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Uncle Sam's New Fruit Garden

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11,875 plants, which should bear annually more than 890,000 bananas. Now, suppose the bananas net one-tenth of a cent each, which is certainly low, and you have an annual income of \$890 out of every eighteen acres of land. I have seen other figures which seemed to prove that banana plantations might net \$300 per acre, but I should be afraid to assert this as a fact. Among fruits which might pay to cultivate are the guavas. Factories have been established for making guava jelly for the markets of the United States. The probability is that our eastern cities will soon get their winter vegetables from Porto Rico. The new potatoes, onions and cabbages which come to us from the Bermudas should be grown here. You can see all sorts of fine vegetables in the Porto Rican markets all the year round. I have seen egg plants in San Juan as big as pumpkins and luscious tomatoes the size of your fist. There are squashes of all kinds, and, in fact, every sort of vegetable. I understand that the Agricultural department will soon establish an experimental

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 Adeline Patti in the ever popular "Barber of Seville."

This indeed was no ordinary event. Patti had been booked for the first time (and for one night only) in Marseilles ten days before the arrival of the Kearsarge, and all the 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 obtained. What was to be done? Patti, the divine, arrived in the city. Mr. Van Horne and myself went to call on the famous diva at the hotel. She seemed so glad to see us, and was most cordial and demonstrative. We found her to be a lovely little woman with velvety black eyes, a profusion of soft dark hair, intensely scarlet lips, one of those pearly colorless complexions, and dazzling teeth. Her voice and conversation were like liquid music. When she heard of our dilemma, she turned to her manager and brother-in-law, Strakosch, and told him that he must make room for the officers of the Kearsarge. He replied that it was simply impossible, and emphasized his words with shrugs. Patti remarked, "No seat, no

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HOW THEY EAT COCOANUTS IN PORTO RICO.

station in Porto Rico. It will test the island as to all kinds of fruits and vegetables and will do everything to develop it along these lines. Uncle Sam has a large amount of property here which has come to him from Spain, including thousands of acres of land. Some of this land will be turned into experimental farms and within a few years we shall know just what Porto Rico is and what it can do.

Investments for Small Capitalists. This letter has been written for the man with small capital. It seems to me that the best opportunity for him here is along the lines of vegetables and fruits. He cannot do much, however, without he has money to employ labor, and he should 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 investment is properly managed, are sure to come.

I see it stated that there are good opportunities here for American mechanics. 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 coming to Porto 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 neatness, too, impressed one. He was "natty" from head to foot.

The Kearsarge's officers were mostly young fellows of twenty-two and twenty-three, 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

opera." And she meant it, too. It was finally arranged by Patti herself that the party from the ship were to have seats on the stage behind the scenes. On our bidding her adieu, she thanked us effusively for the privilege of conferring a favor on our sailor boys, and gave me a warm kiss and her photograph, both of which I dearly prize.

Mrs. Morse, the vice-consul, and myself went to see the mayor, a personal friend, to try and procure a seat for Lieutenant Dewey in the mayor's box. As a great favor he let us have two for that evening, Dewey sharing it with the mayor and his wife. It fell to me to do the most talking, as Dewey (modest then as ever) did not seem inclined to air his French. We looked from the box, which was in the second tier above the stage, and waved our hands to the boys below us and heard and saw Patti at her best.

Answered His 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 of a corresponding department of another road, relating the Chicago News. There was a point in dispute between the two railroads involving money and this young official had 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 imprecation 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.

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