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CUBAN FARMING.

The farmer who is accustomed to toil from morning till night to plant his crops in the spring, to cut sufficient grass in the summer, and harvest his crops in the fall, in order that he and his may have food when the snow changes the green fields from brown to white, would undoubtedly be surprised to see how all this is changed under the eternal summer skies of Cuba. If the Cuban farmer should neglect to plant to-day, he would have ample time to plant on the morrow, while nature has been so kind to him that if he should neglect to plant at all, he would suffer no very great inconvenience for his indolence.

Not only is the climate of Cuba favorable to the planting of crops whenever the farmer chooses to plant them, and the lands so rich that little or no fertilization is required, but nature seems to have with a beneficent hand reared many strange trees and plants to supply the wants of man without the necessity of his planting them himself. First among these are the palms, some twenty five or thirty varieties of which adorn the fields of Cuba, giving shade, food and life. At the head stands the royal palm. This majestic tree consists of a tall, straight trunk of fibrous wood, supporting a cluster of immense pennated leaves, like a bunch of plumes on a stick. It is a marvel of beauty and utility, yet is the most common

of all trees in Cuba This palm has been called the "blessed tree," for every part of it has its usefulness to mankind. Certain medicinal qualities are claimed for its roots, and its runk is easly split into strips, making excellent boards for the even tables. As the trunk is without any bark, and its center of 23. is very porous, increasing in density toward the outer surface which is nearly as hard as glass. it is only the outside hard shell these boards. From this hard, fibrous wood some very pretty most beautiful polish,

The leaves of the palm grow first in the form of a delicate courage prompt attendance. spire shooting up, which, gradually unfolding itself, forms a new leaf. These leaves continue to grow from the center spire to SAW MILL AT FORKS OF DES a great length, forming the cluster which, in the case of the royal palm, resembles so much a bunch of enormous plumes. The bud or heart of the center spire, from which the leaves grow, consists of a tender substance buried deep within the a very palatable food, either raw made into a preserve with sugar, with searcely any difficulty.

One of the peculiarities of the royal palm is the stem of its long leaves. It is a semicircular stem which embraces the trunk of the tree and holds the leaf in its place until it withers and drops to the ground. This stem is called the yagua. It restiff paper. Thus softened it is well eased for and at reasonable prices.

folded at the ends, something after the fashion of a baker's paper hat, and fastened with a wooden pin. In this shape it is called a catarro, and serves the Cuban farmer as a water bucket or wash basin, or a receptacle for milk, lard, cheese, eggs, or whenever a receptacle of any kind may be needed. It is even folded as a kettle, in which the breakfast of beef and yam is cooked. The water keeps the fibrous wood from burning. Moreover it is said that food thus cooked requires no salt other than that which is extracted from the yagua in the process of cooking.

In times of peace the yagua is universally used for covering bales of goods, and it has a variety of uses in the construction of houses. Set upon a frame it may serve as a bed and a very good one, too; and on a rainy day a couple of them may often be seen forming a shelter, or used as a tarpaulin to cover up the load on a pack mule, or as a waterproof to keep the rain off the rider. From yagua a good substitute for

paper is also obtained. The long leaves of the royal palm find their usefulness in the thatching of houses, as also in building temporary shelters from the rain and sun. With a supply of leaves a native can construct a very secure shelter within a few minutes, and in the rainy seasons these shelters often serve instead of canvas tents for the army.

THE MADRAS SUNDAY SCHOOL.

As I often see reports from the Methodist Hill and Agency Plains Sunday schools, I have wondered why the Madras Sunday school is not also mentioned. Therefore I will volunteer to send this item.

The beginning of the new year finds our school in a prosperous condition, siding of houses, benches and out of debt and there is money in the treasury. We had meetings fifty times last year, with an average attendance

Next Sunday, January 8, we will have our annual election of officers, All are invited to be present,

Beginning January 8th we will give prizes to those who attend each Sunof the trunk which furnishes day during the month. At the close of the year those who have received twelve monthly prizes will be rewarded with a nice Bible. Those, canes are made, which take a however, who come nearest to the twelve prizes will be duly rewarded. No one will be considered in this contest who comes in after the Lesson from the center of the trunk, study has begun. This is done to en-

We cordially invite you to attend. "Come with us and we will do thee One Who Attends.

CHUTES AND METOLIUS.

Rumor has it that a well known stockman near Madras is planning to establish a saw mill near the forks of the Metolius and Des Chutes rivers. The logs are to be floated down the Metolius to the mill.

This is a most commendable enterprise as the Metolius runs through a cluster of green leaves, and forms rich belt of timber which could in this way be utilized for the general benefit of the public. Timber has been or cooked as a vegetable, or previously floated down the Metolius

Those who are familiar with the country between Madras and the proposed mill say that the site is easily accessible from here and is situated within ten miles of this town.

A DALLES FEED YARD.

The old Brooks & Beers feed yard of The Dalles has always been recognized as the model feed yard of that sembles a thin board, often as city, but especially has this been so long as a man is tall, and the since it fell into the hands of Andy Cuban insurgent made it serve Allen. We presume Andy is the best him a variety of purposes. For known hostler of Eastern Oregon, example, it frequently served as carried on wagons all over the country. plates by cutting of sections; However, it is hardly necessary to say by soaking in waterit is rendered much of Andy for "his good works" pliable, so that it may be folded almost as readily as a piece of care you may rest assured that it is



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