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KITE FLYING IN JAPAN.

Of all the sports at which the boys of Japan amuse themselves, kite flying seems to afford the most fun and enjoyment. Japanese kites are not plain coffin-shaped bits of tissue paper, such as American boys fly. They are made of tough paper, stretched on light frames of bamboo, and of all shapes—square, oblong, or oval. They are also made to imitate animals. I have often, in my walks in Japan, seen a whole paper menagerie in the air. There were crying babies, boys with arms spread out, horses, fish, bats, hawks, crows, monkeys, snakes, dragons, bovines, ships, carts and houses. Across and behind the top of the kite a thin strip of whalebone is stretched, which hums, buzzes, or sings high in air, like a hurdygurdy or a swarm of beetles. When the boys of a whole city are out in kite time there is more music in the air than is delightful. The real hawks, crows and other birds give these buzzing counterfeits a wide berth. In my walks I often was deceived when looking up, unable to tell at first whether the moving black spot in the air was paper or a real living creature with beak, claws and feathers. The Japanese boys understand well how to send "messengers" to the top of the kite and how to entangle each other's kites. When they wish to they can cut their rival's string and send the proud prize fluttering to the ground. To do this they take about ten feet of the string near the end, dip it in glue and then into bits of powdered glass, making a multitude of tiny blades as sharp as a razor, and looking, when magnified, like the top of a wall in which broken bottles have been kept to keep off climbers.

When two parties of boys agree to have a paper war near the clouds, they raise their kites and then attempt to cross the strings. The most skillful boy saws off, with his glass saw, the cord of his antagonist. The usual size of the kite is two feet square, but often four feet; and I have seen many that were six feet high. Of course such a kite needs a very heavy cord, which is carried in a basket or on a big stick. They require a man or a very strong boy to raise them, and woe betide the small urchin who attempts to hold one in a stiff breeze! The humming monster in the air will drag him off his feet, pull him over the street or into the ditch before he knows it. No such kite to a dog's tail and no Japanese canine would ever turn around to bite the string. If the government allowed it boys and young men would make kites as large as an elephant.—Travels in Japan.

A FRUIT VILLAGE.

VISIT TO THE GEM OF THE JERSEYS. How Hamonton, the Yankee Settlement in the Wilds of the Jerseys, Has Been Made to Fructify an Hundred Fold.

From the Philadelphia Times. A party of Camden and Atlantic Railroad men and members of the Philadelphia press made an excursion to the fruit-growing village of Hamonton, New Jersey, about thirty miles from Philadelphia, to see the great profusion in which the strawberry grows at this season. Having used up the day in going the rounds of that peculiarly interesting settlement, speeches were made in the Town Hall, the most notable of which was one by Burnett Landreth, late Chief of the Bureau of Agriculture at the Centennial Exhibition. He suggested to the citizens of Hamonton that they might add to their present exceptional prosperity by the cultivation of sugar beet. "Jersey" he said, "would have the advantage of Louisiana in this industry. The latter is an unhealthy place, which the former is not, and at the same time the soil of Jersey is as good, if not better, than that of Louisiana for the purpose. Of the 1,750,000 tons of beet sugar manufactured last year in the world, about 583,000 tons, or one-third of the whole were made in the United States. In addition to fitness of the soil, there is another great reason why the manufacture of beet sugar should be more generally introduced in this country, namely, the absence of internal revenue upon the industry. In Europe

the receipts for internal revenue on sugar amounted last year to \$40,000,000. On an average an acre of beets, as in Germany, should produce thirteen tons of sugar, one ton of the latter being obtained from every eleven tons of beets. A suitable factory could be erected in this country for \$10,000, with a capacity of working the roots from one hundred acres of land, and employing only fifteen men. Beets in this country bring \$5 a ton, and an acre should produce twelve tons." Mr. Landreth's suggestion received close attention, and when he sat down President Lucas said that if any citizen would raise five tons of beets he would have them analysed by way of experiment. Mr. Cheney, late of the Centennial Bureau of Awards, then made an address, in which he announced that the Camden and Atlantic Road intended to display at the Permanent Exhibition a collective exhibit of the manufactures, etc. of the towns along its line; a continuous exhibition of fruits from Hamonton and other towns, and maps, photographic views, etc. for giving people all desirable information concerning this part of South Jersey.

A MODEL FRUIT VILLAGE IN NEW JERSEY.

Eighteen years ago Mr. R. J. Burnse, now Associate Judge of the Atlantic county (N. J.) court, built for himself a dwelling near the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, thirty miles from this city. Discovering the healthfulness of the climate and extraordinary fitness of the soil for producing such fruits as are raised in other parts of Jersey and in Delaware, he made known these advantages to his friends in New England, and soon afterward had for his neighbors about a dozen thrifty Yankees and their families. This settlement formed the nucleus of what is now Hamonton, the largest and most thrifty agricultural town in New Jersey except Vineland. Hamonton contains nearly two thousand inhabitants, mostly natives of New England or their descendants. Its dwellings, six hundred in number, are scattered over an area of eighteen square miles, snugly located in the midst of shade, flowers and fruit patches, on farms of from fifty to sixty acres in extent. The buildings are all of wood, most of them being admirable specimens of rural architecture. Perhaps a poor man could not be found residing in town. They have all turned pears and strawberries into gold. As an instance of the increase in the value of the land and of the profits of fruit-growing M. Colwell's farm of thirty six acres may be mentioned. Fifteen years ago it was bought at \$20 an acre, and eleven years later the owner sold it to Mr. Colwell for \$10,500, or about \$202 an acre. Last year's income from this land was about \$3,000, or nearly 33 per cent. of the original investment. Mr. Colwell's Bartlett pear orchard of one thousand trees is one of the largest in Jersey and netted him over one-half his income for last year. The township, which bears the name of the town, contains forty-two square miles of land, twenty-four of which are covered with tree-stumps and undergrowth, just as the original Yankee settlers found the now cultivated tract in 1860. But this unutilized ground is quite as productive as the other, and the broken merchant need only secure a portion of it, which he can do as cheaply now as the early settlers obtained theirs, in order to insure for himself and his family health and independence.

THE GEM OF THE JERSEYS.

For miles around Hamonton there is little suggestive of the proverbial sands and pineries of Jersey, and as to the town itself it may be fairly said to have earned its title of "the Gem of the Jerseys." Located on gently undulating, well watered ground, at a central point between the two great markets of Philadelphia and New York and the important one of Atlantic City, it is all that could be desired from an agricultural and mercantile point of view, while its landscape of model cottages, evergreens, fruit orchards, groves and Hamonton lake, a beautiful sheet a mile long and two hundred yards wide, just east of the settlement, would enchant the most fastidious artist. The town, if it may be so called, is in the form of a parallelogram, extending three miles along the railroad and six miles from northeast to southwest and is intersected at right angles by seventy miles of good roads. There is not a fence in the place except those of the barnyard, all the land boundaries being ledges of spruce or Rosedale arbor vite. Consequently cattle and horses are not allowed to run at large, but are tethered when grazing. The live stock, however, are fed principally in their pens, the husbandmen believing that the grass of five acres, cut and carried to the animals, will do them as much good as the grazing of twenty acres. But only enough cows are kept to supply the owners with dairy food. The principle industries are the growing of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, pears and grapes. Of these

the strawberry industry is the largest. The settlement produces all its food except grain and meat. The cottages of Hamonton are nestled among 160,000 pear trees, 30,000 apple trees, 6,000 peach trees, 500 acres of strawberries, 500 acres of blackberries, 400 acres of cranberries, 300 acres of raspberries and 100 acres of grapes.

AN AGRICULTURAL MINT. Most of the fruit is sent to Philadelphia. For seven consecutive days, last year, seven car loads of strawberries were sent to market every day. Hamonton pays the Camden and Atlantic Railroad about \$15,000 a year for freight on fruit alone. The strawberry shipping season begins about the 1st of June, continuing for three weeks; then comes the raspberry season, followed by the blackberry, and this, in turn, by the grapes and pear. Thus for five months, from the 1st of June until the 1st of October, there is an uninterrupted stream of luscious fruit flowing out of Hamonton. Just now the strawberry fields are dotted with women and children, picking the fruit, but they are not the women and children of Hamonton, for you find these at home and in school, refined, well-dressed and differing in their manners and customs from the city aristocracy only in being types of that health and happiness resulting from rural pleasures and from exercise useful to the household as well as to the body. Unlike Vineland, where the contrast between the rich and the poor, the educated and the less-informed, is comparatively great, Hamonton is decidedly high-toned throughout, and nearly every parlor has its piano or organ, every house its little library and every child its love of poetry and flowers. The pickers referred to are Germans, principally from Egg Harbor City, and about eight hundred of these hardy people are now employed in the Hamonton fields. In addition to its five school houses (one being a High School), and two weekly newspapers—the Hamonton Item and Republican, both edited by Dr. H. E. Bowles—the settlement has four churches, a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopalian. The Methodist predominates. There is not a policeman in the place, and only one constable, who, by the way, would be obliged to emigrate for a living if bread and butter depended upon the number of occasions occurring for the suppression of crime. The government is vested in a Town Council, whose president (now Mr. Colwell) is the municipal executive, and each of whose members is empowered to act as policeman when necessary.

Keep Your Boys at Home.

The Rev. W. H. Murray says in the Golden Rule: "Invent possible amusement to keep your boys happy at home in the evenings. Never mind if they do make a noise around you with their whistle and hurrahing! Never mind if they do scatter books and pictures, coats, hats and boots. We would stand against if we could have a vision of young men gone to utter destruction for the very reason that, having disagreeable, dull, stiff firesides at home, they sought amusement elsewhere. The influence of a loving sister is incalculable. Like the circle formed by casting a stone into the water, it goes on and on through a man's whole life. Circumstances and worldly pleasure may for a time weaken the remembrance, but each touch upon the chord of memory will waken the old time music, and her voice and her loving words will come up before him like a revelation. The time will come, before you think, when you would give the world to have the house tumbled by those very boys.

A Triangular Scrimmage.

The Newburyport Herald says a novel fight was witnessed in that city on Sunday between a rat, hen and rooster. A hen scratching near a water cask, was suddenly interrupted by a huge rat, and neither would give way. Finally the hen made a pass with her beak, which the rat dodged, and then the rat made a spring for her neck, which was not a success. At this juncture a cluck from the hen brought up the rooster, who, like a gallant cock, came into the ring to take a hand himself. Then commenced a triangular scrimmage with teeth and beaks. The hen had sent him one right on the snapper, which seemed very much to anger the rat, who, gathered for a spring on his antagonist, which was prevented by the cock lighting upon him and putting both spurs into his body, performing the solemn tragedy of harikari. Not satisfied with disemboweling their enemy, they picked out his eyes and left him.

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