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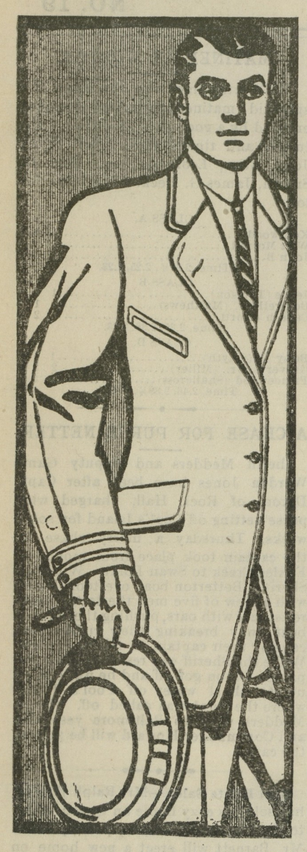

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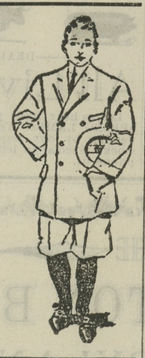

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POOL'S ISLAND

Coming to Front Again as a Peach Farm—Tenanted by John F. Usilton—New Wharf—Big Crop Solloway's—New Orchards, Etc.

Out in the broad Chesapeake slightly to the east of the Gunpowder river's mouth, and within two hour's ride from Baltimore by steamer, lies Pool's Island, a spot long noted throughout the upper bay shore for its fertility, but of which the vast majority of the people of Kent have little knowledge. Many know that excellent peaches are raised there, but very few people outside of those who deal in the luscious fruit know that nearly all the entire island is a peach orchard, or that it is the model peach farm of the State. It is not so large as some of the big peach farms of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, many of which contain from thirty thousand to sixty thousand trees, but from the quality of the island fruit, and the manner in which the farm is conducted, it is said to be almost without rival.

The island is long and narrow, broader at its northern than its southern end, and on its eastern side is indented with a pretty cove. It is nearly a mile and a half long, with an average width of three-eighths of a mile, and contains about 280 acres. Many are the stirring incidents connected with the island's early history, when Claiborne was making things lively along the bay shores, but for the past half century or more it has been a quiet farm home. It was bought in 1808 by Peregrine Wetherd, who for more than fifty years ran the place as a grain farm, raising crops that were the wonder and the admiration of the farmers all along the bay. Here were kept large numbers of slaves. Both before and after the war, whenever a colored farm hand in the bayside counties was questioned as to his strength and ability to work, the best recommendation he could give, and the one of which he was the proudest was, "I've cut wheat on the island." This was usually enough to secure him employment.

There has been much conjecture as to origin of the island, the general supposition being that it is of volcanic origin. Some think that it was formerly a portion of the mainland, but the character of the soil is entirely different from that of Hartford or Kent counties which are within a mile or two of it, and then again a chestnut or pine tree has never been known on the place, while both are abundant along the neighboring shores. The soil is rich black loam varying from eighteen inches to eight feet in depth, with a heavy clay sub-soil.

It is so rich that the abundant crops are produced without the aid of fertilizers, none but the manure made on the place ever having been used on it in its hundred years cultivation. Numerous wells of clear sparkling water are scattered about the island. The water also differs from that usually found along the bay, being soft instead of hard, resembling greatly that found on the high lands in the Western counties.

Peaches were never grown in any quantities on the island until 1872, when George Merrett, who bought it from John Wethered, son of Peregrine Wethered, set out an orchard of over 6,000 trees. This begun the place's reputation as a peach orchard, which has been kept up ever since. The island was bought in May 1882, by Mr. Chas. C. Homer, president of the Second National Bank of Baltimore, and Mr. John J. Masheter, of Ohio. The story of the purchase is rather a peculiar one. Mr. Masheter, was a farmer in Ohio, but came East and was associated with Mr. Homer in business in Baltimore. He went to the place one day on a fishing trip, and returning told Mr. Homer that he had found a piece of Ohio soil in Maryland and wanted it. The place was examined its possibilities for peach culture recognized, and it was bought shortly afterwards by Messrs. Homer and Masheter, took charge. As many more trees as were then on the place were set out, extensive improvements were made from time to time, and the island was devoted to peach and sheep raising, in both of which branches of agriculture Mr. Masheter had been remarkably successful. Mr. Masheter died some few years ago and Mr. John F. Usilton placed thereon as tenant.

The orchard is peculiar in that it contained some of the largest trees known to fruit growers. The trunks of a great number of these were ten inches in diameter, while many run as high as high as fifteen and a few measure eighteen inches. These large trees have great spreading branches, and from one was taken two or three seasons ago, twenty-seven boxes of choice fruit. This was only about two-thirds of the trees yield, the remainder being lost by some branches breaking down from the weight of the fruit upon them, which fruit of course, did not ripen. The orchard is not remarkable so much for the quantity as the quality of the fruit which is raised there, although in 1886 the yield approached 15,000 packages.

The average yield is from 10,000 to 12,000 packages. The usual force required to pick this is about twenty men, no women or children being employed. The greatest care is exercised in the picking, Mr. Usilton selecting the trees to be picked each day, and personally superintending the work. The pickers are paid by the month and not by the amount of fruit picked, so there is no inducement for them to slight their work. In the large trees ladders are used, and when branches cannot be easily reached a long stick cut from a cherry tree and having a backward prong, is used to draw them down.

Only the ripe fruit is taken, and the condition is ascertained by grasping a peach with the entire hand and giving it a gentle pressure. The thumb and forefinger alone are never used, for it is a high crime in the careful growers eyes to "pinch" a peach. This makes a bruise, and bruises greatly lower their market value.

To get the fruit to market with the best handling is a great object with every fruit grower, and at Poole's Island it gets the minimum amount. The peaches are packed into the baskets or boxes directly from the trees and the packers are carried to a handcar which runs from the orchard to the end of the wharf. The only handling they get is when they are taken from the wharf to the steamer and when they are landed. This accounts in a large measure for the excellent condition in which they reach market. The fruit which is being shipped now is last of the Solloway's and is larger than the average. Some of the varieties that have already been marketed from the Island are Mountain Rose Stump, Red Rareripe, York and Reeves' Favorite. Some of the last named varieties measured eleven and a half inches in circumference and weighed twelve and a half ounces. This is a beautiful yellow fruit. The Elbertas, a red fruit, also attains perfection on the Island, some being almost as large and heavy as the Reeves' Favorite.

The season began on July 6 and will last until October 15, in which time quantities of Mixon, Patterson's Beers Late, Moore's Favorite, Smock, Geary's Holdon, Patterson's Late, White Heath, and Poole's Island Best will be sent to the market. This last variety is a product peculiar to the Island. It is a unique type of the peach which has not been successfully produced elsewhere. It is large and luscious yellow in color, with a velvety skin and a bright blush. It is a long bearer, ripening from September 15 to October 5, and commands the highest prices. In 1885, a year when peaches were practically abundant, a shipment of 500 baskets brought $700.

The Poole's Island crop is generally a sure one, as the orchard is situated out in the bay and surrounded on all sides by salt water, the buds are prevented from swelling prematuredly and are also protected from frost. New orchards are planted nearly every year so as to keep up the Island as a peach centre.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to secure a portion of the Island for an excursion resort, but none have been successful yet. On one side of the Island is a beautiful grove, with a hard white beach stretching before it for half a mile or more. The timber here is of original growth, very large, and none of it has ever been cut. Five miles away to the southeast is Tolchester, and to the east is Worton Manor Beach. The Tolchester boats stop daily at the place and a new $3,000 wharf has just been completed.

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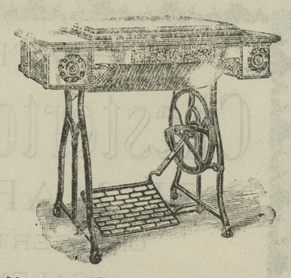

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