space as possible.

The Captain picked up his shirt, rolled his shoulders threateningly and kicked one of the mules. The reporter explained that as the State canals had been closed for the winter it would be interesting to know how the season compared with other seasons.

"How's the season, hey? T'at's what you want to know? Well, t're season's bin durned bad, 'n I don't keer who knows it. Durned, bad, sir."

The Captain hitched his hickory trousers and rolled his shoulders at the mules, as if they were the cause of all the trouble. The mules looked troubled and wagged their ears contentedly.

"If the canals 'n a tin mud-free this year," he continued, "we'd had to give them up. It was the only thing that saved us from turpin prates or buccaners, I look fat 'n some, do I? Wal, small credit to any one but mys'lf if I am fat 'n some."

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