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THE TEA PLANT.

Efforts of the Commissioner of Agriculture to introduce its Culture in South Carolina.

From the News and Courier.

The United States Commissioner of Agriculture, General Le Duc, is alive to the fact that farmers are not careful, thoughtful and methodical enough, and rely too much upon the habits and manners that have come down perhaps from a long line of ancestors. He knows they too frequently fail to calculate the cost of growing a crop, and perhaps never know till the end of the year whether a crop has or has not any net money in it. He is therefore particularly anxious to test a variety of vegetables and plants in different latitudes, and learn whether or not they would not be more profitable as crops than those now cultivated. With this view he is anxious to introduce the tea plant into South Carolina, and thinks that if our people are really as poor as they say they are, the tea plant might supplant many of the roses and evergreens seen in the front of most of our dwellings; for while these latter simply please the eye or refresh the olfactory, the former if cultivated properly, would be made to help the pocket.

No one receives material payment for cultivating flowers, and it is quite an expense and labor; and hence all over South Carolina those grand and beautiful old flower gardens, which were so handsome in ante-bellum times, are now frequently given up to weeds and briars. It would not be so with the tea plant; for after a year or two, it would become a source of profit, and this profit would increase annually. At present the United States are importing annually several millions of dollars' worth of Chinese teas and they are all, more or less, so medicated that, "his said, the original grower could scarcely recognize the beverage if he were to quaff it in America. If South Carolina were half as devoted to tea culture as she is to the culture and improvement of cotton, there could be millions of dollars worth of tea grown and sold in this State annually; and that, too, by the intelligent, industrious, lovely South Carolina women. Only think what we are losing by our ignorance. General Le Duc has received valuable information upon this subject from Mr. James Edward Calhoun, of Abbeville county, S. C., who for years has grown the tea plant, and drink it pure and unadulterated. Mr. Calhoun writes him the fruit of the tea plant is a capsule, the hull of which has many of the properties of quinine. This is another valuable discovery, and should make us more anxious all over the South to introduce the culture of the tea plant.

About two thousand plants have this fall been sent into South Carolina by the Commissioner, and it is about all he had. He is preparing to have a million plants ready by next fall, and if the parties to whom he has sent these plants in South Carolina will aid him in his efforts, and report, as promised, their success with the plants given them, he anticipates that in a few years he will be able to have the tea prepared for market, with much profit, in several portions of the State. His idea is to induce the cultivation of the plant at many points, and when the area becomes large enough, then to establish in some central point, perhaps Columbia, the manufacture of the merchantable article. We sincerely hope the parties to whom these plants have been sent will bestow more than ordinary care upon them, and at the proper time report their success to the department. General Le Duc is also very anxious to subject the sweet potato (yam) to chemical analysis, with a view to test whether or not it would be a profitable business to engage in the manufacture of sugar from the yam. Millions of dollars' worth of sugar are made annually by the French, and by the Canadians on this side of the Atlantic, from the beet, and if the palate is qualified to judge it can bear testimony to the superior sweetness of the yam over the beet. We have written to a friend to send a few yams to the department, and we will watch with much interest the result of this analysis, and report it. There is now a heavy duty upon sugar, and every lump a child eats cost the parent more than it should, and hence the necessity and advisability of just such experiments as

are proposed to be made at the department. The object is to learn if we cannot manufacture sugar to export, and prevent the necessity of any importation. Let us hold up the Commissioner's hand in his efforts.

FALL OF PLEVNA.

Interesting Details of a Brilliant but Unsuccessful Manoeuvre.

LONDON, December 13—Noon.—The Russian official account of the capture of Plevna confirms the details already telegraphed. It says the Turks fought like lions. Seven Pashas were captured. The counting of the prisoners and troops is not yet completed. The Emperor was present at the thanksgiving service held on the site of the former headquarters of Osman Pasha. The Russians had information three days in advance of Osman Pasha's intention to make a sortie. At 7 o'clock in the morning Osman crossed the Vid on two bridges and attacked the Russian positions with such force that he captured eight cannon, and in a few minutes almost annihilated the Siberian grenadier regiment. The Turks then found themselves under the fire of a hundred cannon of the Russian second line, and were attacked by the grenadiers, who resolved to recapture their guns. The Turks were driven back after a fifteen minutes bayonet fight, but continued to fire from the shelter of the banks of the Vid until ten minutes past 12 o'clock, when the firing ceased on both sides, and a quarter of an hour afterwards Osman sent an envoy to treat for surrender. Osman's wound is in the leg, and not serious.

The Turks seem to have renewed offensive operations in the neighborhood of Rustchuk. A report prevailed at Constantinople last night that a great battle had been fought between Moteka and Rustchuk, the result of which is unknown. Thus far, however, the official reports from Turkish headquarters only mention an affair with six Russian battalions. The Times' special dispatch, dated St. Petersburg, says that the fall of Plevna is still unknown to the Turks generally, so that it is impossible to estimate its effects on the population, which, however, will probably maintain its usual calm.

The Edinburgh Scotsman's London correspondent telegraphs as follows: "From the most influential quarters a suggestion has been laid before the British Cabinet that Constantinople be made a free city, under a guarantee of protection from the European Powers. Constantinople, December 13—Noon.—No overtures for mediation have yet been made to any of the foreign embassies. Chakir Pasha, who was appointed to replace Mehmet Ali, has resigned his command on account of ill health.

THE TURKS RESOLVED TO FIGHT IT OUT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 13.—The news of the fall of Plevna was received here with calmness and fortitude. The journals urge resistance to the last. The Turkish Parliament was opened to-day by the Sultan, all the Turkish dignitaries and foreign ambassadors were present. The speech from the throne was reserved in tone, and alluded neither to peace nor mediation.

CONCERNING PROPERTY IN WEDDING PRESENTS.

The decision of Judge Larremore, of New York, in the suit of Mrs. Welsh against the executors of her husband's will, to the effect that the butter knives and cake dishes given as wedding presents are given to the bride, and not to the bride and bridegroom jointly, is in full accordance with the common understanding of the persons who give presents on such occasions. Perhaps the finding of the jury to the effect that the bridal presents which Mrs. Welsh confidently counted as worth fifteen hundred dollars are worth in fact two hundred and sixteen dollars and forty-four cents is also in accordance with the better informed judgment of the givers of such things.

Two Arizona Miners, Kellogg and Carter, quarreled about a claim, and Kellogg fired on Carter. Fortunately, Carter carried a Bible in his bosom, and that turned the bullet, and so enabled the pious youth to hack Kellogg sufficiently with his bowie knife. Then Carter fled to escape arrest, and while crossing a river was drowned, in spite of the Bible. Moral—?