

## POSTAGE ON PLANTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

We clip the following *scold* from the *Fruit Recorder* :

When will our Government remedy the unjust and discriminate law of plant postage between the United States and Canada? They can send plants up to 4 pounds all over this country at rate of half a cent per ounce, while we have to pay *ten cents* on every package sent over the line, and no package can weigh *over eight ounces*, that goes to Canada. The Government should have this injustice towards a large class of nurserymen in this country remedied."

Just so, friend Purdy, you do live under the most unjust government in the world!! It is a shame that in this enlightened age citizens of the United States cannot send plants to any part of that great country by mail for half a cent an ounce up to four pounds. The Canadian lives under a much more liberal government (!) for he can send them to all parts of Canada at that rate. But hold, friend Purdy, are you not grieving over imaginary wrongs? You seem to think that Canadians can send plants at half a cent per ounce to any part of the United States. Let us read from the *Canadian Official Postal Guide*: "There is no provision for the transmission of seeds and bulbs between Canada and the United states by mail except when sent as samples, the limit of weight for each packet is *eight ounces*, the rate *ten cents*." No, friend Purdy, the injustice of your government does not consist in allowing us to send our plants into your country at a less postal rate than you can send them into ours, but in not treating you as liberally in this matter within your own borders as our government treats us. And scolding won't mend the matter. Your only remedy is to leave that land of benighted and unjust law, and come under our better, more liberal and more just government.

## FLORIDA IN WINTER.

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The sail up the river St. Johns from Palatka is full of interest to the stranger. The scene is ever shifting. At times the river is very narrow and tortuous, so that in half an hour's sail the steamer has returned to within a few rods of her former place; then suddenly the river spreads out into a small lake of shallow water several miles in expanse. In some parts the country seems to be a flat, low prairie, covered with coarse grasses; soon this feature is changed, and we pass through heavily wooded rolling land, where we frequently see groves of orange trees, some already bearing fruit and some but recently planted. It was during this trip from Palatka to Enterprise that we saw more of the animated nature of this peculiar country than we had met before. Alligators of varying sizes were basking on the banks, which, as the steamer approached, would crawl off and hide themselves in the water. White cranes were frequently seen flying about or standing upon some tree overhanging the river. Blue heron, seen the dead leaf stalks not yet fallen, giving a very shaggy appearance to many of these, to us, singular trees.

At Enterprise we found there was an orange grove attached to the hotel where the guests could go and help themselves to oranges as freely as they chose. You will not be surprised to learn that it was well patronized. We spent a day here in strolling about, sauntering into the woods near by, and studying the strange vegetation, and visiting also some of the adjacent gark-ing-fishers, water turkeys, grey-headed eagles, hawks, and numerous flocks of blackbirds, gave interest and life to the scene. Ducks of several kinds and water-hens were swimming upon the water. In the low land the cypress, water-oak and tall-growing