

# McINTOSH

A Thriving and Most Beautiful Little Town  
Twenty Miles North of Ocala.  
Some of Her Industries.

..BY..  
PETER  
STANLEY.

McIntosh is a charming little village with high-class, modern buildings, hard paved streets and driveways; wide spreading live oaks and other shade trees and well kept shrubbery. Situated on the south bank of the dreamy old Orange Lake, twenty miles northwest of Ocala, in Marion county. Surrounded by some of the most prosperous farms and possibly the most fertile lands in this section of the state. Orange culture has been one of the chief products of McIntosh, and is rapidly regaining its former reputation. Early spring and fall vegetables are extensively planted and generally bring the growers rich returns.

There are many true marks of prosperity in and around McIntosh. Neat wire fences enclose fields, barns and residences. The buildings generally are far above the average in point of modern style and beauty.

The people of McIntosh are a well-bred, kind hearted, social and accommodating kind. They are especially fond of music. There is said to be more pianos in McIntosh than any other town of its size in the state. "Mr. Stanley" was the recipient of a splendid musical entertainment given by the "McIntosh Peerless String Band," and my soul was lost in the realms of the regions of Golden Harps (above) as the soft, sweet strains of piano, violin and guitar mingled in harmony and floated away upon the soft moonlight to kiss the placid waters of the crystal lake. And as the echo died in the distance Mr. Manners, the big traveling man, whom it is said has sold more farm machinery than any man to his weight in the world, came upon the scene with the fustiest set of "bones" in Florida. He joined the band and was unanimously voted the star performer.

The McIntosh public school is one of the best in the county and begins this season with growing prospects. Enrollment about 90; Principal, Mrs. Lula B. Bradford; Intermediate, Miss Mary Taylor; Primary, Miss Charlotte Farnback.

A new Baptist church has just been completed at a cost of \$2,000. A Christian church has been built within the last year. The oldest church there is the Methodist. The Presbyterians contemplate building within the next year. A fine bathing pool furnishes much comfort and pleasure to the lovers of open air bathing and swimming.

#### THE BUSINESS SIDE OF McINTOSH.

Christian & Dickson are the leading merchants of McIntosh. They carry a complete and up-to-date line of general merchandise not usually found outside of a department store. They have recently purchased the store formerly owned and operated by W. R. Baker, and besides this they own and operate a big department store at Dunnellon.

They are making special efforts in their millinery lines this fall. Their McIntosh department is under the personal supervision of Mrs. Seabroet, while at Dunnellon Miss Octana Hellams, of Baltimore, is in charge.

We find these gentlemen wide awake, thorough-going business men in every respect, having attained their sphere in the business world by straightforward fairness, justice and recognition of personal worth in their customers.

#### MR. J. K. CHRISTIAN.

Mr. Christian came to this immediate section from Kentucky in 1883 and was one of the first settlers of McIntosh. He afterwards married in Illinois. His home in the south limits of town is a picture of comfort and beauty, surrounded by a pretty orange grove, and overlooking the large lake. Mr. Christian is a strict member of the Baptist church, a trustee of the public school and a director of the Central National Bank at Ocala. He left home while yet a lad and threw himself solely upon his own resources, and today

he attributes his success to his practice of firmness in business and untiring efforts to succeed in the face of every opposition.

#### MR. H. L. DICKSON.

Mr. Dickson, who came here from Georgia some eighteen years ago, is a gentleman of unquestionable character. After taking a peep at the prospects of flowers Mr. Dickson returned to Georgia where he plucked a fair rose of that good old state, who is now Mrs. Dickson. He has the prettiest home in McIntosh, is a consistent member of the Baptist church, an unceasing worker for the moral, social and educational interests of his home town and surrounding country. He is executor for the M. Neal estate at McIntosh consisting of valuable real estate and other property.

#### McINTOSH HOTEL.

McIntosh has one of the best hotels in the state for a small town, under the personal supervision of Mrs. Baldwin, rates \$2.00 per day. The rooms are neat and clean, and the beds are comfortable. The fare is first class.

#### J. A. MURRELL & CO.

J. A. Murrell & Co., growers and distributors of Florida fruits and vegetables, is one of the leading business concerns of this that section. They handle, in connection with other business Mr. Sampson's fruit consisting of two large groves, one at Boardman and one at Seven Oaks. They handle the Key West varieties of fruits and vegetables in car loads and local lots. Last season this firm handled 200 cars of watermelons and expect to exceed this figure this season.

#### DR. G. S. MEANS.

This gentleman is a well known Marion county boy, who has already reached a large degree of success in his line of business. Dr. Means took medical lectures at Mobile, Ala., in 1893; graduated at Atlanta 1894-95, after which he returned to his home at McIntosh and practiced five years. He then went to New Orleans where he took a second graduating course from Tulane University, going through with exceeding high honors. The doctor is yet a young man—the future husband of some charming Florida girl. He enjoys a large practice and a gilt edge reputation, and is still climbing, going on up the hard old ladder of success and usefulness.

#### THE DUNGARVAN FARMS.

A friend in McIntosh advised me to drive by and take a peep at the Dungarvan Farms lying from one to four miles southwest of this village by the lake. I had never met the owner, Mr. S. H. Gaitskill, but from the description given me, had no trouble in recognizing this true type of old Kentucky blood when I met him riding in on horseback from his farm to his picturesque home in town. He waybilled me to his manager, Mr. Rhodes R. Whittington, who with his interesting wife and two sweet babies live out on the farm.

This farm consists of three hundred acres.

The leading product of the farm is Shorthorn Durham beef cattle and there is some beauties of this type there. The entire stock of cattle is about two hundred and fifty head. These cattle are pastured altogether unless fed a little in the dead of winter on velvet beans and other products of the farm. They have sold about forty good beef steers this season at a remarkably good price. I was shown two fine bulls, three-fourths blood, that will be for sale this season. They are beauties to say the least. All different breeds are kept in separate pastures, therefore keeping the blood and breeds pure. All owners of fine cattle should take a look over the Dungarvan Farms.

Eighty five sheep have recently been added to the live stock. Of these there is six pure blood Dorsette mutton sheep that will be used for breeding in several different respects. Eighty-five Berkshire hogs are now

on the farm. They are sold gross for 5c. per pound. One of these hogs was butchered last season, and out of which the hams alone, after being smoothly turned weighed 25 pounds each. The hogs here are fed principally on velvet beans, being turned in on the beans just before maturity.

There is one hundred and fifty head of goats, common scrub and Angora, which are being crossed, resulting in a splendid animal. Some February kids were recently butchered which weighed six pounds to the quarter.

The agricultural feature of the farm is interesting and instructive. Within it lies a lesson that every farmer in Marion county should learn a lesson of improved farm machinery and its uses.

There are about one hundred and fifty acres planted to corn, fifty acres of which are also planted in velvet beans. Let me pause just here to say, these are, beyond a doubt, the finest velvet beans, the writer has ever seen. Riding close by them on horseback (it is impossible to ride through them) one's head is just high enough above the solid mat of vines to see over. The tangled mass is perfectly level on top, like a large grape arbor, and the vines are very heavily fruited. It is reliably estimated that the fifty acres will make an average yield of forty bushels of beans to the acre.

It is the manager's opinion that the corn will average twenty-five bushels, some will go as high as thirty-five.

Among the farm implements we noticed: one four-mule Deering corn harvester, cuts and binds six acres of good corn per day. A Deering oat harvester, cuts and binds five acres per day with two mules. A first class weeder, a corn planter which opens, drops and covers two rows at a time. Two walking cultivators, one spring tooth riding cultivator, besides the various styles of disc plows, mowing machines, rakes, etc., etc.

A gasoline engine is installed for elevating, cutting and grinding.

A splendid well of water 150 feet deep with wind mill attachment, furnishes water to cemented water boxes throughout the lots, stables and into some of the pastures.

There are six tenant houses, several barns and feed rooms, wagon sheds, etc. A modern and thoroughly up-to-date dwelling house for the manager—a beautiful home indeed.

One of the finest specimens of stock on the farm is "Herbert," a very fine registered stallion. This horse was bred by McKee & Wilson, of the Cloverdale Stock Farm, in Tennessee. He is one of the fastest and prettiest movers in the state.

#### Give the Women a Trial.

In twenty-five states charges of "graft" are being, or have been recently, under investigation. This does not include the department of agriculture and the public printing office at Washington. Such a state of political affairs might operate to prevent women from wishing to assume any responsibility as a governing factor were it not that the underlying force in the woman suffrage movement is a sense of duty, and a feeling that woman's criminality in these political matters has been her indifference and willingness to shirk the rightful duties and burdens of citizenship. Thinking men are beginning to feel their inability to cope with the growing dishonesty in public life and to feel that in some way they ought to have the aid of the reserve moral force there is in women. Often do they sign eagerly a woman suffrage petition saying: "Yes, I am for that; women cannot do any worse than men have done, and I believe in giving them a trial, to see if they can help us out." Our greatest encouragement to hope that they will lie in our belief that men and women together can accomplish for good in any direction more than either can alone.—Exchange.

#### Cause of Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less and is often the cause of insomnia. Many cases have been permanently cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all Druggists. m

#### PROHIBITION DOES NOT PROHIBIT.

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Permit me to use your columns in answering the over-zealous, misleading expostulations of our worthy county school superintendent and apprentice reformer, Mr. Carn.

Mr. Carn, in his article in the Evening Star, wants to know whether the grantees of liquor permits issued by the board of our county commissioners at their last meeting can do business without United States license. Now is this not an intelligent inquiry coming from one who is supposed to enlighten our future generation? I will assist you, Mr. Carn. All people engaging in any kind of business requiring United States license have to comply with that statute first, just the same as they have to procure state and county license second, and if doing business in any incorporated town, city license third. This is to procure revenue to pay the running expenses of the different branches of direct government.

Now that I have enlightened Mr. Carn about United States license, I desire to state that I am not only reliably informed, but I know that two of those 13 permits granted will not be materialized, and have reliable information that another, making three, will not be used, thus leaving only 10 as we now have in the county.

Mr. Carn says he is possessed of "reliable information" that there are six blind tigers already in Marion county. It would seem to the ordinary citizen that Mr. Carn's duty as the ardent reformer which he professes to be, to say nothing of his being a county official, is, if he is possessed of such "reliable information" to immediately have his reliable informant procure the necessary affidavits and put these men in tigers' clothes in the county jail.

Mr. Carn has placed himself on the horns of a dilemma. He has either a reliable information, etc., or he has not. If he has, and does not put it at the service of the county officials, he is wilfully neglectful of his duty as a reformer, as a citizen and as a county official; or, if he claims that his information is not sufficient to convict, how does he expect to stop the illegal sale of liquor in a dry county if such "reliable information" as he boasts of possessing is useless in a wet county?

If there are six blind tigers now in a wet county, which Mr. Carn and his "reliable information" cannot put an end to, how many blind tigers does he expect to be in operation in the same county if dry?

Now, Mr. Carn, why keep on prating prohibition does prohibit, when you furnish proof that it does not?

About Alachua, Mr. Carn seems to be very well posted as to her blind tiger business. He tells you that out of the fifteen United States license holders six were put behind the bars. Maybe he also attributes the alleged prosperity of Alachua county to the flourishing of blind tigers there, but he has not told you yet what has become of the remaining nine blind tigers which he admits exist by saying that only nine remain there now, whilst Marion county being wet has only six blind tigers, according to his "reliable" or "unreliable" information, as the case may be.

Yes, Mr. Carn, you have furnished proof that "prohibition does not prohibit."

Yours very truly,  
JOHN JERRY.

#### Are You Engaged.

Engaged people should remember, that after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in good conditions with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." Tydings & Co. sells and guarantees them, at 50c a bottle. m

#### For Sale 50 cts. on Dollar.

Six acres land, cottage (furnished) and packing house, at East Lake, Lake Weir. Desirable for both summer and winter residence. Land suitable for house lots, also, 3 bearing orange groves at Tangerine.  
WM. H. EARLE,  
Tangerine, Fla.  
825 5t

Opened For Business on April 1, 1905.

# JACKSONVILLE CIDER & VINEGAR COMPANY.

Distillers and Manufacturers.

Our Products:

Vinegars, FRUIT CIDERS  
Extracts, Etc.

429 East Bay St.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Mail Orders Solicited and all Goods Guaranteed or Money Refunded.

# Strauss' Royal Reserve.

## OCALA MINING LABORATORY.

F. T. SCHREIBER.  
Consulting and Analytical Chemist. Member of the Society of Chemical Industry, London, Eng. Member of the American Chemical Society.  
P. O. Box 753.

OCALA, FLA., Oct. 22, 1904.

Messrs. Strauss & Co, Wholesale Whisky Merchants, Ocala, Fla,

Gentlemen.— In accordance with your instructions, I visited your warehouse on the 19th, instant, and personally selected from your stock a sample of

### "Strauss' Royal Reserve"

whisky, the analysis of which shows it to contain:

Alcohol (by weight), per cent.....	36.66
Alcohol (by volume), per cent.....	43.61
Degree proof, per cent.....	87.10
Residue on evaporation, p cent.....	0.660
Ash, per cent.....	0.011
Reducing sugar, per cent.....	0.225
Volatile acids, per cent.....	0.027
Amyl alcohol (fusel oil), per cent.....	0.073

The above results show the whisky to be a carefully blended brand of high grade and that it has been distilled from a clean, pure grain mash. The amount of fusel oil and of volatile acids is very low.

Respectfully,  
F. T. SCHREIBER, Chemist.

FOUR FULL QUARTS \$3.50 EXPRESS PREPAID.

# STRAUSS & CO.

Sole Owners and Distributors.

OCALA.

FLORIDA.

# WE WANT

EVERY GROWER IN THE STATE  
TO HAVE OUR BOOKS

"FLORIDA VEGETABLES"—A complete manual on Florida crops.  
"FLORIDA ORANGES"—Book of special interest to Orange Growers.  
"FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES"—Booklet on "Soil, Varieties, Cultivation, and Fertilization."  
"IRISH POTATOES"—Booklet on "Soil, Seed, Planting, and Cultivating, Effect of Fertilizers, Digging and Shipping."  
"PINEAPPLE FERTILIZING"—Of special interest to pineapple growers.  
"IDEAL FERTILIZERS"—Book showing all our different brands, analyses, prices, etc.

NEW AND REVISED EDITIONS OF ABOVE JUST PUBLISHED, SENT FREE FOR THE ASKING.

Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co.  
Jacksonville, Florida.

McMillan Bros.  
Southern Copper Works  
Manufacturers of Turpentine Stills  
and General Metal Workers.

Old Stills taken in exchange for new ones. Patching through the country a specialty. Orders by mail or wire will receive prompt attention at either of the following works

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA

SAVANNAH, GA  
MOBILE, ALA