

PROFITS OF FRUIT CULTURE.

BY A. S. FULLER.

If there is any one word that will arrest the attention of the American mind more quickly than another, it is the one under consideration to-day—namely, profits.

The boy who trades millions in stocks, and the man who invests his money in the same way, seek one and the same thing; and their happiness in a great measure depends upon the result of each transaction.

There is one phase of business-life in this country that calls for a passing notice, and it is this: few men are content with their occupation.

As horticulturists, we feel proud of our profession, knowing that it possesses many attractions for others as well as ourselves.

It is but a very few years since the cultivation of the apple could be called a profitable business, except in a very few localities; and these were chiefly in the Eastern States, and near our largest cities.

Twenty years ago the apple orchards in Western New York were not considered of any particular value to their owners, as the best varieties could be purchased for twelve cents per bushel, and cider would seldom bring more than a dollar per barrel at the press.

Now it must be apparent that apple culture at that time was not a very profitable business, but the people have advanced, and the increase in population and facilities for transportation have caused an increase in demand, until the farmers in that section have no difficulty in obtaining four or five times as much for their apples as they did a few years ago; consequently, the cultivation of this fruit with them is now a profitable business.

It requires ten to fifteen years for an apple orchard to come to full bearing, or, in other words, to produce a paying crop; but the land which they occupy may, in the meantime, be used for other purposes, so that there is really no loss in waiting.

Now the question may be asked, does apple culture pay? Certainly, as some of you know to your sorrow. In many sections of the Eastern States apples have failed for several years past, and will probably continue to do so until they are discarded altogether.

Then, again, a particular variety may do well in one locality and not in another; and this fact will explain why, in some instances, one man will make apple culture a very profitable business while another will fail to do so until they are discarded altogether.

Now this is conclusive proof that the apple can be successfully grown in that section of the State; and the farmers should take advantage of their circumstances, and plant the fruit extensively. If every farm in the best apple growing regions was planted with the best varieties the market would not be overstocked; because these localities are extremely circumscribed, while the demand is almost without a limit.

A few years since many of our fruit-growers predicted that within five years the best pears would be a drug in our market.

It is too well known that there are very few localities in the Eastern States where an annual crop of peaches can be relied upon. If a good crop can be obtained one season out of three, then a good profit may be expected.

should be carefully studied by those who intend to make a business of it.

The strawberry is, perhaps, the only berry that may be said to be universally successful. Among the many hundreds of varieties, there are those that are adapted to almost every soil and location, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Raspberries are not so plentiful, and it will be sometime before they will go below remunerative prices; for, just as soon as they become cheap enough the grower will commence drying them, and in that condition they will pay a handsome profit.

I will state that one of our most prominent small fruit growers experimented for twenty years before he found a variety of raspberries that was worthy of cultivation.

In another locality and soil he would probably experience no difficulty in obtaining dozens that would have yielded as great a profit as this one. Raspberries, when successful, yield as large, if not larger, return per acre than any of the small fruits; and success depends chiefly upon selecting varieties adapted to the soil.

I might enumerate all the different kinds of fruits in cultivation, and give instances of great profits as well as losses; but what I have already said is sufficient to show that the fruit grower must be a business man, it requires tact, energy, and a large amount of perseverance to enable any one to succeed.

I believe that fruit culture is just as safe a business as any other; but no one need embark in it expecting that wealth will flow into their pockets without seeking it earnestly and perseveringly.

Weeds will grow and insects will devour while we sleep, and the rain, which we are told, "falls upon the just and the unjust," will often interfere with our well-arranged plans; but such things must be expected in all the walks of life. It may appear to you that I have not put a very high coloring upon this picture of fruit culture; still I can offer you no better evidence of my faith in its pleasures and profits than my own devotion to it for the last twenty years. Read the *Orange-Grover's Club, New York, Aug. 27th, 1868.*

From the National Intelligencer. The Coming October Elections.—The Election in Maine.

"It is generally conceded that the coming October elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa will virtually determine the result of the Presidential election."

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But the admission, in effect, by Congress of the truth of the charge of Mr. Washburne, of their own venality and corruption, (they calling for no committee of investigation on the subject), is a culmination of the eternal Providence to visit reprobation, even should it not awaken the people from the dangerous lethargy.

Very respectfully, (Signed) W. W. HODDEN, Governor.

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STATE DEBT.—We find the following letter in the Richmond Dispatch.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALPH, N. C., September 8, 1868. Messrs. Lewis, Johnson & Co.:

Gentlemen,—Yours of the 7th instant to hand. The State will promptly meet all interest on her public debt that may become due on and after the 1st of October next.

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Democratic Meeting at Town Creek. We are authorized to state that there will be a Grand Democratic Rally at Town Creek, Brunswick county, on Saturday, the 26th instant.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Maine Election. Portland, Me., Sept 14—P. M. The election for State officers took place to-day, after a canvass of extraordinary vigor on the part of both parties.

From New York.—Maine Election. New York, Sept. 14—P. M. The reports from Maine come in slowly, but seem to indicate a nearly even show.

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From Raleigh.—The Republican Mass Meeting, etc. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 16—P. M. The Republican Mass Meeting and Barbecue, which has been advertised for some time came off here to-day.

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Wilmington Wholesale Prices (Continued). It should be understood that our quotations generally represent the wholesale price in Wilmington small orders, higher rates have to be paid.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. BEEF, 100 lbs @ 10 00; BUTTER, 100 lbs @ 10 00; CHEESE, 100 lbs @ 10 00; EGGS, 100 lbs @ 10 00; LARD, 100 lbs @ 10 00; SUGAR, 100 lbs @ 10 00; SYRUP, 100 lbs @ 10 00; WHEAT, 100 lbs @ 10 00; CORN, 100 lbs @ 10 00; OATS, 100 lbs @ 10 00; RYE, 100 lbs @ 10 00; BARLEY, 100 lbs @ 10 00; HAY, 100 lbs @ 10 00; STRAW, 100 lbs @ 10 00; WOOL, 100 lbs @ 10 00; SHEEP, 100 lbs @ 10 00; PIGS, 100 lbs @ 10 00; CATTLE, 100 lbs @ 10 00; HORSES, 100 lbs @ 10 00; CARRIAGES, 100 lbs @ 10 00; FURNITURE, 100 lbs @ 10 00; BUILDINGS, 100 lbs @ 10 00; MANUFACTURES, 100 lbs @ 10 00; MISCELLANEOUS, 100 lbs @ 10 00.

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REVIEW

OF THE WEEK ENDING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1868.

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DIED.

In this City on the night of the 15th inst., Mrs. MOLLY J. JONES, aged 25 years, wife of James Jones, and daughter of Charles McClammy, of this City.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, in Chowan county, August 31st, 1868, the wife of the late Mr. MAMIE LEWIS, only and beloved daughter of Rev. T. J. and Nannie Knapp, aged 6 years.

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