

A BASKET OF NUTS.

A PLEASANT AUTUMNAL REVERIE OF THE AFTON LADY.

THE BURRS A-BURSTING NOW.

And the Children Are Making Merry. Concerning the Chestnuts and Walnuts—Even the Humble "Gopher" Comes in for Mention.

AFTON, VA., October 11.—(Special).—There is no doubt that October is a favorite daughter of the year.

This queen of autumn is resplendent. Her morning breath is like a draught of pure new wine. Her face is ruddy and brown, and there is a glint of gold in her hair.

Do not proud flowers blossom for her, adorning the goldenrod, the purple orchid, the dahlia and the crimson cardinal of the swamp lands?

And what richest gifts she brings of all things to make the heart glad! What feast she spreads of sweetest fruits and browning nuts! And nowhere do we gather from October's outstretched hand more prodigious wealth of these than in the Blue Ridge mountains.

THE CHESTNUT WOODS.

The chestnut woods of Virginia, are noticeably fine and are very extensive. No lovelier spot can be imagined in which to spend a sunny afternoon than in one of these wide-spreading groves, whose restful stillness is good for mind and body.

But O, from its quiet stillness how the boys and girls wake the echoes and enjoy a nutting excursion. What fun it is to shake the loaded trees and hear the nuts come rattling down from the open burrs; master squirrel is there, too, and pops his scaly head out of a hidden nook, as though to say:

"Please leave some for me," and the next instant flashes his bushy tail out of sight.

Now is October niggardly in the variety of her offerings; chestnuts, hickory-nuts, shellbarks, beechnuts, hazelnuts; all are here for the seeking. Of these the chestnut is the choicest for commerce and home consumption. The chestnut tree so prolific in Virginia forests, came originally from Asia Minor. It is a handsome tree, closely allied to the beech, growing to a large size and is very long lived.

In Europe it often forms extensive forests, and the nuts form the principal food of the people, either roasted, boiled or ground and made into bread.

A FAMOUS CHESTNUT. I read not long since of a famous chestnut tree in Towcester, England, which is said to have been known as a boundary-mark in the reign of King John; and at Mount Etna there is a chestnut tree measuring two hundred and four feet in circumference.

Next and best beloved of nuts is the genus-carya, which is nothing but the old-time hickory-nut. The hickory is indigenous; it is one of the native trees of Northern America, and is Virginian only by adoption.

There are several varieties. The common or market nut is the shagbark, so called from the outer bark peeling off. The Pecan nut is of the hickory family, and grows in the West and as far South as Florida.

It is a curious thing to note that the heart of a hickory nut, which is for the long winter evenings, to gather around the blazing fire of great, hickory logs and eat our hickory-nuts with the wind and the snow whirling without and we have time in plenty.

Of practical use—and without sentimentality—hickory chips are the purest and best for smoking meat. No other commodity is so well flavored for curing bacon, as any old country house-wife will tell you.

SOMETHING ABOUT WALNUTS. Walnuts are nearly all natives of North America, though a few came originally from Asia, and the common kind has been cultivated in Europe from the time of Thebes.

The walnut is a beautiful tree; the sap is sweet, and trees are often tapped for it the same as the maple. The leaves, when bruised, give out a fine fragrance. They are placed by country women in their chests and bureau drawers as moth preventatives, and an infusion of walnut leaves is a sure home remedy for scrofula. A lasting dye is made from walnut bark, and the unripe nuts are used for making a delicious old-time pickle or ketchup. In France they are considered a dainty delicacy, to be eaten with vinegar, pepper and salt.

A grove of walnut trees back here in the mountains averaged thirty dollars to the tree for making furniture.

One mammoth of the forest, a black walnut, belonging near the "Big Survey," has been prized at a thousand dollars, but is inaccessible for removal without proper machinery.

And there is the butter-nut—well named—for though the shell is hard and rough, the meat is as rich as the best creamery butter; the hazel-nut and the common varieties of the hazel. The cobnut is found in plenty on bushy trees following the water courses. The filbert is only the elongated hazel-nut, named "filbert" for a contraction of "full beard," the shell being hairy-like. They are valued chiefly for their oil, which is used not only by painters, but by perfumers as a base for the more expensive fragrant oils of extracts.

Hazel-tree wood is very tough and flexi-

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5c

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25c

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Snowflake Patent Family Flour, per barrel, \$3.80; per bag. 24c
Peach, Tornado, Grape. 25c
Sour Pickles, per gallon. 20c
Mixed Spices for pickling, lb. 20c
Pure Cider Vinegar, gal. 20c

20c

- Granulated Sugar, per pound. 4 1/2c
Best Ginger Snaps or Soda Crackers, per pound. 4 1/2c
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PEANUTS, TOO! Another favorite of our own, indispensable to young Congressmen and the "gallery gods," is the homely peanut.

A charming young friend of mine found herself one happy summer morning in the vicinity of Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

"Oh!" said she the morning after her arrival, "I do want to see all the curiosities; the way they cure hams if they are sick and the trees the peanuts grow on!"

She saw them. The peanut is sometimes called the ground nut, from the fact that it grows under ground like a potato.

The peanut is a commercial commodity of vast size. The only reason it has not yet been gobbled up by the "trusts" is because it is not indigenous to the "trusts" country.

Peanut oil is a good substitute for olive oil, and the flour of peanuts, rolled as fine as possible, is an excellent flavoring for cake.

Do you want a lovely luncheon for the harvest-home month? Salted peanuts, ginger bread, cider and apples will fill the bill of fare.

Of imported nuts in our basket are Brazil nuts—and we all know the other name—and almonds.

Of these the most highly prized are the long almonds, known as the Jordan almond, and the broad almond of Valencia.

The almond tree has been known from a remote age; we first hear of it in Genesis, almonds being a part of the present that Jacob sent to Joseph on the return to Egypt of his sons with their young brother, Benjamin.

Aaron's rod is said to be a branch of the almond tree. The tree is of the same family as the peach, and in Eastern countries is cultivated, aside from its nut value, for the sake of its beautiful flowers, which resemble peach blossoms in form, though of a lighter color and often white.

The flowers appear before the leaves, and the bible employs this fact as a beautiful figure of old age with its hoary locks.

But the most valuable and largest of all nuts is the cocconut, the fruit of a variety of palm tree originally found on the coast of India. It is now met with in nearly all tropical countries. The cocconut tree bears from eighty to a hundred nuts a year, and is in bearing for seventy-five years. The nuts are the staple food of the people of tropical coasts; they are eaten both ripe and unripe; the milk of the cocconut is very nourishing.

With us the cocconut is also an important ingredient in a staple article of American diet—the cocconut pie.

EVERY DAY TALK. Mr. Walter Garth, of the Lodebar section, in Nelson county, and Miss Martin, of Cumberland, Md., were married Tuesday morning and left on the evening train for Richmond.

Miss Annie Mayo, of Clifford, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Shelton, returned home this week. Mrs. John S. Hays, of "Chestnut Ridge," is visiting friends near Middlebrook, in the Valley.

Miss Edith Godwin, of Washington, will not return to Afton before November 1st. Mr. Page Carter, of Georgia, is expected at "Chestnut Ridge" on October 17th. Misses Georgia and Charlotte Goodloe are visiting relatives in Richmond. Mr. W. H. Goodwin, of the State Legislature, and his son, Henry, are in Staunton. The season is very favorable for the farmer; fall work is getting well on. Wheat and young grass are looking very well. Rev. James H. Robinson has accepted a call to Bethany Baptist church, Albemarle county, and will enter upon his duties October 25th.

IN KESWICK SOCIETY.

People "Horseshow Mad"—Some Fine Animals to Be Bought Here.

KESWICK, Va., October 11.—(Special).—A most delightful reception took place at "La Fourche," the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quail Whittier's, on Thursday afternoon. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. George H. Browne, Mrs. George Porteus Egan, and Miss Jannet Egan. The house was most artistically decorated in autumn leaves and gleaming lights shone through red shades, giving a rosy hue to the beautiful scene. Mrs. Whittier was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Margruder, Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mrs. Pugh, and Mrs. F. L. Thurman, Miss Beecher, Miss Osburn, and Miss Shackelford. Delightful refreshments were served in the dining room. Some of those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Margruder, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowcock, Miss Jeannette Hancock, Misses Boyden, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, Mrs. Boocock, Dr. and Mrs. Thurman, Mrs. Macon, Miss M. Randolph, Mrs. W. C. Reed, Miss Jones, Misses Reed, Mrs. Mead, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Black, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Raggert, Mrs. Kate Dickinson, Mrs. Will Money, Mrs. Cruly Young, Mr. and Mrs. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Whittier, Miss Benson, Mrs. Gargoll, Mrs. and Miss Piners, Mrs. Will Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Balmaine, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen. There were many others, but it was impossible to get all the names.

KESWICK IS HORSE SHOW CRAZY. Keswick is horse show crazy just now, and Monday will see quite a thinning of the social ranks. Already Miss Ingersoll and Mrs. Carradine have gone to Richmond and are existing Miss Tart.

Mr. Julian Morris left yesterday with a car of horses for the show. Among them "Princess," one of Mr. Morris' best hunters, and the winner of the Monticello cup in Charlottesville, now owned by Mrs. J. M. Allen, of Keswick, and Miss English, owned by Mr. Allen, "Black Prince," the blue ribbon winner of several shows, owned by Mrs. W. C. Reed, of Richmond and Keswick.

Mr. Morris has only one horse of his own to show, like his namesake, "Churchill," he will make his mark. He is a remarkably fine heavy weight hunter, and great things are hoped for him.

Some of those who will go down on Monday for the show are: Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mrs. Julian Morris, Mrs. Mary Boocock, Mr. Everette and Mrs. Francis Lee Thurman, who will ride "Princess" in the ladies' classes; "Deep River" and "Pathfinder," for Mr. Harry Beattie, in other events. Mrs. Allen Potts will take a string of fine horses to the Horse Show. Mrs. Potts is one of Virginia's most finished horsewomen, and to enter the ring means a ribbon for her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen have been staying at Dr. Thurman's for the past three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Allen came down from Chicago to try hunters, and having purchased the best this section affords, they have decided to show them in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are to be congratulated on being the owners of "Miss English" and "Princess of Keswick." They will be at the Jefferson during the show.

COVINGTON TIDBITS.

Tom McGhee Acquitted—Persinger Place Sold—Personal News.

COVINGTON, VA., October 11.—(Special).—Mr. S. E. Pace, an experienced business man of Covington, has purchased the drug business of Mr. John Delaplane, on Main street. A verdict of not guilty was rendered in the case of Tom McGhee, who was arrested for murdering another negro at Clifton Forge. The testimony supported the plea of self-defense, which McGhee claimed.

The Persinger place, the greater portion of which is situated below Covington, was sold at public auction this week, and to Mr. Kirtler, who recently moved here from Rockingham county, Va.

Mrs. John E. Campbell, wife of the editor of the Covington Sentinel, is at Johns Hopkins Hospital to undergo a dangerous operation.

Miss Leonora Wolz returned this morning to her home in Botetourt county after a visit to relatives here. Before going to Hollin's Institute to visit her sister, Miss Nellie Payne, of Healing Springs, is here this week, the guest of Miss Beatrice Chapman.

Miss Pinder, of White Sulphur, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. McCleary.

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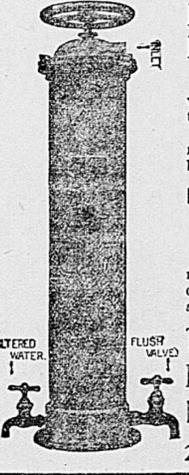
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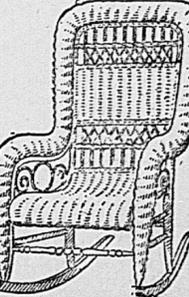


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