

mon dried peaches are worth from three to five cents, evaporated from eighteen to twenty-two cents. Ezra Arnold, the Illinois fruit grower, presented drawings and specifications of a cheap evaporator made and used by himself with which he has had better success than with the more expensive dry houses and evaporators. He evaporated apples in two hours, strawberries in three hours, peaches in two hours, cherries in two hours, corn in two hours, and all kinds of fruits proportionately quick. The evaporator is a marvel of simplicity and excellence, and can be made by any one at a very trifling cost. By its use millions of dollars can be saved the producer and consumer each year. There are thousands of families that dry large quantities of fruit annually in the old fashioned slow way, and sell it at the old fashioned low price, when they could with but little expense make an evaporator and evaporate five times as much fruit and sell it for five times as much per pound. There are thousands of families in the cities that can at times, when the market is glutted, buy fruit for less than the cost of production, and with an evaporator can prepare in a few days sufficient fruit for a year's consumption, and at one tenth the usual expenditure. Mr. Arnold said he did not intend to make or sell evaporators, and would consign to the Association his right and title to his evaporators, provided the Association would procure cuts to illustrate the different parts and distribute gratuitously among the farmers, fruit raisers and consumers of the United States complete illustrated directions for making and using this evaporator. On motion Mr. Arnold's proposition was accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association be authorized to inform the people through the leading newspapers in each

State, that illustrated directions for making and using Arnold's fruit evaporator can be obtained by addressing our Secretary, W. Orlando Smith, P.O. Box 104, Alliance, Ohio; enclosing stamps for return postage, and that the Secretary draw on the Treasurer for the necessary amount to defray expense of wood cuts, printing, etc. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Arnold for his valuable gift to the Association. —W. ORLANDO SMITH, *Secretary*.

Since receiving the foregoing we learn from the *Country Gentleman* that the whole affair is a swindle. This is what the *Country Gentleman* says:—

A CURIOUS PLAN OF SWINDLING.—Some little time ago we received, in common we suppose with most of our contemporaries, the following note, under the letter head of the "Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association of the United States," bearing a long list of officers and directors:

ALLIANCE, OHIO, June 19, 1886.

MR. EDITOR,—I enclose a notice of the proceedings of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, June 17, 1886. Please publish it, and make such comments as you may deem proper to impress the importance of this subject on the minds of the people. Truly yours,

W. ORLANDO SMITH, *Secretary*.

Knowing of no such association, and observing the suspicious character of the so-called proceedings, we gave the subject no further attention. But one of the editors of the *Evening Times* of this city had the curiosity to apply for further information, and we give below his statement of the result in slightly condensed form:

Enclosed was a fac simile newspaper proof, purporting to be a report of a meeting of the above named association at the above time and place. The whole "proceedings" consisted of evaporated apples. "Ezra Arnold, the Illinois fruit-grower," presented a drawing and specifications "of a cheap evaporator made and used by himself, with which he has had better success than with the most expensive dry-house and evaporators," &c., &c. He generously "assigned his right and title" in the evaporator to the association,