

GOOD FORTUNE MADE FROM CYPRESS LEAVES

Discovery of an Enterprising Norfolk Florist Creates a Fad and Brings Him Prosperity.

GROWTH OF VIOLETS ON THE INCREASE

In the shade of Dismal Swamp, not far from Norfolk, there has been established an industry that has as its patrons the society folk of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Last autumn a Norfolk florist, with more than usual professional thrift, conceived the idea of advancing the horticulture, so largely used in floral designs, especially where longevity is desired, and finding a substitute.

He was aware of the beauty and life of a leaf that fell in the autumn from a vine that entwined the cypress of Dismal Swamp, and as an experiment he began to grow the leaves in his garden.

Intantly the idea was successful and with a business shrewdness he employed an agent, whom he sent to the Swamp, instructed to purchase as many of the leaves as possible, to be packed by him and sent to the florist, who was enabled to supply at his own price the demand from the Northern florists, who grasped the idea of the Virginia and introduced it as a floral fad.

GOOD SALE: BIG PROFITS. The leaves sell readily at \$1.25 to \$2.00 a thousand wholesale and the cost of gathering and shipping them is insignificant so the profit is enormous.

The leaf is generally known as the "Cypress leaf," but it does not fall from the tree, but from a creeper, somewhat similar to mistletoe, that grows upon the trunk of the cypress. It is about two and a half or three inches in length and about half an inch wide.

While the other leaves in the same floral design are allowed to wither, or more properly dry, they change in color, until they are almost black.

In Western North Carolina and in the mountains of Southwest Virginia a large quantity of the leaves are gathered in the fall, a simple leaf that sprouts from a bulb growing wild in the forests. This leaf in color is very much like the "cypress," and like that is used in floral designs.

POLITICAL TALK ON VIRGINIANS TAKE TO POLITICS AS 'DUCK TO WATER'

They Discuss Contests Which Are Yet Far Off—Speculation as to Congressmen, Senators and Circuit Judges.

Virginians are essentially a political people. They take to politics as a duck takes to water, and they are never known to tire of its excitement and confusion.

Again there is much speculation as to who will represent the old State in the Fifty-eighth Congress. More than this, there is actually talk as to Governor Montague's successor, though the distinguished Executive has served less than a month of his four-year term.

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George D. Wise and Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith, and the outlook for a pretty race is very promising.

In the Fourth District Major Lassiter will undoubtedly have opposition. Judge Asa D. Watkins, of Prince Edward, is looked upon as a probable candidate.

and the friends of Hon. R. G. Southall, or Amelia, are urging him to run. In the Sixth District Judge George E. Cassell, of Radford, and Senator W. P. Barkshire, of Halifax, are both candidates.

It may be that Judge James W. Marshall will run in the Ninth District, and it looks as if there will be other fights in the State.

Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick, is being widely talked of for judge of the new judicial circuit, embracing his county and others in the southside, should the new Constitution finally be adopted.

Mr. Turnbull shall turn a deaf ear to those who desire him to enter the congressional race this fall, it will be largely on account of his preference for judicial life, and it is believed that he has strong leanings that way.

Mr. Turnbull is looked upon as an exceptionally strong lawyer and judge, from the way he has handled his section talk, he can come very near being one of the new circuit judges if he wants the place.

Another member of the convention who will likely wear the ermine as one of the new circuit judges is the Hon. George K. Anderson, of Alleghany, who is a lawyer and has been one of the ablest young lawyers in his section, and has been judge of the county courts of Alleghany and Bath for some years.

He is a native of Louisa county and is widely known throughout the State.

The Times is very near "calling the turn" on Governor Montague's staff before it was made public. For instance, it made the exclusive forecast that Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., would be chief, and then risked its judgment further on the following aides: Messrs. Patton, H. Grundy, E. E. Holland, John S. Harwood, L. W. Lane, Jr., Henry M. Lewis and Sidney Shelman.

It is believed that His Excellency has made quite popular selections. They are distinguished over the State in the following order: First District, 1; Second District, 2; Third District, 2; Fourth District, 1; Fifth District, 1; Sixth District, 2; Seventh District, 2; Eighth District, 2; Ninth District, 1; Tenth District, 1-Total, 15.

Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville, the new chief of staff, is a well-known writer and member of the House of Delegates. Colonel Lee is a lawyer and legislator, and a grandson of General R. E. Lee.

Colonels Grundy, Harwood, Chipley and Valentine are all well-known and popular business men of this section. Colonel Williams, the other Richmond member, is a lawyer. Colonel Holland is Commonwealth's Attorney of Nansemond, and an able lawyer. Colonel Watson is a civil engineer, and is a son of Dr. J. C. Watson, of this city.

Colonel Harper is a well-known physician, and president of the Virginia Democratic Association in Washington. Colonel Lee of Williamsburg, and Esley, of South Boston, are prosperous young business men and are very popular in their respective sections.

Colonels Goode and Shelman are lawyers. Colonel Lewis is a cashier. Colonel Saunders and Colonel Wyatt are lawyers, and Colonel Baker is a prominent merchant of Winchester.

An amusing story is told by a well-known business man of Philadelphia who recently was introduced to John D. Rockefeller, says the Ledger. Mr. Rockefeller's favorite pastime outside of business hours is pitching quoits, at which he is said to be very clever.

He was speaking of this game when some one asked him if he ever played golf. "Golf?" was Mr. Rockefeller's reply. "I don't know anything about golf. I wouldn't even know how to hold my caddy."

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NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Trotters at the Deep Run Hunt Club's Mile Track.

LEVERET IS AMONG THEM

Captain Roper and Mimi-Little Tobe—Sale of Helen Wilmer—At Haven Farm—Death Was at New Orleans.

The road and trotting horses in the stable of C. A. Pusey, at the mile track of the Deep Run Hunt Club, are wintering nicely and most of them are the picture of vigorous health.

Pusey's stable includes the bay gelding Leveret, by A. L. Kempland, out of Laura B., dam of Laurels, 2:13 1/4, by Esby, Wilkes, who was sired by Mimi.

Another fine horse is the bay mare Lizzie S., by Jake, dam by a son of Mambro Patchen. She is owned by Mr. Thomas Atkinson, by whom she has been used for road work, but has speed and stamina for racing, and will be given a record.

The bay gelding Big Jim, who is masted in size, and paced a trial in 2:20 1/4 at two years ago, including the box adding Lizzie S. He was shown at minute speed at the lateral gallop and was sired by the famous Brown Hal from whose loins came the pacing champion Star Pointer, 1:33 1/4.

Among others in the stable are Steed, 2:22 1/4, pacing, by M. V. Lyons, by Esby, out of Woodburn, a Habingtonian, and some speedy trotters.

One of the most liberal patrons of the trotting horse in Virginia is Captain John L. Roper, of Norfolk, who has been ever since the wealthy concern known as the John L. Roper Lumber Company, owner of Foxhall Stock Farm and moving spirit in other important enterprises.

Captain Roper is regarded as one of the most charitable of men, and the poor and needy are his constant benefactors. He has ever had the pleasure of being in the realm of horsemanship as well.

One of the Captain's favorite diversions is road driving, and for many years past his private stables have rarely failed to shelter one or more fast trotters and pacers.

He is now driving the bay mare Lizzie S., by Jake, out of Laura B., by Esby, Wilkes Boy, who jogs on a trot up to a three-minute gait, but when called upon to go faster strikes pace and can fairly fly at that gait. In addition to good looks Mimi has perfect manners.

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Potts—whose mounts are generally of the best.

The bay gelding, Death, a bay imp. Charaxus, dam The Alarm Bell, by Alarm, has been winning frequently at the New Orleans winter meeting, as he did at the late fall meeting at Washington, from where he was shipped direct to the Chesapeake Bay, where his full sister was aptly named Warning, was bred by the Bowles, of Maryland, who sent the dam, Virginia Belle, to the Eversley Stud, has had her mated with imp. Charaxus.

One of the handsomest hunters ridden to hounds at the semi-weekly meets of the Deep Run Hunt Club is the chestnut gelding Van Gray, owned by Mr. J. D. Matthews, of Manchester. This horse was sired by Jim Gray from a mare by the famous Irish hunter, called to the Eversley Stud, and the next dam by Staunton, the son of Red Eye, by Boston.

OLD MANSION RESTORED. Morven Park Handsomely Improved by its New Owners.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEBESBURG, VA., Jan. 25.—Perhaps there is no more beautiful country home in the State of Virginia than Morven in Loudoun county, a State and county famous for old colonial mansions, than Morven Park, the fertile bluegrass lands of the late Governor Swann, of Maryland, now owned by Mr. John C. Scott, of New York.

Situated on a slight rise, the house is about one mile from the town of Leesburg, with the picturesque Katoctin mountains rising in the background, overlooking a wide expanse of fertile bluegrass lands of the Piedmont, it has a location unsurpassed.

The mansion itself which is approached by a well kept park of close mown grass, shrubbery and trees, is a stately edifice of the colonial type, the entrance being supported by four immense Doric columns.

The interior is as spacious and luxurious as the exterior would seem to suggest. The large hall contains many famous paintings, some of them by old masters and the elegant parlors and adjoining rooms contain many rare articles of furniture.

Morven Park assumed its present beautiful appearance under the ownership of ex-Governor Swann over fifty years ago, who made his home there for many years, and was the scene of a grand ball during the late Civil War a famous camp-ground for the troops of first one side and then the other.

Since his purchase of the property last spring, Mr. Scott has spared no pains and expense to make his home as ideal in modern convenience and comfort as it is in natural beauty.

All of the modern conveniences of a complete modern and attractive home have been added. Water brought from the side of the mountain now supplies each bedroom in the house with a continuous private bath, while by means of hose the lawn is kept green even in the parching heat of summer.

Back of the main hall, where the stables are no less a matter of pride to their owner, who has recently erected a handsome carriage house, with several commodious coachman's dwelling adjoining.

The latter is a neat structure of frame stuccoed and cost \$2,500. A new building, also a recent improvement erected at the cost of \$1,000.

Back of the main hall, which extends with spacious depth the entire length of the building, Mr. Scott has just completed one of the most complete billiard rooms in any private residence in the State. These are but a few of the improvements Mr. Scott hopes to make in the near future.

THE ROAD UP TUG RIVER.

A Boulder Tears Up a Railroad Track. BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Jan. 25.—Extraordinary activity prevails among railroad contractors and divers and sundry other people interested in the developments on the Tug River territory.

A short distance west of the mouth of the Tug River, a complete road already been brought to the field and work upon the building of shanties and stables is being pushed with great vigor. A contract has been entered into for the construction of 1,200 coles during this year.

Structures of 100, 1,200 in 1901, and it will require many men and many hundreds of thousands of dollars to accomplish the work.

John T. McKinney, a well-known railroad contractor, has been awarded the contract for the grading of three miles of the new railroad, beginning at Welch and the firm of the Lane Brothers Company has been awarded another three miles of the grading, which will take the road to Sand Lick, six miles from Welch and Tug River. These contracts require the completion of the work within six months from the signing of the contracts.

This six miles of road makes the company in the field of the best measures of the No. 3 Pocahontas coal and just one mile above the strata take cover under the watch. The engineers are pushing the work and they will be ready for the grading in a brief space of time.

There are four corps of engineers at work on the location. By the first of July, it is thought, the company will be ready for shipments of coal. The original survey has been somewhat changed and the road will be built on the west side of Tug River, mostly on the hill side. A survey has also been made two miles up the Sand Lick. It is needless to say that thousands of dollars are being expended in the road work and now is the time for business men to locate in this section.

The people of the town of Jaeger last night were aroused from their slumbers by a terrific noise, which was heard in which they could not account. Investigation revealed the fact that an immense boulder had broken loose from the towering cliffs high up on the mountain side and came rolling down into the valley with great force, and it weighed several tons.

It narrowly escaped the section in which it would have crushed like an egg shell. It tore a large part of the railway track, and it was the running of the trains for several hours.

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Alabama—Cotton-mill supply works at Huntsville, candy factory at Montgomery, soil-pipe factory at Tusculoosa. Arkansas—Packing company with a capital stock of \$200,000, at Fort Smith, Georgia—A \$50,000 cotton-mill at Waycross.

Kentucky—Enlargement at a cost of \$200,000 of boiler works at Louisville. Louisiana—A rice-mill with a daily capacity of 1,500 sacks at Roanoke. Maryland—The opening of two new coal mines. Mississippi—A cross-arm and pin factory at Laurel, a furniture factory at Durant.

North Carolina—Factory to make white ink for marking knit goods at Tryon and a veneer factory at High Point. South Carolina—A \$60,000 cotton-mill at Clinton.

Tennessee—Increase in the capacity of a cotton-mill at Humboldt, foundry and machine shop at Memphis, and a coffin and casket company at Cleveland. Texas—The establishment at Beaumont of a plant employing 200 men in making steel tanks and tank cars, sugar factory at Velasco, cannery at Franklin, cotton-mills at Vernon and at Brenham, refinery at Dallas, saw and planing-mill at La Porte.

Virginia—Lumber-mill at De Witt, furniture factory at Wytheville. West Virginia—Development of coal mines near Dingess, Delorme, and Fairmont, and of oil and gas wells near Parkersburg.

"I heard you call that man 'professor.' " "Yes." "Well, there is something indefinite about that title, and I am naturally curious. Is he a pugilist, a dog trainer, an instructor in athletics, a patent-medicine lecturer, a sleight-of-hand man or a scientist of some sort?" Chicago Post.

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NEW INDUSTRIES. Other industrial announcements during the week included the following:

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