

THE CULTURE OF TEA.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS ARE MADE IN THE SOUTH.

Gardens in North Carolina Produce a Superior Article at Twenty-five Per Cent. Profit—A New and Growing Industry for the Southland.

Some years ago a few far-seeing men of the Southern States looked far enough ahead to see that cotton would not always be king, and opened to discussion the problem of raising tea. At that time cotton was king, and there was no denying it, so the effort to create an interest in tea raising proved abortive. In less than a dozen years came a great war in which the South was swept clean as by a hurricane. One result of the war, minor perhaps, besides some of the other results, was that cotton was no longer king, and the new South was introduced other forms of agriculture, and not only that, but manufactures which the South heretofore had despised with pride in its "splendid isolation."

And now, a generation after the war has closed, after King Cotton has been deposed, Southerners themselves have taken up the culture of tea in earnest, bound to make it contribute to the general prosperity of that section of the country. A leader among these leaders is Prof. Charles U. Shepard, of Pinehurst, Summerville, S. C., and in a publication of the agricultural department in Washington he tells of the success of his experiment.

Since he has made a profit of 25 per cent. on his venture the undertaking is entitled to be taken out of the class of experiments and put in with the solid accomplishments that will endure. It is seven years since he first reported on the operations on the Pinehurst estate. He says that it seems probable from the facts so far gathered that the cultivation of tea can be made profitable in the warmer portions of the United States in two ways. One is by establishing a plantation on the scale of the experiment at Summerville with capital sufficient to carry the work to a point where the product can be offered on equal terms with tea holding an established place in the markets of the United States. The other is to grow tea for home use in the farm garden. In either case, growing can be undertaken safely only where the temperature rarely goes lower than 25 de-

met by a greater productivity in the field, by the substitution of machinery for hand labor in the factory, and by the manufacture of varieties of teas which, from inherent chemical causes, cannot be brought from the Orient.

Filling Out Garden Corners.
There is a large class of people who might profitably add the cultivation of tea to that of flowers and vegetables, fitting out the corners of their gardens and home fields with tea bushes, as they do in China, or substituting useful as well as ornamental evergreen hedges that plant for the present unsightly and costly and frequently unreliable fences. Cultivated in this way, the outlay of time, labor and money could hardly prove excessive, and, as one result, the household should be able to supply its own tea—pure, strong and invigorating, instead of the waxy, generally sold throughout the country.

As these little tea gardens are extended and multiplied factories will be established in each neighborhood for the larger manufacture of commercial tea, whither the products of the gardens surrounding may be brought and sold, precisely as canning factories and dairies consume the surplus production of fruit and milk.

One feature in the cultivation of tea has only to be stated to appeal to every one who plants, namely, that the season for gathering the leaf lasts in this climate for six months. Thus a crop is not dependent for at least partial success upon the weather of any one or two months, as is so apt to be the case with most of the objects of the husbandman's labor and solicitude.

For the present it will be wiser to limit the production of tea in the South to the better grades, such as retail at from 50 cents to \$1 per pound. The greater cost of unskilled labor in this country than in the Orient should constitute a smaller fraction of the total expense if the product commands a

are further causes of exhaustion. It is found also that during forced work the telegraph operator's breathing is affected, his heart's action precipitated and his brain congested. As a result of these phenomena it is noticeable that a general decline of the organism follows, ending in tuberculosis.

According to Mr. Hull, the ordinary death rate for tuberculosis is 13.8; that of telegraph operators is 46.6. And what is true of tuberculosis applies to other affections of the respiratory tract. The general death rate for the latter is 3.5, but it rises to 18.4 among telegraph operators between 15 and 25 years of age, to 23.1 between 25 and 32 years of age, instead of 4.9, and to 12 instead of 5.3, between the ages of 32 and 45. From 45 years upward it declines, being 4.3, instead of 5.3, but this diminution is very delusive, seeing that it is due to the elimination of the weak members who have died off in the preceding years. It becomes more marked with increasing age. Between 55 and 60 it stands at 0.5, instead of 0.4, and above 65 at 0.4, instead of 0.2. But these are not the only affections to which telegraph operators are liable, which give rise to a state requiring immediate withdrawal from their work.

A HUMAN HIVE.

Providence, R. I., has the largest silverware factory in the world, the largest screw factory, the largest manufactory for small tools and the largest file works. Perhaps it is especially unique in producing more jewelry than any other city in the United States, says the Nashville American, and nearly as much as all the rest of the country combined. There is no city which possesses so many separate and distinct shops for the manufacture of a single commodity as Providence does for the manufacture of jewelry. There are at least 250 separate factories devoted to the making of gold, silver, rolled-plate, electroplated and brass jewelry and novelties. In addition, the auxiliary industries for furnishing supplies of special labor to the jewelry factories number more than seventy-five. Many of the jewelry shops are small, employing only ten or a dozen hands, while some employ as high as 300, and in one case 1,400. By the State census of 1895 the capital invested in this industry in Providence is \$12,000,000, average number of hands employed, 7,000; annual wages paid, \$3,500,000;

FLASHY FUN.

Uncle Dick—I hope you are a good boy in school, Bobbie. Bobbie—Naw! I'm going to be a hero.—New York Journal.

In extension—Sally Gay—But, dear, he is a gambler. Dolly Swift—Yes, I know, but he has such winning ways.—Judge.

Sulior—Dearest—Idol of my heart—attend to the wants and comforts of those of apothecaries and dentists' parlors; no professional men but doctors. It is a sick man's paradise and a Chinese physician's Klondike. They call it Phisic street, which is descriptive if not picturesque.

A New Feature in Western Traveling.
The Pullman Company now operates two grades of sleeping cars via the Rio Grande Western Railway. The ordinary sleepers are entirely new, and the berths, both upper and lower, are fitted up complete with mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, curtains, etc., with stoves arranged for making coffee, etc., requiring nothing to be furnished by passengers. Uniformed Pullman porters are in charge of the cars, who are required to keep them in good order and attend to the wants and comforts of passengers. The cars are very handsome and commodious, and while not so elegant, are just as comfortable as standard or palace sleepers. Both first and second class passengers are permitted to occupy these cars on payment of the Pullman berth rates, which are less than half of the rates charged in the regular Pullman palace sleeping cars.

The ordinary sleepers are carried daily on trains via Rio Grande Western Railway between Denver and San Francisco and Portland. On five days in each week the sleepers are run through between Los Angeles and San Francisco, or Portland and Denver, Omaha, Chicago and Boston.

For additional details write for copy of folder to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington street, Portland, or George W. Hints, acting general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

The Corned Philosopher.
"Of course, the only truly happy man is the man who devotes his life to doing good for others," said the Corned Philosopher. "That is the only occupation a man can engage in, in which people will let him have his own way."—Indianapolis Journal.

American Dentists Annoyed Abroad.
American dentists are acknowledged to be the most skillful in the world. Caddis: "You're a real tooth puller, aren't you?" "Yes, I am." "But you're not a dentist." "No, I'm not." "Then why do you pull teeth?" "Because I'm a dentist."—Chicago Chronicle.

Mad stuns can be removed from tan boots and shoes by rubbing them with a piece of raw potato, and then polish with cream or paste.

Caddis: "Lemme carry yer clubs, boss. I kin be ez blind and ez deaf as er post!" Gopher: "I don't consider that any particular recommendation!"

"Did you ever earn an honest dollar in your life?" "Never," answered Meandering Mike. "Onst I worked two hours for a dollar, but when I got it I found it had a plug in it, right over de head of de American eagle."

"I'll see yer fer damages, Mrs. Mulligan—There's no made of sulr," Mrs. Casey. "Coom over here nu' I'll give yer all de damages yer want an' more, too."—New York Journal.

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Fifty Years a Pensioner.
A typical instance of the effect of a pension on longevity comes from Canton, where the death has occurred of a man in his 80th year, who enjoyed for over half a century an annual allowance from the war office. He was born in 1818, in Canada, where his father was a soldier, and at the age of 5 became a drummer boy, subsequently blossoming into a full-blown private of a foot regiment. He never did any fighting, and retired at the age of 30, with a pension, on account of ill health. A few years later he joined the Bedford constabulary, and attained to the rank of sergeant, subsequently becoming an instructor of fire-and-drum bands, and holding the post of drum major in the Linton volunteers.

Non-Sinkable Boat.
The latest invention for saving life is a non-sinkable boat. If people would pay such attention to the preservation of life in other ways there would be a great improvement. It cures dyspepsia, indigestion, all forms of stomach trouble. It is an excellent tonic.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. B. B. 439 8th ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '95.

The state of Nebraska has invested \$1,000,000 in voting machines.

Improved Train Equipment.
The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connections made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities.

For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlbut, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The United Verde Copper Company, of Arizona, is in the hands of a receiver.

"How long should mourning gowns be worn by a widow of 27?" was the question that came sobbing through the mails. Now it changed to be the sporting editor's day off, and the religious editor, therefore, was attending to the Side Talks with Young Persons. "There is no hard and fast rule," wrote the religious editor, confidently, "but they ought to come down to the boots, at least. This incident illustrates the occasional awkwardness of a newspaper standing as a bulwark of morals to the exclusion of everything else."—Detroit Journal.

"I have been using CASCARETS and as a result my bowels are regular and my health is simply wonderful. My daughter and I were sick with stomach and our breath was very bad. After taking a few doses of CASCARETS we were cured. They are a great help in the family."
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Conan Doyle's Marriage Maxims.
In his latest novel, "A Debt," Conan Doyle lays down some "Maxims for the Married" that are worth framing and hanging over the mantle piece in every new home. Here are a few of them:
Never both be cross at the same time.
You were gentleman and lady before you were husband and wife. Don't forget it. A blind love is a foolish love. Encourage the best.
If you take liberties be prepared to give them. There is only one thing worse than quarrels in public. That is caresses.
Money is not essential to happiness, but happy people usually have enough.
The easiest way of saving is to do without things.
If you can't, then you had better do without a wife.
The man who respects his wife does not turn her into a mendicant. Give her a purse of her own.—Washington Post.

Climate, Scenery and Nature's Sanitarium.
Scenery, altitude, sunshine and air constitute the factors which are rapidly making Colorado the health and pleasure grounds of the world.
Here the sun shines 327 days of the average year, and it blends with the crisp, electric mountain air to produce climatic conditions in the known world. No pen can portray, no brush can picture the majestic grandeur of the scenery along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in Colorado.

Parties and picnics are invited via this line which is known all over the world as the Scenic Line of the world.
For any information regarding rates, time tables, etc., call on or address R. C. Nichol, general agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., or any agent of the O. R. & N. Co., or Southern Pacific Company.

Under Two Flags.
"What a grand picture it must have been," remarked the boarder who had seen Dewey, "to have seen the Olympia steaming home, the stars and stripes on one mast and the home ward pennant on the other."
"Magnificent!" echoed the man in black suspenders, "but think what a picture it would have been to have seen the stars and stripes on one mast and the baseball pennant on the other."
—Chicago Evening News.

Ellen Terry likes cats in their proper places, but if a black cat ventures on the stage she is in despair.

The Lesser of Two Evils.
Passenger (as train stops)—Conductor, are those two men taking a straw vote?
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ROSE TEA GARDEN WITH ASSAM-HYBRID TEA.

grees Fahrenheit, and never below zero, and when the liberal supply of water can be depended upon. There is probably no place in the United States where the rainfall is sufficient for the best results with the tea plant, and irrigation should where possible be provided for in growing tea.

The experiment at Summerville, on the growth and manufacture of tea, began about ten years ago. At the beginning it was wisely on small scale, but has gradually been increased until now over fifty acres have been planted in tea. When the plants arrive at full bearing the yield should be at least 10,000 pounds of high-grade tea, and this should suffice for the object in view, viz., to determine whether commercial tea may be profitably grown under the local conditions of soil, climate and labor.

One of the most productive of the Summerville gardens is that called the Rose garden. The output of green leaf from it has been: Crop of 1902, 66 pounds; crop of 1903, 41 pounds; crop of 1904, 151 pounds; crop of 1905, 333 pounds; crop of 1906, 600 pounds; crop of 1907, 648 pounds; crop of 1908, nearly 1,200 pounds. One thousand two hundred and sixty pounds of green leaf will afford 300 pounds of standard Pinehurst black tea. But the "Rose Garden" is not to be regarded as an exceptional result, nor of difficult imitation. Two larger gardens, also formerly pine-woods ponds, planted with Darjeeling seedlings, promise successfully rivalling within a few years, and yet others appear to be awakening to a more vigorous productivity.

Without undue endeavor, Prof. Shepard sold his crop of 1908, about