



MR. ROUNDTREE'S PLANTATION.

and only grown as an ornamental tree. The fruit of the orange is ripe in November and December, when it is gathered and packed as fast as the demand may require, usually completing the harvest in about a month. The first six months of the year are devoted to market gardening. The cabbage, tomato and cucumber plants are started under glass, and as the weather will permit, and the growth of the plants may require, they are transplanted into the open ground. The business of gathering, packing and marketing is carried on systematically with about twenty-five colored hands. By the 1st of July the ground crops are gathered and shipped, and the whole place sowed with cow peas to be turned under ground as a fertilizer. Mr. Roundtree said that from the first of July till first September, "we all take a holiday, going up and down the country hunting up recreation according to our several tastes." By the first of September the business of turning under

the cow peas begins and the ground is got in readiness for the winter crops. The accompanying engraving which we have copied from a picture we found, renders some idea of the appearance of Mr. Roundtree's place in the month of December, when the work of orange gathering is going on. The novelty of such operations being conducted at such a time is not without its charm to us who at that season are battling with frost and snow, amid leafless trees, whose fruits have long since been gathered.

DRIED APPLES.—Last year over three million pounds of dried apples were exported from the United States, to the markets of China, India, Egypt, Southern Africa, Australia, and also to England and Scotland. Four-fifths of this amount was exported from the port of New York. The exporters gather them up from all portions of the country, the best, it is said, coming from North Carolina. The cores and parings are shipped to France, where they are used in changing the flavors of various brands of wine.