

FLORIDA.

Heretofore we spoke of these United States being bound together by the steel rails over which the locomotive destroys distance and the metal wires over which the words of mouth are current across distant hills and dales. Florida is also bound to South Carolina by the ties of consanguinity. There is hardly anyone in Edgefield county who is not related to people in Florida. Some years ago I met Gov. Gilchrist, then Governor of Florida, who has many kin-folks in our county, and it transpires that the present Governor, Sidney Catts, is a direct descendant on his mother's side of the Smyly family. His mother was a Miss Adeline Smyly and closely related to many of our people, though there is not one of the Lizly name in Edgefield county. It is as strange how some names pass away as it is how some come into existence. Take the name of Weaver, once a great and wealthy family in Edgefield—now not one by that name but at Miami I met a son of the late Milledge Weaver, who lived near Johnston. This gentleman, for he is a gentleman, is in middle life, in fine health and engaged in the fruit and vegetable business. His name is Sumner H. Weaver. The clerk of the court is named Sheppard and is as affable and obliging as our friend Ben Cogburn. Mr. Weaver told me that his father spent his last days in Florida and lived to be a very old man.

One of the oldest towns in America is Saint Augustine, which had been settled years ago, before the time of the red man by a barbarous people who raised immense heaps of shell mounds. In 1865 when the first white men arrived at this spot where St. Augustine now stands, they found a town of several thousand Indians in rude fashion, many families in one house, and they wore little clothing, had good food and were a kind-hearted, intelligent people. Juan Ponce de Leon heard from the natives a tradition of a spring, the waters of which would restore one's youth, and he landed near St. Augustine and named his discovery Florida.

For many years the Spanish, the English and the French people fought each other by land and sea, under a contest between the Catholic and Protestant churches for ascendancy, led by Jean Ribault, Pedro Menendez, Sir Frances Drake, Gov. Oglethorpe of Georgia and others 'till 1821 when the United States under a treaty purchased Florida for five million dollars, and then the Indians brought on the Seminole War. When the Chief Ocoola at a meeting between the whites and Indians in April 1835, after violent language on both sides, drawing his knife through the treaty exclaimed: "The only treaty I will execute is this!" And war became inevitable. Ocoola was treacherously captured and sent to Fort Moultrie in Charleston Harbor, where he died and a monument placed as a memorial to this noble Indian Chief.

Up to about 1880 St. Augustine was only a small town of historic interest, and Mr. Henry M. Flagler decided to erect a hotel which was to be among the finest in the world. This building, the Ponce de Leon, is now a palatial structure with every convenience, and near that in what was once a marsh; at great cost now also stands the Alcazar, another Moorish palace Hotel. Fort Marion was built years ago by the Spanish and stands today as a wonder to all visitors. This Fort is built of coquina, a shell rock of natural formation found only on the East coast of Florida. This Fort, though most of the work was done by slaves, cost upwards of 30 million dollars. It has four bastions on which are sentry towers, the walls are 12 feet thick at the base, 9 feet at the top and 25 feet high. It has casement, court room, council chamber, powder magazine, chapel, secret dungeons, and around the fort is a moat 40 feet wide.

The plaza or park is located in the center of the city of St. Augustine and the streets radiate North, South and West. The Cathedral stands just across the street at the North side of the Plaza. This is a grand Catholic church. A Confederate monument which was erected by the ladies of St. Augustine stands just West of the market. Orange groves abound in the suburbs and at the corner of Valencia and Saville Streets stands the magnificent memorial Presbyterian church erected in 1890 by the late Henry M. Flagler in memory of his daughter, Mrs. Benedict. Over the East entrance is carved this text: "Thy memorial O Lord is throughout all generations." In the mansoleum at the West side, beside kindred dead, be the remains of Mr. Flagler, Florida's great benefactor. Nearby is a grand Methodist church also erected by Mr. Flagler, and to the West of this church stands "Kirk-side" the residence of the late Mr. Flagler, a colonial structure with lofty corinthian Columns. There is also a spring of clear water over

the shelters of which are these words: "Fountain of Youth, 1513" claimed to be the far-famed spring the search for which led to the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon. Fort Marion stands at the right of the gates, surrounded by the reservation around which the history of St. Augustine is so closely woven. It is open to visitors from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Sunday. In addition to a Library there is the Institute for Science and Historical Society. The government donated plenty of space in Fort Marion for housing future collections and by the generosity of Hon. Chauncey M. DePew and other visitors the society has a large and useful collection of historic and scientific curiosities. Thousands of visitors go here every month, and courteous guides show one around through the casements and dungeons of this colossal structure, built by the Spaniards in which they felt safe and secure from attack. But with the late highly explosive chemicals of the Germans, these massive walls are as helpless for defense as a cigar box, just as the crew aboard an armored cruiser cased in triple plates of solid steel, is at the mercy of the deadly submarine. In fact science has stripped from man his every defense and it looks as if the operations of warfare are getting so destructive to weak human life that it would force the world to live in peace. God grant it. Usina North Beach is on the opposite side of the Matauzas River, 5 miles N. of the city. Here is a beautiful view of the sea, and crowds enjoy the surf bathing all the year round. All around and about St. Augustine are many hard, level roads and you see many stylish vehicles drawn by pairs of beautiful horses, and driven by a well groomed liveried coachman. After all, as much as we enjoy the automobile, there is nothing for real comfort and service that can take the place of a pair of fine horses hitched to a stylish Landau or light buggy; then there is something so human and lovable about a good sensible horse, especially after one becomes attached to the noble animal and learns his many good qualities—next to a beautiful woman, comes a graceful, blooded horse. In fact the two go well together, as the loveliest handwork of our blessed creator. There is no more beautiful sight than to see a beautiful woman driving or riding a graceful, spirited horse, whose well groomed form glistens in sunshine like satin. The man who does not love horses and dogs is "fit for treason strategy and spoil." I remember as a boy the first dog I ever owned. He was a black rat-terrier with a beautiful locket and collar about his neck, and had cut on a brass band the word "Penny." This dog was lost by a passenger on the Stage Coach that ran by Meeting Street every day. He was a beautiful little dog, and would kill rats as a pastime. He also would kill a snake by catching him in the middle and shaking him violently from one side to the other.

We heard of a lady who had plenty of money and no children visiting Florida, who was obsessed with an abnormal love for her pet dog and had a special trunk made for her pet and had him all decked out in fancy jackets with sleeves and pants, several fine caps and hoods, gold locket and collar around his neck and fed him on the daintiest kind of costly food. She would sometimes, in bad weather, put him in a silk bag that she tied about her waist and walk around with his head poked out from the bag. She belonged to the idle rich, but carried her love for dogs too far. Yet a dog can get closely attached to you, and no animal is so faithful and affectionate as a good dog. My children wept with unconsoling grief when our last dog died. It reminds us of those lines of some poet on a pet dog:

"He's dead, oh lay him gently in the ground
And may his tomb be by this verse renowned
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Who fawned like man, but ne'er like man betrayed."
A. S. T.

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POULTRY FACTS

ROUP REMEDY FOR CHICKENS

Good Plan to See That Curtains or Windows Are Down and Everything in Proper Shape.

The habit of visiting the poultry house after the birds have gone to roost during the winter months is a good one. After the water vessels have been emptied to keep them from freezing overnight, it is a good plan to see that the curtains or windows are down and everything is in shape.

If the grain feed for the following morning is scattered in the litter the birds will be busy and active as soon as they come off the roosts. This is far better for them than standing round an hour or so in the cold morning air waiting for their feed.

Before leaving the house listen carefully for wheezing or heavy breathing. This is the first indication of colds, roup, and similar diseases, and if detected in time a serious outbreak may be prevented.

OLD-FASHIONED HIGH ROOSTS

Sprained Legs, Splinters or Gravel in Feet and Other Troubles Are Sure to Follow.

Too many poultry keepers yet build old-fashioned high roosts. The tree-shelter instinct still induces every fowl to fight for a place on the highest of the roosts. Few you will notice, want the low. For the large heavy breeds, high roosts mean sprained legs, splinters or gravel in the feet, and much suffering because of jumping from high roosts.

Turkeys often show up with bumble-foot or other kinds of lameness because they roost so high. One can also make the roosts too small.

Chickens are often lamed by giving them roosts that allow the toes to go clear around, and sink the claws in the soft part of the sole. This is sure to cause sores, or at least tender feet.

CAUSE OF TURKEY FAILURES

Among Other Reasons Assigned Is That of Improper Feeding—Close Confinement Hurts.

Improper feeding, combined with close confinement, has been the cause of many failures in turkey raising. Given free range on the average farm, the poults can easily pick up their own living, and one light feed a day for the purpose of inducing them to come in at night is sufficient. If the mother hen is confined to a coop and the poults allowed to run in and out, three times a day is often enough to feed and very little should be given at a time. The poults should always be ready to eat; if given all they will clean up several times a day, indigestion will be the result. If there is little or no feed outside the coop for the poults to pick up, then they should be fed about five times a day, feeding



White Holland Turkeys.

only a small quantity at a time. A good feed for the first few days is stale bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry. Cornbread crumbs and clabbered milk or cottage cheese is also quite often fed and with excellent results. Green feed and grit should be on hand at all times. As the poults grow older, the ration should gradually be changed to grain.

KILLING GEESSE FOR MARKET

Feathers Can Easily Be Removed by Dipping Fowl in Boiling Hot Water Three Times.

When killing geese for market, the feathers can be removed easily if, after killing, the body of the goose is dipped three times in water which is almost at the boiling point, dipping it slowly in and out each time, and then wrapping it in canvas or closely-woven cloth to keep in the steam. In a minute or two this will loosen the feathers so that they will come out easily.

FURNISH VARIETY OF FOODS

Some Farmers Feed Poultry All Winter on Nothing but Corn—Not Good as Steady Diet.

Any food as a steady diet for poultry, or any other stock, for that matter, will not give good results.

What would be the result if you were kept upon a steady diet of hoe-cake, corn pone and Indian pudding for three straight months? Yet that is the very way some farmers are feeding their poultry all winter—corn morning, noon and night.

Easter Greetings

FROM

THE CORNER STORE

We greet you on this Easter tide with Easter's best wishes to you, one and all, and may your cup of pleasure be overflowing on this great Resurrection Day.

It is on this day that all people show their joy in coming out in their Spring Apparel, and to this part of the program we are able to do our bit, by serving you with the latest styles in Dresses, Skirts, Hats, Underwear, Foot Wear, Hosiery, Silks, Crepes in cotton and silks, Shirt Waists, Lace, Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs in fancy designs, Hand Bags, Gloves and Ribbons.

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H. E. Quarles,
Cold Spring.

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Arthur E. Quarles,
Administrator.

P. O., Modoc, S. C., R. F. D.
April 2-3t.

Estate Notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of Elbert Stevens, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, or with B. E. Nicholson, att'y., and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

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