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FLORIDA'S PARADISE.

Palm Beach, an Ideal Haven—Deserts of Sand and Oceans of Swamps Border the Raiload—'Way Down South.

NO. 7.

It is said that Florida land is so poor that it is impossible to even raise a disturbance. We do not agree with this report because the sand caused such a disturbance in our party that some sighed for the fields of ice and snow. It is a fact, however, that this State is poor, with miles of white sand, which fairly represents a snow storm on a windy day, and acres of marsh which is fit for frogs and alligators. There is of course some good land and the highlands are rich and productive. Among the latter class is Palm Beach. This is the Paradise of Florida and is an example of what nature and art can do. Our pen is powerless to convey to you, my readers, the beauties of this spot as it burst upon our vision after a hot ride of six hours over the sandy plains of the Southland.

On the one side is Lake Worth spaned by a new bridge over which the cars run to the Beach, while within a half mile is the broad Atlantic Ocean with its ceaseless roar. This half mile of beach between the lake and the ocean has been converted into a stretch of tropical exuberance. On the Lake is the Royal Ponciana Hotel with sixteen hundred guests, while on the ocean side is located the "Breakers" with six hundred guests, and further up the Lake shore is the Palm Beach with two hundred guests and other small cottages, etc. For a distance of four miles there is an unbroken glade of cocoanut trees, while nearer to the sea shore are banana groves, and trees bending to the ground with guavas, sapodillas and other tropical fruits. At intervals there are flower gardens and parks of palms and orange trees the blossoms of which flame with color and laden the atmosphere with nature's incense. In the midst of all this loveliness of nature, man has put the finishing touches and it is indeed a Paradise. Bands of music make sweet sounds under the sheltering palms while lads and lassies sport about on the grass or wheel in chairs over the cement walks. To walk through such a grove of fruitful delight is to fill the heart with ecstasy and we wished that every News reader might see the scene before us. We enjoyed a dip in the ocean which reminded us of midsummer and scores of others enjoyed the novelty of bathing in the Atlantic in February. It was a communion with the rapturous soul of nature to be at Palm Beach.

Rockledge, Ormond, Daytona and other pretty spots attract scores of tourists, each place being an oasis in the desert of sand. We do not tarry at any of them but push on to the South's baby city, a place fated to be the most popular resort in Florida. In 1896 the whole country was a forest, but to-day we find a city of 2,500, lighted by electricity, with streets as smooth and perfect as of any city in the North, hotels unsurpassed in architecture and equipment, handsome business houses and elegant residences. It lies between the Everglades and the Atlantic, on the lovely Bay of Biscayne upon which yachting is a sport marvellously attractive and enjoyable. The Bay is about 40 miles long and its famously blue waters are shut in by coral islands and keys. The shores are banked with palms of many varieties, mangroves and cocoanuts and a rich variety of tropical growths are seen in profusion everywhere. The roads are built of the rock found in abundance along the bay shore and formed by the coral reefs, the material being called Coralline.

Tomatoes are king in this section and we saw scores of carloads shipped from here weekly. Mr. S. A. Belcher, of near Baltimore, had in 15 acres on fine land and had shipped 4,000 crates, the average returns having been $1.50 per crate, and others did even better. Strawberries do well here, too, the climate being perfect. Here we found the summer skies smiling back at sunlit seas and flowers blooming their fairiest just when the ice king's grip was firmest in My Maryland. The fishing and hunting here is also fine and it was interesting to watch the wealthy sports as they came home in natty launches ladened with king fish, bone fish, weak fish, white and other strange fish. We met a lady who had caught a ten-pounder, and as she showed it to us she was prouder than Judge France over his deer.

The master hand in the development and advancement of this country is Hon. Henry M. Flagler, the Standard Oil King. He has built the East Coast Railway, reclaimed thousands of waste land, erected palatial hotels, inaugurated steamship lines and has done marvels for Florida. We were greatly interested in anything pertaining to him and give here an account of "Whitehall" the magnificent home now being erected on Lake Worth for him. He has an elegant home at St. Augustine where he also built a costly church and gave it to his brethren, but as the Southern country grew he decided to remove and will take his bride into this new home at Palm Beach. It is one of the most expensive residences in this country and as the private home of Dade country's best friend and Florida's greatest developer, something of a description will not be amiss.

It is built of solid brick, which will be plastered over, and trimmed with marble. The Architectural design is Spanish, specially adapted to this genial climate. The building fronts east, toward the Ponciana hotel and the ocean, 176 feet and runs back west 154 feet, nearly to the lake. Verandas 18 feet wide are on three sides. Solid masonry fluted columns 32 feet high and four feet in diameter will support a portico along the east front. The reception hall is on the first floor and is 42x108 feet finished most gorgeously. Leaning up from this are two broad solid marble staircases, to the next floor on which is located the bed chambers, 26 in number, ten of which have baths attached. Next to the reception room, on the south, is the drawing room, 31x 42 feet next to this the art gallery and music room, 24x65. This will contain a grand pipe organ, one of the finest made, in addition to its other furnishings. West of the art gallery will be Mr. Flagler's private offices. On the north end the parlor which is 31x42 feet may be entered from the reception room and the next to the parlor, west, is the dinning room which is 24x65 feet in size. The culinary and servants rooms take up the western part of the building and complete the square around the grand inner court, which 54x108 feet. Mr. Flagler is sparing no expense to make this the most comfortable house that money can build and its finishing and furnishing will be not gaudy but gorgeous. The bed rooms will be frescoed overhead and finished with tapestry on the sides. The grounds are being ornamented with palms, ferns and flowers of every description and are to be enclosed with a fence that will cost $14,000, the front gate costing $2,000. The entire cost of the building cannot be ascertained as yet but will exceed $500,000 and no doubt the furnishing, paintings, works of art, bric a-brac, silverware, &c., will be as much more.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

Five Valuable Farms

OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS S. WICKES.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity, passed in a cause wherein A. R. Wickes and others are complainants and Hope Wickes and others defendants, the undersigned, as trustee, will offer at public sale at the Court House Door in Chestertown, Maryland,

On TUESDAY, June 10th, 1902

Beginning at 12 o'clock noon, the following REAL ESTATE located in Kent county, Maryland, which was owned by the late Thos. S. Wickes, deceased.

Possession will be given January 1st, 1903. The respective purchasers will be entitled to all the landlord's privileges and to the landlord's share of all the crops after complying with the terms of sale, except the growing wheat crops, which are reserved. Clover is seeded on all these farms. The trustee will will pay the taxes for the current year.

No. 1.

ALL THAT FARM situated in the Second District and known as the

"Corner Farm"

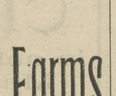
CONTAINING

199 Acres, 5 Perches

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, now tenanted by James S. Taylor. This farm is justly celebrated for its productiveness and the superior quality of its soil. It is in a high state of cultivation and does not have to be improved. All of the farm is arable except ABOUT THIRTEEN ACRES IN TIMBER. The location is especially convenient, being on the public road leading from Kennedyville to Galena, a little over one mile from the former place, which is on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad system, and three and three-quarter miles from Turner's Creek, a branch of the Sassafras River, and four and one-third miles from Shallcross' Wharf, affording easy access for the shipment of grain. THE IMPROVEMENTS consist of a

TWO STORY

Frame House,



STABLE AND SHEDS, all in excellent condition, and an old Barn and Granary. The fencing is in good order.

No. 2.

ALL THAT FARM situated in the Fourth District, known as the "CORSE" or

Whaland Farm,

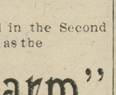
CONTAINING

202 ACRES and 30 Perches

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, now tenanted by J. Frisby Newcomb. The soil is of good quality, and under careful farming and the use of high grade fertilizers, has steadily improved. A Small Stream of Clear Water runs through the centre of the farm, making a fine place for Stock Raising.

The situation of this farm is particularly attractive. It is on the main road from Chestertown to Kennedyville, about one and three quarter miles from Chestertown, and within one half mile of Hopewell School

The Dwelling



IS A NEW THREE-STORY FRAME BUILDING, having Ten Rooms and Kitchen, comfortable and convenient, built of the best lumber and by the best workmanship. THE BARN is also comparatively new and very strongly built. All the other buildings are in good condition and entirely adequate for the farm. The outside fencing is old, the inside fencing is in excellent shape. A BEAUTIFUL CHESTNUT GROVE OF ABOUT TEN ACRES will furnish all necessary posts and rails for fencing. About eight acres will be planted in Tomatoes, and the proceeds of the crop will be divided equally between the purchaser and the tenant, after first deducting the cost of fertilizer, seed, plants and baskets from the landlord's part.

No. 3.

ALL THAT FARM situated in the Seventh Election District, on Chester River, and known as the

"Lamb Farm"

CONTAINING

401 ACRES, 1 Rood and 30 Perches

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, now tenanted by George H. Watts, and adjoining the lands of Mrs. M. A. Wilkins and H. W. Vickers. This farm has a considerable water front on Chester river. Most of the land is kind and easy to cultivate and improve. A part is stiff land, but grows good wheat. There are about 2500 PEACH TREES IN BEARING and an APPLE ORCHARD. It is an excellent fruit farm, and lies in the section of Kent county where all kinds of fruits thrive with the most certainty. Considerable VALUABLE TIMBER is on this farm, for which a ready sale could be secured.

The Buildings



Consist of a COMFORTABLE THREE-STORY FRAME HOUSE, Barn, Stable and Sheds, in fair repair. The fencing is in good order, and a great deal of new fencing has been done in the past few years.

No. 4.

ALL THAT FARM situated in the Sixth District known as

"Tulip Forest,"

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409 Acres, 2 Roods and 8 Perches

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, now tenanted by Mrs. W. G. Skirven. This farm is on the public road from Fairlee to Tolchester, one-half mile from Fairlee, where a Creamery is operated, and four and ahalf miles from Tolchester; a landing on Fairlee Creek is two and a half miles distant. The soil is of excellent quality and has been well cared for. The farm is now in a very productive condition and is improving. There are 270 KEIFER PEAR TREES, two years old last fall. Considerable WOOD AND TIMBER are on the farm and a vast amount of fencing has been done in the last three years.

This is a very desirable farm, either as an investment or for a home. Nicely located, convenient to churches, schools and [illegible] boat landing. The Dwelling is commodious and in excellent repair.

IT IS A

Frame Building,



with Nine Rooms and a Kitchen, and presents an attractive appearance. The other buildings are old but in fair condition.

The windmill on the farm is the property of the tenant and will not be sold.

Purchaser to pay $22.50 for the landlords share of fertilizer used for corn.

No. 5.

ALL THAT FARM situated in the Sixth District, adjoining and carried on with "TULIP FOREST" containing

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LEWIN W. WICKES.
TRUSTEE

J. H. Greenwood, Auct.

Severely Bitten By a Stallion.—Thursday afternoon Harry Draper, the 20-year old son of Mr. Frank W. Draper, a farmer residing near Centreville, was severely bitten by a stallion belonging to his father which was in the pasture field. Late in the afternoon young Draper went into the field to drive the horses to the barn for the purpose of getting a horse to drive away from home. When he neared the horses he made a motion to drive them up when the stallion made for him, knocking him down and catching the fleshy part of his left arm near the shoulder between his teeth proceeded to drag and carry the young man across the field. As luck would have it this was near the house and Draper's screams attracted the attention of his father who immediately realized his son's position, he secured a shot gun and shot at the horse, several shot taking effect in the horse's neck which caused him to release his hold on the young man and flee. Dr. J. M. Corkran was summoned and dressed the wound. The doctor stated yesterday that it was a very ugly wound, the horse's teeth penetrating the flesh to the bone. It will be several days before he will be able to tell how serious the injury is. It is nothing less than a miracle that the boy's life was saved.

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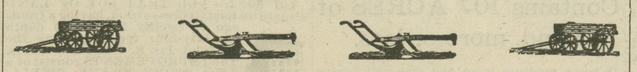
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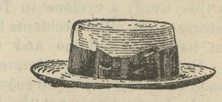
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