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CASSAVA GROWING IN FLORIDA.

The Plant Which Defies Southern Frosts and Even the Long Droughts.

Special correspondence of The Florida Star. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 28.—The damage to Florida from the frosts of 1895 and 1899 is estimated at between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Orange lands once selling at \$500 an acre may now be purchased for \$50 per acre. Many people were ruined financially and left the state, while some of those remaining faced starvation.

When such a condition occurs in a horticultural district, new means are often found to rejuvenate languishing occupations. For 20 years or more the



GROWING CASSAVA PLANT.

cassava root has been cultivated throughout the state in small patches.

Cassava is a root or beet, something on the order of a carrot, and grows in tropical and subtropical countries. In South America cassava is the natural food staple. The root is there ground, washed and dried and then pulverized into a meal, from which bread and a kind of griddlecake are made.

The cassava plant has a stalk from three to seven feet high. The root is long and thick and grows close to the surface. From five to ten plants are grown in a hill, the number varying with the condition and cultivation of the soil. The hills are laid out in rows at intervals of four feet on all sides. The yield of ten tons per acre requires an average weight of each root of eight pounds. Some roots have been exhibited, however, weighing 60 pounds. The diameter of the cassava root at the widest point reaches from two to four inches.

The lands best adapted to cassava are the ruined citrus fields. From 250 to 1,000 pounds of fertilizer are required for each acre of cassava. The planting is done in February, and the harvesting takes place the following fall and winter. The plants are dug by hand and the stalks preserved for the next year's planting. The roots are then carted to a factory, where they are pulverized and the starch is extracted. The pulp remaining is sold for cattle fodder, while the starch is shipped to eastern cotton mills and used in bleaching operations.

Florida has at present two factories for treating cassava root. One is located at Deland and the other at Lake Mary. The plant at the latter place cost \$100,000, and the company owning it will soon erect another factory at Macintosh.

The people of Florida are alive to the advantages of the cassava root. Orange land is not adapted to ordinary farming, and what was useless can now be made to yield a gross income of \$70 an acre and a net result of \$30 an acre. The cassava plant appeals to cultivators for many reasons. It has no insect enemy so far as known and possesses to an extraordinary degree the power of resisting drought. When rain did not fall in Florida for six months during the usual rainy season of 1898, the cassava crop was the only one which withstood the extreme condition. Being a true perennial, cassava if cut down by frost springs up without re-planting.

In January a convention of those interested in the cassava industry met at the call of the governor. Six hundred delegates were present. The department of agriculture sent Professor Ewell P. Stockbridge, director of the Florida experimental station, a gentleman who has studied the subject for many years, addressed the convention. He declared that aside from the profits made in selling cassava for starch hogs and cattle could be fattened and marketed for one-half the cost of corn fed stock of the west.

T. G. Perkins was elected president

of the society which was formed at Sanford. He said recently: "I am satisfied that cassava growing is a good business. An increased demand, however, must be found for cassava starch. The plant requires nine months of sunshine, and where this condition is present, together with a porous and well drained soil, the cassava plant will grow. There are several western states, including portions of Colorado and California, which warrant the attempt to raise cassava, although I will venture no prediction as to the result."

Professor Stockbridge believes there are many reasons for the extensive cultivation of cassava. "No varieties of the plant grown in Florida are poisonous," he says. "The crop is adapted not alone to Florida, but to the hard pine lands of the gulf states. The roots may be preserved for many months after harvesting. Cassava contains a larger percentage of fat forming food than any other staple and is a superior beef fattener. Cassava is also a palatable and nutritious human food."

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MEN OF MARK.

General MacArthur escaped death in the battle of Keneaw owing to a package of letters which he carried in the bosom of his coat.

Senator Depew, an excellent authority on gastronomy, asserts that a banquet costing more than \$2 a plate is likely to be a very stupid affair.

Fred Titus, who has gained fame in the theatrical world as the husband of Edna May, has secured a position on the New York police force.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York took occasion to tell some Brooklyn ladies to whom he was making a speech that he was 42 years of age.

George Croll of Edinburgh is the only survivor of the theatrical fund dinner of 1827 at which Sir Walter Scott proclaimed himself the author of "Waverley."

Ex-Senator Sherman of Ohio had intended to visit the Paris exposition this summer, but on the advice of his physician he will remain quietly at his old home in Mansfield.

The will of the late Samuel Howard of Milwaukee leaves practically his whole estate, valued at \$200,000, in trust for the support and education of orphan children. He had no near relatives.

General Ludlow has appointed First Lieutenant D. E. Aultman, Second artillery, United States army, as census enumerator for all posts and stations within the geographical limits of the department of Havana.

Secretary Long is looking forward with pleasure to his summer vacation at his old home in Backfield, Me. Last year he spent some of his time in manufacturing three rustic chairs. He cut the wood and fashioned the chairs himself.

Senator Pettus makes a traveling desk of his big slouch hat. When he starts out in the morning, he fills his hat with letters and papers. He distributes them in sections as he visits the White House and the departments, but the old slouch hat is still bulging with documents when he reaches the senate.

Isiah C. Wears, colored, of Philadelphia, whose death at the age of 79 years is announced, was elected in 1846 a member of the first suffrage convention ever held by colored men. In 1869 he was elected as the Philadelphia representative in the first national suffrage convention held by the freedmen after the civil war.

Moses W. Richardson of Boston has built and equipped a handsome inn in Templeton Center, Mass., which he has given to the town. He spent his boyhood in the town and long cherished a purpose to do something to benefit it. He found, however, that it already possessed an excellent library and school building, so he concluded that a model hotel would be most appropriate.

The easiest and most effective method of purifying the blood and invigorating the system is to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for cleansing the liver and bowels. B. R. Wilson & Son.

End of Century Epitaph.

Here lies a poor woman who always was busy; She lived under pressure that rendered her dizzy. She belonged to ten clubs and read Browning by sight; Shone at luncheons and teas and would vote if she might. She served on a school board with courage and zeal; She galled, and she laddled and rode on a wheel. She read Tolstoi and Rosen, knew microbes by name; Approved of Delisarte and loved to shoot game. Her children went in for the top education; Her husband went seaward for nervous prostration. One day on her tablets she found an hour free; The shock was so great that she died instantly. —Pick Me Up.

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MATRON AND MAID.

The firm of Curran & Davies, shoe dealers, of New York city is composed entirely of women.

Nancy Washington, a colored woman, has just celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday in Boston. She has been married six times and is now a widow.

Miss Edith Rhodes, sister of the South African "diamond king," is an expert landscape gardener and is laying out a flower garden for the Yeomanry hospital at DeAar.

Liliuokalani, the former queen of Hawaii, is said to be grieving and brooding over her fate and is about to return to her native land, having already prepared her burial robes.

A granddaughter of Wolfe Tone, the famous leader of the Irish rebellion of 1798, has just died in Brooklyn in her seventy-third year. She was Mrs. Grace Georgiana Tone Maxwell.

Lady Curzon accompanies the viceroy on his tour through India for the relief of the plague stricken districts. The personal devotion and self sacrifice of the vicereine are winning the hearts of all classes.

Mrs. Rosine Ryan and Mrs. Bettie Bryan were prominent delegates at the transmississippi commercial congress recently held at Houston. These ladies conduct a prosperous real estate business in the city named.

Sarah Bernhardt has returned the copy of Gabriel d'Annunzio's novel "Fire," presented to her by its author, for the alleged reason that the heroine of the story is Eleanora Duse, who is depicted as the greatest actress of her day.

It is worth noting that one of the supporters of Olive Schreiner's husband when he at last succeeded, after several attempts frustrated by mobs, in presenting the Boer side of the South African dispute to a London audience was Mrs. Despard, a sister of General French, General Roberts' well known cavalry leader.

Miss M. R. Cheston was elected a church warden at a meeting of the south-west convocation of Episcopal clergymen, held recently at Holy Trinity parish house, Philadelphia, the presiding officer being the Rev. G. Wolsey Hodge of the Church of the Ascension. This is a most unusual thing and created considerable comment.

Miss Edie Duggan of Norristown, Pa., has received a letter from General Lord Kitchener. After the outbreak of hostilities the little girl sent General Kitchener a sprig of laurel plucked from the hills of Valley Forge. With it she inclosed a few lines extending her best wishes. Lord Kitchener promptly wrote acknowledging the favor.

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THE ROYAL BOX.

The literary proclivities of King Oscar of Norway and Sweden moved him while in London the other day to leave his card on Swinburne and Henry James.

Count Elemer Lonyay will be unable to take his bride, the Crown Princess Stephanie, to his home after the honeymoon, as his castle at Bodvay Olasa has just been burned down.

The health of the young king of Spain will necessitate his leaving Spain earlier than usual this year. Accompanied by the queen regent, he will in a few days go to Covadonga, in Asturia.

Abdurrahman Kahn, the ameer of Afghanistan, who is now trying to get more money by playing the Russians off against the English, is already receiving from the latter people \$1,000,000 a year.

THE WRITERS.

Mme. Sarah Grand has finished her new novel. It is to be called "Babs, the Impossible."

Rudyard Kipling, according to London announcements, is to visit the United States next autumn. The author says he does not buy his former illness against the American climate.

Since Mark Twain announced his candidacy for the presidency other humorists are falling into line, and among the most promising is M. Quad, who promises, if elected, to put a tax on all dialect stories.

Le Gallienne, the poet, was the other day exploring a dangerous cave in a cliff near Hyeres. Swung by a long rope, he was caught in the rocks. It took his companions nearly an hour to disengage him.

HOW TO TAKE COD LIVER OIL.

Nearly everyone knows that when they are thin there is no remedy in the world equal to cod liver oil to make them fleshy. Yet there is nothing against which they rebel more promptly. There were a great many ways recommended for making cod liver oil pleasant. Among these we would mention placing a pinch of salt in the mouth before and after taking the dose of oil. Syrup of bitter orange peel was also recommended. But now all this is unnecessary. Science has found a way of making cod liver oil not only pleasant to take, but easy to digest. Messrs. Scott & Bowne have brought this science into perfection in their Scott's Emulsion, which is cod liver oil free from disagreeable odor, and taste, and already partly digested.

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TITUSVILLE BOARD OF TRADE.—M. S. Jones, president; J. M. Dixon, treasurer; J. G. Bass, secretary. Meets second Wednesday night in each month at their rooms.

F. & A. M.—Indian River lodge, No. 90, holds its meetings the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at the court house. A. A. Stewart, W. M.; F. A. Morgan, Sec'y.

CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. B. F. Brown, Rector. Services second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John A. Hughes, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. You are invited to come.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching at Titusville second Sunday in each month, morning and evening. Prayer meetings every Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Indianola on the 4th Sunday; LaGrange on the first Sunday. E. N. BELL, Pastor.

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TOWN DIRECTORY.

TOWN OFFICERS.—A. D. Penney, mayor; M. S. Jones Jr., marshal and tax collector; C. S. Schuyler, clerk and treasurer; John Henry, assessor; D. L. Gaudin, F. A. Losley, J. M. Dixon, W. R. Knox, Jno. R. Walker, councilmen. The council meets first Tuesday in each month.

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COUNTY OFFICERS.—D. L. Gaudin, Titusville, county judge; M. Goldsmith, Titusville, prosecuting attorney; A. A. Stewart, Titusville, clerk circuit court; J. F. Wooten, Cocoa, tax assessor; E. W. Hall, Sharpes, tax collector; John Henry, Titusville, treasurer; J. H. Sams, Courtenay, superintendent public instruction; J. O. Fries, Titusville, county surveyor; J. P. Brown, Titusville, sheriff; T. J. Cockshutt, LaGrange, registration officer.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—J. R. Walker, Titusville, chairman; W. H. Sharpe, Sharpes; Jos. Mendel, LaGrange; Jno. Houston, Eau Gallie; J. N. Waller, Ankonka. Regular sessions are held first Tuesday in each month.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.—J. M. Dixon, Titusville; S. F. Gibbs, Melbourne.

THE PLAYERS' VACATION.

Viola Allen will go to a Long Island farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Hackett will camp out in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sothern will be among the European travelers.

Modjeska has already sought her California ranch home near San Diego.

Miss Nethersole will take a much needed rest at her beautiful home in England. Ada Rehan will spend a portion of the summer at her English country residence.

Alice Nielsen will go to her ranch on the Pacific slope and later may take a trip to Honolulu.

Maude Adams will go abroad for a few weeks, but later will take a month's rest on her Long Island farm.

May Irwin will divide her time between Irwin island, in the Thousand Isles, and Paris, going first to the exposition city.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Goodwin will recuperate under English skies, spending the entire summer at Jackwood, the residence they have owned for two years. Miss Gertrude Elliott will be with them.

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THE SICK MAN.

The sick man of Turkey doesn't even try to cough up.—Minneapolis Times.

Sultan Abdul Hamid is at least thrifty in starting his war taxes in advance of the war.—Philadelphia Ledger.

If Uncle Sam wants to find out what his Turkish claim is worth, let him try to sell it.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

When it comes to standing off a dun, Turkey shows up as the smoothest artist in the entire dead beat gallery.—Kansas City Times.

Turkey wants, it is said, to "settle the matter quietly." The quiet way is to pay the bill and say no more about it.—Buffalo News.

Perhaps the sultan has a curiosity to see if the American brand of ultimatum differs materially from the European brand.—Kansas City Journal.

If it is true that our charge d'affaires at Constantinople has handed the porte a peremptory note, the next thing we shall probably hear is that the sultan has had the note discounted.—Newark Advertiser.

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JOSEPH P. BROWN,
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