

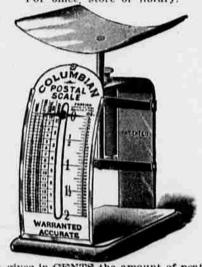
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Fruit Garden

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11.875 plants, which should bear annually more than 890,000 bananas. Now, suppose This indeed was no ordinary event. Patti the bananas net one-tenth of a cent each, had been booked for the first time (and for which seemed to prove that banana plantations might net \$300 per acre, but I should be afraid to assert this as a fact.

markets of the United States.

all sorts of fine vegetables in the Porto and, in fact, every sort of venetable.

had been torn by shot and shell from the Alabama. But it was necessary to hurry home from the luncheon in question, for many of the ship's company were to dine with us, and go in the evening to hear Adelina Patti in the ever popular "Barber of Seville."

This indeed was no ordinary event. Patti which is certainly low, and you have an one night only) in Marseilles ten days before annual income of \$890 out of every eighteen the arrival of the Kearsarge, and all the acres of land. I have seen other figures seats to the utmost limit of the opera house had been sold. The boys were wild to hear Patti, for we claimed her as an American. but admission without seats could not be ob-Among fruits which might pay to cultitained. What was to be done? Patti, the vate are the guavas. Factories have been divine, arrived in the city. Mr. Van Horne cetablished for making guava jelly for the and mystelf went to call on the famous diva at the hotel. She seemed so glad to se The probability is that our eastern cities us, and was most cordial and demonstrative will soon get their winter egetables from We found her to be a lovely little woman Porto Rico. The new potatoes, onions and with velvety black eyes, a profusion of soft cabbages which come to us from the Ber- dark hair, intensely scarlet lips, one of those mudas should be grown here. You can see pearly colorless complexions, and dazzling teeth. Her voice and conversation were like Rican markets all the year round. I have liquid music. When she heard of our diseen egg plants in San Juan as big as lemma, she turned to her manager and pumpkins and luscious tomatoes the size of brother-in-law, Strakosch, and told him that your fist. There are squashes of all kinds, he must make room for the officers of the Kearsarge. He replied that it was simply I understand that the Agricultural depart- impossible, and emphalszed ils words with ment will soon establish an experimental shrugs. Patti remarked, "No seats, no



HOW THEY EAT COCOANUTS IN PORTO RICO.

station in Porto Rico. It will test the opera." And she meant it, too. It was island as to all kinds of fruits and vegetables finally arranged by Patti herself that the and will do everything to develop it along party from the ship were to have seats on these lines. Uncle Sam has a large amount the stage behind the scenes. On our bidof property here which has come to him from ding her adieu, she thanked us effusively for Spain, including thousands of acres of land, the privilege of conferring a favor on our Some of this land will be turned into ex- sailor boys, and gave me a warm kiss and perimental farms and within a few years we her photograph, both of which I dearly prize. shall know just what Porto Rico is and what Mrs. Morse, the vice-consul, and myself it can do.

Investments for Small Capitalists.

with small capital. It seems to me that us have two for that evening, Dewey sharthe lines of vegetables and fruits. He can- to me to do the most talking, as D wey not come to Porto Rico unless he can buy his land, stock it and afford to wait a few years for the big profits which, if his in- below us and heard and saw Patti at her vestment is properly managed, are sure to best.

I see it stated that there are good opportunities here for American mechanics. Answered His I doubt it much. Labor is very cheap, and while the Porto Ricans are perhaps not as good workmen as our mechanics, they know what the people want and can satisfy them at wages upon which an American would starve.

In short, no man who has not at least \$5,000 of clear cash should think of com- of a corresponding department of another ing to Perto Rico, and however much the capital, he should not make any investment without visiting the island and looking into the matter for himself.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Dewey and Patti

Mr. George W. Van Horne was one of Abraham Lincoln's consuls in Europe. He was in the city of Marseilles, France, from 1861 to 1866. He was perhaps the youngest man in the consular service, being only 27, while I, his wife and the writer of these memories, was but 18.

In the month of January, 1866, the booming of cannon in the offing told of the arrival of some foreign man-of-war. In the course of a couple of hours a group of naval officers entered the consulate, the spokesman introducing himself as Lieutenant George Dewey, stating that the Kearsarge was in port, that he and his companions had come to pay their respects to Uncle Sam's representative and that others of the ship's officers would follow

Lieutenant Commander Dewey was a man of some twenty-eight years, of middle height, with black hair, eyes and mustache and a dark skin. Energy was shown in every movement. He had a kind smile, but for the most part was grave and serious. I liked him from the first, he looked so good, so trustworthy. His extreme neattoo, impressed one. He was "natty"

from head to foot. The Kearsarge's officers were mostly young fellows of twenty-two and twentythree, full of life and delighted at being on shore. Lieutenant Dewey was like an elder brother to them in everything and they

looked up to him accordingly. We lunched one day on board the Kearsarge and were shown over the ship, the places being pointed out where the vessel

went to see the mayor, a personal friend, to try and procure a seat for Lieutenant Dewey This letter has been written for the man in the mayor's box. As a great favor he let the best opportunity for him here is along ing it with the mayor and his wife. It fell not do much, however, without he has (modest then as ever) did not seem inclined money to employ labor, and he should to air his French. We looked from the box, which was in the second tie: above the stage, and waved our hands to the boys

Own Letter

A certain young railroad man who has charge of a department in the auditing branch of his company's business had occasion recently to dictate a letter to the head road, relates the Chicago News. There was a point in dispute between the two railroads involving money and this young official nad taken a stubborn ground that the other official was totally at fault and advanced what seemed to him unanswerable arguments to prove it. A short time after he had forwarded the letter he received a proposition from headquarters of the other railroad, which he accepted, and within a few days he became the head of the department with which he had been in dispute. The first letter which he found on file ready to be answered was his own on the point in question. There was only one thing to do. He immediately dictated an answer to his own letter, refuting and repudiating its argument, and wound up by a heated insinuation that the writer of it was an unmitigated donkey. Of course, the letter was addressed to himself and signed by himself but in his enthusiasm for the interests of his new employer he did not mind a little thing like that.

Grounds for Action

Chicago Tribune: "Let us understand you clearly. You want a divorce from your wife. Is she dissipated?"

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"No, your honor." "Has any other man won her affections

from you?" "Not so far as I know, your honor."

"Does she neglect the family?"
"No, your honor."

"On what grounds are you applying for a

divorce?" "On account of the way she amuses her-

self, your honor." "How does she amuse herself?"

"Pounding me with a broomstick, your

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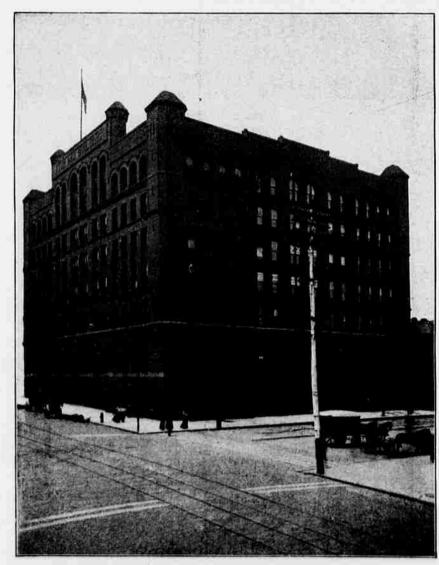
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