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Win Welcome

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The spring is in fine condition for bathing. Situated on the banks of the beautiful Suwannee river, famed in song and story, there lies a thriving little city becoming more and more important daily commercially and at the same time fulfilling its destiny in being one of the greatest health resorts of the entire South.

As far back as the old Indian days the virtues of the health-giving waters of this great sulphur spring were known far and wide, and later in the days before the war, pilgrimages were made in carriages to the little village by the wealthier planters. A change came with the building of the Georgia Southern Railroad, which placed it in touch with the outside world. And since then, with unorganized effort and with little advertisement, save by greatly benefited visitors, the growth has been constant and the spring flows steadily on, indifferent alike to Indian and paleface.

White Springs is located in the almost extreme southeastern corner of Hamilton County, on the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad, just eleven miles north of Lake City and sixteen miles south of Jasper, at either of which points connections are made with the Atlantic Coast Line and at Lake City also with the Seaboard.

The spring is only seventy miles from Jacksonville.

Connections can also be made at Welborn with the Seaboard by the Camp mill railroad, which will carry passengers. Eventually it is believed this road, which is a private one and used almost entirely for lumber purposes by the big Camp mills, will operate a regular schedule and do quite a passenger business. White Springs has long been an important trading point and was a favorite stopping place on the old military road from Tallahassee to St. Augustine. It now has a resident population in its corporate limits of about 1,700, and during very nearly the entire year this population is nearly doubled by the number of visitors. The same number are also easily added to by including that portion of the mill residents not in the corporate limits.

The Spring passed from the ownership of the Sheffields to that of Messrs. Wright & Powell. They were for a long time merchants of prominence, planters and dealers in cotton, cane syrup, etc., with extensive business connections.

From them it passed into the hands of W. W. Gordon & Co., of Savannah, from whom its present manager, Dr. Hugh Mosher, purchased it. About two years ago larger buildings were erected over the spring and several improvements made, but it is now the plan of the owner and manager to put in such extensive improvements that winter and summer, whether the river rises or falls, pure spring water will be available. It is hardly necessary to say that the results in many cases of rheumatism, kidney, blood and stomach diseases, are almost miraculous. Never a season passes but many who come on cots, in roller chairs, on crutches, go away in the full strength and vigor of restored health.

As we have said, the present town is a wonder as to rapid advancement in all lines. It is a live town. Two large churches, the Methodist and Baptist, have each an enthusiastic, progressive and live congregation. Reverends Frier of the Baptist and Norton of the Methodist are both gentlemen of earnest convictions, whole-souled and untiring in their efforts for the upbuilding of their charges. These are well-established. There are also occasional services of Episcopal, Presbyterian, Universalist and Adventist in the Casino, and quite frequently a Catholic mass for a small congregation. There is a prospect in the near future of a Presbyterian Church; a large sum has already been contributed by several enthusiastic members of that persuasion.

It is a new idea in the blanket department to find the double blankets cut in two and bound separately. Women who have always had to cut and bind them at home, preferring the single ones, are now saved this trouble.

Agriculture

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It is said that one-third of the fruit ranches in California are owned by women.

Why "strawberry?" Some one has said because they were once sold strung on straw. They must have been scarce in those days.

It takes 200,000,000 oranges every year to supply the English manufacturers of marmalade. The main supply is from Sicily, Italy and France.

Jamaica now exports over two million dollars' worth of bananas—an industry that has grown up within the last quarter of a century.

At Kingston, the principal port, shabbily dressed black women load ships with bananas, lifting one hundred bunches for 30 cents, singing as they carry their burdens up the gangplank.

"Poor fools," said one captain. "These women carry to our ships on their heads twelve million bunches of bananas and over twenty million coconuts a year, and every one of them that we Americans put on our tables means a song." But the song lightened the labor and so accomplished its melodious mission.

A sugar beet weighing thirty pounds was grown this season at Greeley, Colo. In the early Colorado days that I remember in the Greeley valley, there were beats that hefted four or five times this weight, and their language was sugary, also.

This is the way John D. Rockefeller's advice to "cultivate higher things" impressed the mind of one Florida flatwoods farmer. "Next season," he said, "I will cultivate corn instead of sweet spuds."

A New England ornithologist has suggested a scheme to induce singing birds to remain in the North instead of going South for the winter. He thinks the object could be effected by a general building of birdhouses where the songsters might shelter. They will need an oil stove inside to give needed warmth. But it won't do.

"Birds do delight to take their flight
To sunny Southland's warmer sky,
And while on wing they cheerily sing
'We to its orange groves will hie.'"

Helpful Hints

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Knitted bedroom slippers, so dear to the heart of an invalid, are shown in a variety of colors for \$1.25 a pair.

Nests of card tables in mahogany, useful for afternoon tea parties or for card tables, are selling for \$29.

Umbrellas are always standard gifts and range in price from 95 cents up to as many dollars as you want to pay.

Men's dressing gowns and smoking jackets come in velvet, lined with padded satin and trimmed with silk cords.

The outfits of tissue paper and tinsel for making paper dollies' gowns are more complete than ever this year.

For paper dolls tissue paper frocks have returned to favor, and the water-color hand-painted dolls are as much in demand as ever.

In oxidized silver or gun-metal are smoking outfits on a tray. The set contains a cigar holder, matchbox, cigar lighter and ash tray.

Tulle boas appear in all the delicate evening shades.

Tabasco sauce holders are attractive accessories to the table.

Gun-metal hatpins, with a blue matrix in the top, are 50 cents.

Some charming little brooches of coral are offered for a dollar each.

An all-over lace pattern in a rose design is selling for a dollar a yard.

A new coiffure ornament is made of tulle with an aigrette in the center.

The tea sets of white and gold porcelain are among the prettiest offered.

Pretty little paper cutters of burnt wood are shaped like Oriental scimitars.

Bridge tables with compartments and pockets for the cards are very new.

It is really surprising what a splendid value in lace curtains can be bought for \$5.

In pyrography work is an oval photograph encircled by oak leaves, done in colors.

Tall burnt wood candlesticks of Gothic design are \$2. They stand about a foot high.

An assortment of lace waists—very beautiful—is being offered in a shop for \$12.50 each.

Net robes in pink, white and pale blue—are ruffled and ribbon-trimmed—are on sale for \$8.50 each.

The hand-painted linen cases, all ready to slip satchel powder into, are among the little things offered for a quarter.

Artistic candelabra shades in a variety of colors, each having a floral decoration in cut work, are sold in sets of four for \$5 a set.

Petticoats with jersey tops and a deep taffeta flounce are practical and useful, as the flounce can easily be replaced when worn, the top outwearing several silk flounces.

New veilings are bordered with graduated velvet dots arranged in a scallop design. Other veils are edged with two little frills of shaded satin ribbon, put on an inch apart.

Cunning little bath robes for very small folks come made like those for big folks—in pink, blue, red or white eider-down, with bindings of silk of the same shade and a heavy silk cord and tassel.

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