

JAMAICA AS FRUIT ISLE

Establishment of Great Industry by Boston Skipper—Soil Made Good by Transplanting Soy Bean—Growing Bananas.

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Washington, July 27.—An American corporation has reclaimed the island of Jamaica.

For generations sugar was king in the islands, and men of high and low degree, whether white or black, were his subjects. Then came the freeing of the slaves and the legislation abroad which made the growing of sugar unprofitable. The price of sugar dwindled down to almost nothing where once there was a fortune in its growing, and the island was on the verge of ruin. Then came along a Yankee skipper, knocking about in a little 9-ton schooner. Calling at some of the ports on the coast of the island, his keen eye looked with interest upon the bananas that were so plentifully cultivated here. Knowing the taste the Americans were fast acquiring for this wholesome fruit, a rarity in his home markets, he set about to devise a way to get it to the great ports in good shape. That skipper was Captain L. D. Baker, of Boston. Purposeful, possessed of that quiet determination which recognizes obstacles only to overcome them, he went to work to develop a new industry, and slowly but surely he built up the banana trade. Steadily the number of vessels increased. This native labor was unreluctant so long as it meant money brought over by the British government to aid in the cultivation of the fruit.

The business prospered. It was incorporated as the Boston Fruit company. The slow sailing vessels of other days were replaced by modern swift-running steamships. Then the business outgrew the Boston Fruit company as it had outgrown the private enterprise of Captain Baker, and it gave place in turn to the big \$25,000,000 United Fruit company, which today has its magnificent, yacht-like fruit steamers plying between Jamaica and American ports. Its work has been the reclamation of the island. Some \$5 per cent of this is carried to the United States by the United Fruit company. But the possibilities of the fruit business are as yet merely touched. There are still some three acres of available banana land on the island where there is one acre under cultivation today. The fruit of the banana is a science. To get large, well-developed bunches, the kind it is most profitable to grow, requires careful cultivation and rich manure. The banana is a heavy feeder and exhausts the soil as rapidly as any crop that can be raised so the farmer must be diligent as well as the Jamaican government, in putting on its mettle to secure a crop rotation which will keep the soil up to a proper standard.

Big Ox Plows.

In cultivating the banana the land is plowed by big oxen in the old-fashioned way. The banana plants are then set out in rows 10 to 15 feet apart, and about eight feet apart in the row. They attain a height of from 10 to 15 feet, depending on the quality of the land, and on the cultivation they get. At the end of the first crop is ready for gathering. Each plant produces a bunch, after which it is worthless and is cut down and left on the ground to rot. But new plants or suckers are constantly coming up from the root. Thus when the first plant is cut down another is ready to start. Two or three others are in different stages of growth. The process may be continued for seven years, when the land must be plowed again. The coffee banana cutter is very expert at his work. He passes around among the plants, selects the ones which are ready to be cut, and with a single stroke of his machete cuts deep enough into the stem of the plant to cause it to land low enough for him to reach the bunch of bananas. With one stroke he severs the bunch from the plant, and with another trim off the stem, thus preventing the bunch from falling to the ground.

BLIND PROFESSOR TO WED SCHOOLMATE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, July 27.—The announcement made here today that Professor Maxwell Perry, one of the leading authorities of the world on mathematics, is soon to marry Miss Millie Kalman, daughter of well-to-do parents, has disclosed a romance that began in San Francisco and had its culmination in Munich. Professor Perry, who is blind, used to attend the same school with Miss Kalman in San Francisco, and they went to the university of California together. They were friendly, but Miss Kalman's parents objected to the match and Perry moved to Munich to study mathematics. Later Miss Kalman went to Munich to pursue studies in philology and there the young people became engaged.

PIONEER DAY BY IDAHO MORMONS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Boise, Idaho, July 27.—Pioneer Day was observed by the Mormons of this section at Pierce park, a few miles west of this city, yesterday. The festivities closed at a late hour last night with a dance. An extensive program was carried out and the address of the occasion was delivered by President Heber J. Hale of this state. Many non-Mormons attended the exercises.

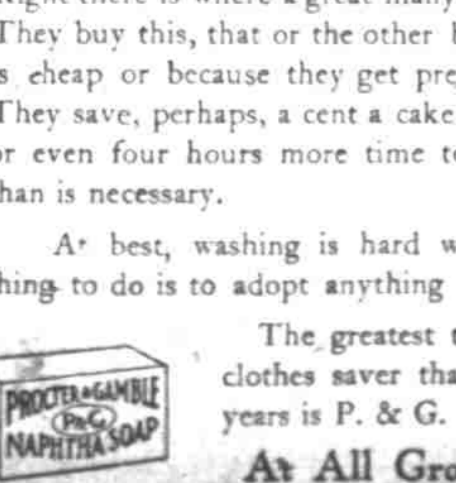
Washing Is Hard Work.

Sensible women adopt everything and anything that makes it easier. They use washing machines; and find them useful. They use clean water; or if it is not clean they do what they can to make it clean. But even with a washing machine and clean water, it is not possible to do satisfactory work unless the soap is good. Right there is where a great many women make a mistake. They buy this, that or the other brand of soap because it is cheap or because they get premiums for the wrappers. They save, perhaps, a cent a cake and they take two, three or even four hours more time to get through their work than is necessary.

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URGES FARMERS TO ENRICH SOIL

Chemist Addresses Master Bakers Association on Abuse of Wheat Land.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berkeley, Cal., July 27.—The problem of food supply in this county will be acute within another generation unless some plan is conceived to improve the quality of wheat, according to Theodore G. Bartholomae, a prominent Cincinnati chemist, who addressed the master bakers of the Pacific coast at their annual meeting here Sunday.

He rebuked the American farmers for their abuse of the land and said: "The day of vengeance is at hand and the earth refuses to be longer abused, and in place of giving 50 fold she only now gives five or 10 fold, and often less than that. The phosphates and nitrates so necessary for plant life have been exhausted and wheat raised on such starved out land is almost devoid of protein and gluten." Bartholomae said that malt is a partial remedy for the evil and urged the bakers to make use of it. Following are the officers of the master bakers organization for the coming year: H. C. Torr, San Francisco, president; Harry Banzhaf, San Francisco, first vice-president; Chris Mikkelsen, Berkeley, Cal., second vice-president; L. L. Robinson, Tacoma, Washington, president; A. W. O'Brien, Sacramento, Cal., fourth vice-president; A. W. Gibbs, San Francisco, secretary; Kornathoist, San Francisco, treasurer.

Rehabilitated Soil.

The run-down plantation in Jamaica is to be seen everywhere. Here they refer to it as "ruinate" and it includes thousands of sugar estates which were sold to the islands, but are now nothing but waste lands. The awakening of agricultural interests in bringing some of these plantations back into cultivation, fruit being grown instead of sugar. The cow pea is the means of reclamation. It has been found that the cow pea and its half brother, the soy bean, flourish in this climate, and that one crop will suffice to make a worn out estate blossom as the lily and the rose. Therefore, along the lines laid down by the department of agriculture of the United States the Britons in Jamaica are beginning to rehabilitate their soil. If this course is followed, the island will be able to supply the American people by buying the best part of their crops but will be teaching them how to produce vastly more.

NEW CITY WILL BE BUILT NEAR ASTORIA

A. B. Hammond Plans Extensive Improvements to His Mill Properties.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., July 27.—The plans of A. B. Hammond, who is now on the Atlantic ocean on a two years' trip to Europe, are gradually being made known. While all his interests are now centered at Astoria he intends to build a city of his own in the vicinity and surrounding the mill of the Tongue Point timber company. He has purchased or has options on sufficient property on which he will build 100 houses during the coming year. He has also made arrangements with the Astoria Electric company to have its line extended to his mill during the coming spring.

ROSEBURG-COOS BAY LINKED BY ELECTRIC

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Marshfield, Or., July 27.—Both in this city and in Douglas county there is a revival of last year's talk of building an electric line from Marshfield to Roseburg. When the matter was taken up before it was proposed to form a company of the capitalists of the two counties. The plan was never carried to completion.

DISABLED MINERS BECOME FARMERS

John Mitchell Going South to Buy Suitable Tract for Union.
Mobile, Ala., July 27.—From the coal-studded earth and the smoke-filled air of the Alleghenies are coming the disabled miners, members of the United Mineworkers of America, to spend their lives in the suburban climate of the Gulf coast. Here they are to cultivate the ground.

GARFIELD TO WAGE ANTI-SALOON WAR

Civic League Is Organized—Members Will Vote for Principle and Not Political Creed.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Garfield, Wash., July 27.—Citizens of Garfield held a meeting at the Baptist church last evening for the purpose of organizing an anti-saloon league. There was a resulting attendance and a very enthusiastic meeting. The following officers were elected: Senator B. C. McCroskey, president; Sanford Manning,

STRIKES CAUSE ITALY TROUBLE

Disorders Among Workmen Throughout Kingdom—Electric Wires Cut.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Rome, July 27.—The government has received official notice from Chile of the intention of that state to set apart the Dawson and other islands in the Magellan region for the colonization of Italian immigrants, and has expressed to Chile its approval of the project and willingness to aid Italian emigration to that end.

News reaches Rome of strikes among workmen all over the kingdom. In Padua the strikers have organized a member of the house of deputies to resist the authorities. In several cities all works are paralyzed. In Bolonia the troops have been called out. The municipalities have begun a general strike of the house of deputies. In Spezia the strikers have opened the gates of the dykes, producing a rush of water which has destroyed houses and killed people. In Parma strikers have destroyed all the telephone lines of the city and many of the electric light posts, and last night, under cover of the darkness attacked the troops but were repulsed. Today the city remains tranquil, but the traffic of trains and coaches on the streets has been suspended. One hundred and thirty arrests have been made in the city of whom 80 belong to the "Chamber of Labor."

GASPIPE THUG IS REMARKABLE MAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Quentin, Cal., July 27.—Louis V. Babner, one of the famous gaspipe thugs awaiting hanging next Friday morning, is regarded by the prison staff as the most remarkable prisoner that has ever come under the observation of the prison authorities. He slept soundly last night, as though he were not simply counting time until the rope should end his earthly existence. Babner maintains a remarkable attitude of stoicism and does not seem to care for the kindness of the chaplains and others who have come to see him during his last week.

Coroner to Cowlitz.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., July 27.—Coroner Charles Hudson was called to Toledo last evening to respond to a telephone message stating that the body of a child, lost driver named Johnson of this county, had been found near that place drowned about six weeks ago.

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Four-pair lot of regular \$9.00 values at, per pair \$3.25
Three-pair and four-pair lots of reg. \$10.00 values at, per pair \$4.00

PRINCESS DRESSERS

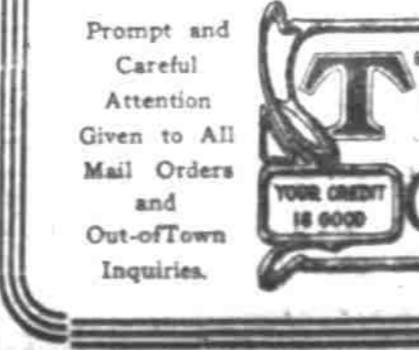
SPECIAL \$14.50
This exceptionally well-constructed and well-finished piece, selected from our line of low-priced dressers, in the golden oak. Has shaped beveled French-plate mirror, and the top drawer has serpentine pattern front. On sale today and Tuesday at the above special price.

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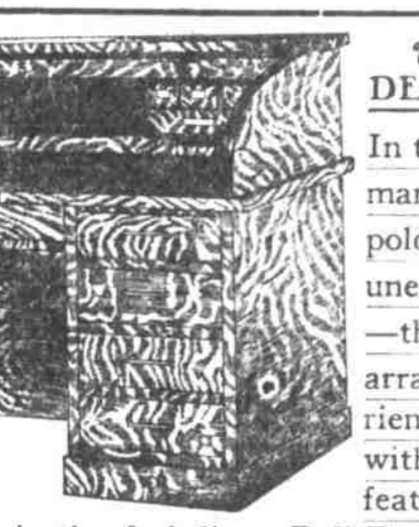


SALE OF HAMMOCKS

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\$2.75 Hammocks reduced to	\$1.95	\$6.25 Hammocks reduced to	\$5.45
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