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Great Wheat and Clover Producer.

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We in reality ought to have more money, but in view of the low price of grain, and seeing the need of the farmers, we determined to try and meet their requirements. Our Junior having visited the principal slaughtering houses in the West this season, and having bought our materials right, we are enabled to offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS FOR CASH OR FIRST-CLASS PAPER. And, by the way, do you know that Fertilizers always act and give better satisfaction after they are *paid for?* Before giving your order, please see us concerning the same, and if we cannot do as good a part by you as anybody, don't buy of us.

August 2d, 1889.
T. R. HUBBARD & SON—Gentlemen:—I have used your A. A. for several years, and am now thoroughly convinced that there is no better goods on the market. I used it last year alongside of Animal Bone and Peruvian Guano. A. A. was the best. Also made another test in connection with Bone Meal and Potash, in this test, too, A. A. excelled. I am so well pleased with your goods that I will get my entire supply of you this fall. Respectfully, J. B. HARRIS.

LANKFORD, Aug. 5th, 1889.
GENTLEMEN:—I have used A. A. for several years with entire satisfaction on part of my wheat. Where it was used my yield this year was 30 bushels per acre, and will use more this fall. Very truly yours, JOSEPH RASIN.

CHESTERTOWN, Aug. 6th, 1889.
GENTS:—We tried 16 tons of your A. A. and Extant Phosphates on our wheat last fall, and the result was highly satisfactory, although it has been a poor wheat year, we had on a slightly increased acreage over 500 bushels more wheat than we had last year, when another make of fertilizer was used. To its action we attribute a heavy growth of clover and timothy. We expect to use it this fall, and do not hesitate to commend it. Very respt., HOPE H. BARROLL.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
Aug. 8, 1880. MANUFACTURERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

WILLIAM H. CACY,
MANUFACTURER OF FERTILIZERS,
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.
Standard, New Life, Reliance.

The Above Brands of WHEAT FERTILIZERS

Have been used now for several years in this and adjoining counties, and have proved equal to anything on the market, both as Grain and Grass producers, and Improvers of the Soil. On many occasions they have been tried in competition with other well-known brands, and in all cases have given perfect satisfaction. My sales having increased so rapidly I found it imperatively necessary to have increased facilities for manufacturing, so bought the factory formerly occupied by Messrs. C. W. Kennard & Co., and having made considerable alterations and improvements therein am now prepared to fill all orders promptly and in First-Class Drilling Condition. For those wishing Special Formulas Compounded, have on hand

LARGE STOCK OF RAW MATERIALS,

and am prepared to mix any required Formula in lots of not less than five tons, at LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. Respectfully,
Aug. 1, 1889. WILLIAM H. CACY.

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—AGENT FOR—
R. J. BAKER & CO.,
—MANUFACTURERS OF—
High Grade Fertilizers,
BALTIMORE, MD.

We make a specialty of furnishing in quantities to suit the purchasers every article used for the purpose of fertilizing the soil. We will sell separate, or will manipulate and mix to order according to any formula. We also offer to the farmers our old reliable brands of

Ammoniated Bone Superphosphates, Special Wheat Fertilizers, Asparagus Phosphate, Peach Tree Phosphate, Fine Ground Raw Bone, Dissolved Raw Bone, Dissolved South Carolina Phosphate, Muriate Potash, Sulphate Potash and Kainit.

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FALL SEEDING, 1889.

We Desire to Call the Farmers' Attention

To a Few Facts of Importance to them when they Seed their Wheat. You know that in times like these it is necessary to grow good crops and to make your money buy only that which will amply repay you.

The Following FACTS Will Be Useful to You if You Adopt Them:

1st. It is Important to buy a reliable, well-made Phosphate, and when you get such an one, Stick To It.

2d. It is Important that you buy a Fertilizer especially adapted to the crop you intend growing.

3d. It is Important that you buy a Prosphate suited to the soil of this section from those that have made the soil and proper food for it a study.

4th. It is Important that you buy your Phosphate where you can get a good honest article at as low price, thus insuring better crops.

5. We Have Now Better Facilities to Manufacture Fertilizers Than Ever.

We can save in freight and other expenses, and propose to divide our savings with our customers. Our Fertilizers are especially adapted to the crops for which we offer them. They seem to suit the requirements of the soil on the Peninsula, for they give excellent results, and our customers are satisfied that it pays to use them, and that the price is a fair one. As an evidence of this we have about the largest Fertilizer trade in this county, and if good Fertilizer and square dealing with our customers will keep it, then we will continue to do the largest trade.

ASCERTAIN OUR PRICES BEFORE ORDERING YOUR WHEAT FERTILIZERS.
and compare the results from our brands of Fertilizers with the results given by other makes.

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SUPER PHOSPHATE,
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These goods are always in prime mechanical condition, and many prominent farmers who have used these fertilizers continuously for the last eighteen or twenty years, find them superior to any other goods on the market. To those who have never used them, we only ask a trial, side by side, with any brands on the market.

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The various preparations of Bones prepared by the "Listers" and H. S. Miller & Co., have stood the test of many years, and in all cases produced good results and proved as represented.

THESE GOODS are and always have been prepared in the most scientific manner. The Chemicals used are tested and proportions so adjusted as to form a complete manure. All the lands on which they have been continuously used show the best results, and prove beyond doubt that BONE PHOSPHATES are the proper kind to apply. All the brands are offered at the closest prices, and will be delivered at any of the wharves or lands on the bay or river.

Samples are at the store of WICKES & BROTHER. Orders left there will receive prompt attention. Orders solicited. BUY THE BEST.

W. N. E. WICKES.
Aug. 15, 1889—2m.

Great Bargain Sales,
Great Reduction Sales,
Great Clearing Sales of Clothing!
—TO-DAY AT—
A. FRIEDMAN'S!
and will be continued until our entire Stock of Men's, Youths' and Boys'
SPRING and SUMMER CLOTHING
Is disposed of. Broken sizes and broken lots of new and desirable goods to be sacrificed at prices
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It your benefit to come early.
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THE undersigned, having moved into the "Maxwell Property," in the town of Millington, and having thoroughly fitted up the same, would announce that he is prepared to accommodate both permanent boarders and transient visitors with good and comfortable rooms and beds.
MY TABLE
will be furnished with the best the market cna afford.
MY STABLES
contain good and reliable horses; attentive hostlers, and a plenty of food. Travelers conveyed to any part of the Peninsula. Terms moderate. Give me a call.
SAMUEL MALLALIEU,
Jan. 27, 1887. PROPRIETOR.

WORTERMELON TIME.

Old wortermelon time is a-comin' round ag'in,
And there ain't no man a livin' any tickleder'n me,
For the way I hanker after wortermelons is a sin,
Which is the why and wharefore, as you can plainly see.

Oh, it's in the sandy soil wortermelons does the best,
And it's there they'll lay and waller in the sunshine and the dew
Till they wear all the green streaks clean off of theyr breast,
And you bet I ain't a-findin' any fault with them; air you?

They ain't no better thing in the vegetable line;
And they don't need much tendin,' as ev'ry farmer knows;
And when theyr ripe and ready fer ter pluck from the vine,
I want to say to you theyr the best fruit that grows.

It's some likes the yaller-core, and some likes the red,
And it's some says the little Californy is the best;
But the sweetest slice of all I ever wedged in my head,
Is the old Edinburg Mounting-sprout of the West.

You don't want no punkins nigh your worter. melon vines,
'Cause, some way another, they'll spile your malons, shore;
I've seed 'em taste like punkins, from the core to the rines,
Which may be a fact you have heerd of before.

But your melons that's raised right, and 'tended to with care,
You can walk around amongst 'em with a parent's pride and joy,
And thump 'em on the head with as fatherly a air,
As e'each one of them was your little girl er boy.

I joy in my hart to hear that rippin' sound,
When you split one down the back and jolt the halves in two,
And the friends you love the best is gathered all around,
And you say unto your sweetheart, "Oh, here's the core for you!"

And I like to slice 'em up in big pieces for 'em all
Espeshally the children, and watch theyr high delight,
As one by one the rines with theyr pink notches fall,
And they holler for some more with unquenched appetite.

[redacted]

Oh, they's more in wortermelons than the purty colored meat,
And the overflowin' sweetness of the worter squashed betwixt
The up'ard and the down'ard motions of a feller's teeth,
And it's the taste of ripe old age and juicy childhood mixed.

Fer I never taste a melon but my thoughts flies away
To the summertime of youth, and again I see the dawn,
And the fadin' afternoon of the long summer day
And the dusk and dew a-fallih', and the night a-comin' on.

And thare's the corn around us, and the lispin' leaves and trees,
And the stars a-peekin' down on us as still as silver mice,
And us boys in the wortermelons on our hands and knees,
And the new moon hangin' o'er us like a yaller-cored slice.

O, it's wortermelon time is a-comin' round ag'in,
And they ain't no man a-livin' any tickleder'n me,
Fer the way I hanker after wortermelons is a sin,
Which is the why and wharefore, as you can plainly see.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

WANDERINGS IN PLEASANT PLACES.

Hampton Roads, Fortress Monroe and Rustic Hampton are Reached by Buz.

My novel occupation of jotting down pleasant experiences in pleasant places was unceremoniously interrupted by the unexpected appearance of a bevy of noisy girls and young men, and, as will be remembered, my welcome was far from being an enthusiastic or cordial one.

Were it possible, my ungallant reference to my newly-made friends at the end of my last letter would gladly be recalled, for the jolly, frolicsome party changed what was before only a dreamy pleasant reverie into a living, actual experience, and a something with tangible form and buoyant life. With all of my bacheloristic proclivities and fondness for solitude, I was soon drawn into the whirlpool of their gay and animated circle, and I thanked the bright moonlight for having wooed those "pests," those "disturbers of the quiet and good order of society" into places where their joys could be shared by others. But they are now scampering like recently released school girls (as, indeed, they are) among the many interesting nooks and corners on shore. So, in order that my "log book" may be complete, I must away to my "pencilings."

Rustic Hampton must not be forgotten, nor must a few references to the narrow strip of land upon which it is seated be neglected. The York and James rivers for many miles run nearly parallel to each other through shady woodlands and smiling fields, and form this Peninsula made memorable by the sad casulties of war. This slice of land, which has almost been cut off from the mainland, has to a great extent a military life peculiar to itself.

The almost-island upon which Hampton sits, with its massive walls, moat and water batteries, contains about one hundred acres, which extend out into the majestic bay. To many of those who feel most keenly the sad lessons taught by the great civil struggle of 1861, this spot is "hallowed ground." The wife, the orphan and mother know best of its thrilling story. Since its deepest interest is drawn from its military experiences, let us take for a moment a retrospective view. "In war times," as the genial Southran says, one of the most interesting spots of the Peninsula was the United States General Hospital Hampton, as it stood peopled by wounded soldiery. The grounds were dotted by picturesque cottages, mostly hospital wards, medical officers' quarters, non-commissioned officers' quarters, convalescent camps, etc. The country seat of ex-President John Tyler, stands near by, and the parlor of the old mansion was once used as a schoolroom, in which contraband children were taught the elementary principles of education. The extended acres of the agricultural department were surrounded by a fence of rough rails, which, under the skillful care of the chaplain, Rev. E. P. Roe, were changed into lines of regularity and beauty. A writer has said—"Morning glory and cypress vines covered them, and the military farm was appropriately girdled with breastworks, ramparts and bastions of gorgeous flowers." The Chesapeake Hospital, separated from the Hampton by a narrow creek, was a necessary adjunct. Hampton Hospital was organized August 14, 1862, and received its first patients from the army of the Potomac in its march from Harrison's Landing to reenforce Gen. Pope's army. A volume might be written of the incidents of this, the home of suffering and death, and no more beautiful spot could have been selected than this, where the anguish and pain of the wounded and dying might be soothed and forgotten in the midst of so much that is fair and beautiful.

A writer in *Harper's* sent the following from a letter written from this point: "I write these closing lines in one of the most beautiful mornings in early May. My window at the Chesapeake opens upon the green and velvety lawn sprinkled with sheep. Beyond is the bay, smooth as glass, crowded with gunboats and transports. Every ship upon the mirrowed waters seems to float double—keel meeting keel. Our gorgeous banner drooping from the flag-staff scarcely opens its folds; the bleating of the sheep, the plaintive cry of the sea-birds, the enchanting beauty of ocean, sky and land all present a scene which Eden could hardly have rivaled. What a happy world might this be if man would be the brother of his fellow-man. A few leagues from this peaceful spot, three hundred thousand men are mustering all their energies for the gage of battle." The grounds are kept in every part with beautiful regularity and design; shaded avenues lead down to the sea-wall, which keep back the angry invasions of the waves. During these delightful days which can be experienced nowhere else to such perfection, the veterans at the Soldiers' Home, some footless, some legless and each of them but the sad remnants of men, refight their battles and spin yarns as improbable as they are thrilling. The weather-beaten tourist, however much he may endeavor to look at things in a practical matter-of-fact way, will of necessity undergo demoralizing moments of meditation and lose himself in the "might have beens" of life. When enjoying surroundings so much calculated to awaken reflection, the insinuating mind-composers force themselves upon one in such a quiet and unobtrusive kind of way, that before becoming conscious of the fact we are lost in the fascinating atmosphere of past events. One could well spend months by these shelving shores and still find fields for investigation.

Stern Fortress Monroe, by whose side sits the queenly Hygea, Goddess of Health, looks out upon the smiling waters the guardian of the great historic picture. Monroe is the largest fortress in the United States, and was designed by General Simon Bernard, who authorities claim introduced into this fortress the exaggerated ideas of war which were in Europe considered orthodox. The great hexogonal military mastodon stands on Old Point Comfort, a small village at Hampton Roads, the estuary of the James river, Virginia, and covers an area of eight acres. Its construction was commenced in 1817, during the presidency of Monroe, and had a number of years ago cost the government more than three millions of dollars. This Gibralta of the Chesapeake, mounted one hundred and eighteen guns, eighteen flank howitzers in *case mates*, and fifty-one guns *en barbette*, three hundred and seventy-one, however, were provided for in the original plan. The entire work is surrounded by a wet ditch or moat. To see the old fortress, with its many irregularities of surface mounted by guns, lazily but constantly keeping watch over its vast watery domains, one would scarce imagine that it had had its birth in weary hours of toil, and received its nourishment from the bosom of a mighty nation.

Just opposite Fortress Monroe, nearly equidistant from either shore stands the silent and lonely Rip Raps, grim visaged as a Sphynx. A fort, the history of whose birth and growth could be but unsatisfactorily learned.

A little further down "the Roads" is Cranie Island, where the military magazines were placed during the great civil struggle. But these *visible* signs of relentless war do not complete the story as told by the paintings hung by the stern god of circumstances upon the walls of this extended gallery, a gallery upon whose vaulted dome has been traced the pathway of worlds and the majestic march of unknown systems. The waves, too, have a story of their own, as they sob and roar in their ceaseless roll, fascinating the listener with their weird sweet music, or calming his troubled spirit by their mellow voice, which, though it take not form, and is not fashioned into words of any language save that of the mighty sea, yet speaks in its never-ending, mysterious and eloquent song. This song of the rolling waters! how inconsistent it is in its effect, soothing and at the same time troubling the human heart with the sad sweetness of its uncertain music. In its sweet voice how much is told! for in its deep voice and the eternal swell of its bosom, do we not hear it breathing out its delight over buried treasures placed in its overflowing coffers, before man was, and over which they continue their mighty march of ebb and flow! do we not recognize in the sublime epic of the waves a recital of buried secrets of crimes lost forever in its silent depths upon whose lips it has placed its eternal seal of silence! can we not hear the wail and smothered cry of the brave, the noble and the beautiful whose lives have been swallowed and lost forever to satiate its greed! does it not laugh at the mighty wrecks which strew its shores and which were drawn by the god of the waters in the blackness of its unhallowed arms! O! treacherous sea, how can you thus mock the glorious purpose for which you were formed! how can you thus make of the bosom in which throbs the eternal heart of untold centuries, a cradle in which, while you lull and soothe, to rock man and his treasures to destruction. O, waves! why do you thus fret and "foam out your own shame" in this grand wedding march at the awful union of buoyant life with mysterious, shadowy death. But why should we be false to the changeless, constant waters, which, while others change, still roll on, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, for "just as creation first beheld, thou rollest now." Why should we misinterpret the deep swell of its mighty anthem into sounds of pleasure as it gloats over the destruction it has wrought, for is not the story of the waves bright and beautiful as well as weird and sad, and may we not hear in its every sound either its own recital of its sorrows caused by the desolation it has caused, and vain regrets that in the hour of its creation it was endowed with God-like powers which its own mighty arm is powerless to stay; may we not believe that the constant waters mourn with those who mourn and laugh with those who are glad! Of no waters may it be more truthfully said that their story is sad, awful and mysterious, yet proud, elevating and sublime, than those of Hampton Roads. On their liquid canvass was painted the novel destinies of contending millions; it was there that the naval world was revolutionized at a single stroke.

I must now learn further particulars of the deadly conflict which took place in Hampton Roads, to which further reference will be made. BUZ.

THE SEXES OF NORTH AND SOUTH.

Some Valuable Statistics in Regard to Men and Women.

In 1880 there were 50,000,000 people in this country, and about 382,000 more males than females. That was only because more males were born; the females live the longest. Of the centenarians 1,400 were men and 2,907 were women. The boys start out nearly 1,000,000 ahead, and are in the majority until the eixteenth year, when the girls are a little more numerous. Sweet sixteen is a little numerous, anyhow. After that then first one and then the other is in the majority, the girls gradually gaining after thirty-six and leaving the men far behind after seventy-five. To balance this longevity of the females in almost every State a few more boys are born; not many more, but always a few. It is astonishing to see where the census gives thousands and hundreds of thousands of boys and girls under one year old there are, with one or two exceptions, always a few hundred more boys, and only a few hundred more.

In only six of the forty-nine States and Territories are a few more girls born, and in these States they are slightly in excess from eleven to eighty. These exceptions are Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Montana and North Carolina. The fact that the females are in the majority in all the original thirteen States, but Delaware and North Carolina, especially in Massachusetts and New England, has created the impression that there is something in the climate or in the people that produces more women than men. This is a popular but egregious error. In Massachusetts there were in 1880 437 more boys than girls under one year of age.

The males are in the minority in almost all the Eastern States because many of the young men go West. All over the West there is an excess of men, and those who are not foreigners have been withdrawn from the States farther East. In the new States and Territories this is more noticeable. In Idaho, for instance, there are twice as many males as females, but the male infants are only a little in excess of the females. The West is drawing heavily on the manhood of the East. From this all the old States have suffered. Massachusetts seems to have lost more than any.

There are parts of Northern Ohio which are portions of New England removed. Massachusetts shows the loss and Ohio shows the gain. Another curious fact is that while over the country more boys than girls are born, in the cities and towns there are more girls. Between the ages of 5 and 17 inclusive there are 4,680 more girls than boys in New York county, 1,708 more in Kings county, 2,725 more in the city of Baltimore, 1,013 in Suffolk county, Mass. (Boston), 2,009 more in Cook county (Chicago), Ill., 2,131 more in the city of St. Louis, 2,971 more in Philadelphia county, and 2,633 more in the parish of Orleans. All these cities except Orleans, are in States where more boys than girls are born.

In Georgia there are 137 counties, and in all but twenty-six of them there are more boys than girls. These twenty-six counties include the eleven large towns and cities. Strange that not one of the cities should be left out. Stranger still, the excess of girls is about in proportion to population. Savannah leads off with 528 more girls than boys; Atlanta, 385; Augusta, 303; Macon, 154; Columbus, 131; Cartersvills, 122; Rome, 50; Athens, 50; Albany, 16; Griffin, 11, and Americus, 7. Savannah, though she has a somewhat smaller population than Atlanta, has a larger excess of girls. This seems to be peculiar to old cities. It is so with Baltimore, New Orleans and New York. The excess is greater in New Orleans than anywhere else. Is this a peculiarity of the French? The facts present a fact worth studying. Are there fewer men in the cities than in the country?—*Philadelphia Times.*

A COMPANY with a capital of $100,000,000 has been formed in London for the purpose of building a tower there that shall be double the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. We have received many letters in favor of the erection of a tall tower here in New York as a feature of the International Exposition of 1892, and Mr. Murat Halstead, who has seen the Paris tower, which is 1,000 feet high, says that "the New York tower must exceed it in exaltation by at least 500 feet." All right. We shall look after all such things before 1892. We shall have many noveltics and wonders in New York when the time comes for the opening of the International Exposition, and many of them will be original American ideas.—*New York Sun.*

"I WANT stone steps to this house," she said to the architect as they were discussing the plans.

"Yes'm, but stone steps are dangerous in winter."

"I don't care. Mrs. Blank has stone steps to her house, and I'll have them to mine."

"Yes, but she fell on them and broke her leg the other day."

"Then I'll fall and break both legs. I'm not going to let her crow over me!"

GENERAL BOULANGER, like a great many noted men, is superstitious. He is careful not to get out of bed on the left side, and if his path is crossed by a black cat he does nothing of political importance for twenty-four hours.

ALL CASES of weak or lame back, backache, rheumatism, will find relief by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Price 25 cents. Try them.