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OUR CUBAN LETTER

Editor Reporter.

Dear Sir,—In this I will write a little in regard to the chief industries and vegetation of Cuba.

Tobacco growing comes first. The pastoria (tobacco plant) is grown on virgin soil on the mountains sides and shipped in our loads down the railway to tobacco-growers along the line. During the season for planting, Nov. and Dec., the railway company runs a daily special pastoria train, just on purpose to carry the young plants. It would be nothing unusual to count 30 car-loads going down the line at once, each car containing 200,000 tobacco plants. The growing of tobacco entails constant care and a lot of work, and I think that the average Cuban earns all that he gets for his crop.

Next comes the sugar-cane, although this industry is nothing new to what it has been. And in many places around here there can be seen old sugar mills that once did a flourishing business; now the machinery is all rusted and unfit for service. When I go into one of these old mills, and see the huge rollers for pressing the juice out of the sugar cane, and the large evaporating tanks, and the large fields of cane outside growing (which is now shipped to other mills), I cannot but think of what I have often read about the "old sugar plantation away down south."

There is quite an industry in lumber, now developing on the eastern part of the island, and I understand that an American company has bought a large tract of land with intention of cutting the timber, which is chiefly mahogany, and exporting it to the United States.

There is a large trade done here in growing and exporting pine-apples. Cife is grown some in the mountains. Sea Island is being experimented with by different people here, and I am thinking that it will prove a success, and will be grown extensively in a year or two.

In a few years Cuba will be exporting oranges and grape fruit, as the Americans are coming in, buying up land, and setting out orange trees. Cuba contains nearly all kinds of soil, and soil of different colors. The soil here does not seem to lose its fertility as it does up north. As a rule, the land is very free from stones; indeed, some places, it is hard to get stones of any size. By the way, the water in the wells here is warmer than that which has been out in a barrel for a day. A pump is a very rare thing here. Land here has advanced in price considerably during the last year. A Cuban only cultivates about three or four acres of land and the rest of his farm is left to grow up to wild grass, through which it is almost impossible for a person to walk. So you see there is plenty of land and room for the American. Most of the oranges that grow here now are the sour variety, the sweet orange trees having been nearly all out down during the war.

A Cuban's main diet is arroc (rice), boniatas (sweet potatoes), friholyas (beans), and melongas (a species of root that takes the place of the potato). A Cuban has his breakfast at about ten o'clock and his dinner at about three or four o'clock. Only two meals a day.

Mostly all kinds of northern vegetables will grow and thrive here, to-matoes especially. Among other things that grow here that I have not yet mentioned are bananas, lemons, olives, peanuts, aguacate, coconuts, and many more. The royal palm is the tree of Cuba, and is used for almost everything, although more especially for building houses to live in, the gusa, or leaves, being used for the roof. The palm is indeed a royal, and lofty appearing tree, some

being as high as eighty feet or more. It is exceedingly hard for about 1 1/2 inches inward, and the rest of the inside is of a pithy substance and very tough. There are a few other large trees here, which are low and bushy looking and are nice shade trees. The rest are smaller trees and bushes. There are no woods or forests of large trees, such as are seen up north.

Now, in regard to the religious side of Cuban affairs, I must say, and am sorry to say, that the Cubans pay but very little attention to religious matters on this western end of the island. By saying this, I do not wish to cast any reflections on the Roman Catholic church, as the Catholic is the prevailing religion in Cuba. The Cubans work more or less on the Sabbath, and stores are open also. There is a Methodist church in Habana and a Congregational at Guanagay which has a pastor in the person of Rev. Mr. Fraser. Lots of room here for missions and religious work. The cemetery here at Candelaria consists of about a half an acre of land, and is surrounded by a high wall. I understand that this small plot has afforded enough accommodation for the remains of all the people that have died here for centuries past. How is this managed? Well, I will tell you of an incident that occurred here on Christmas day. The remains of a prominent citizen of this town were taken to the cemetery, after what some might think a very queer funeral. The coffin was lowered into the grave, after which it was covered with a layer of dirt. Then another partly decayed coffin, which was taken out when the grave was being dug, was lowered and placed on top of the first, or new one, and the grave was filled with earth. In this way probably a whole family would be buried in the same grave.

A. G. LEE
Candelaria, Prov. Pinar del Rio, Cuba, West Indies
[Note.—The remainder of this letter, devoted to "Beekeeping in Cuba," will be given next week.—Ed.]

Dislocated Her Shoulder

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. For sale by J. P. Lamb & Son.

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