How a Fruit Merchant Got Rich

Pell, the famous fruiterer, is also in the recent mortuary list. He was a very remarkable man. As a gentleman farmer he became immensely rich, which is certainly a rare occurance. He had a fine house in Fifth avenue, where he spent his winters, and his place on the Hudson was also conducted in a splendid manner, but he made it profitable. He told me that the secret of the family success was to be found in two apple trees which his grandfather brought from Newtown (Long Island) to the Hudson River farm. These trees became noted for their fruit which was called 'Newtown pippins,' and gradually a large orchard was formed. The demand still increased and the orchard grew also. In time the fruit became popular in Europe, and additional trees were planted to meet the still growing demand until they numbered two thousand, each of which yielded a cash a crop. Pell had studied the art of furit culture and gave some interesting information on this subject. He told me that his pippins were carefully selected, the inferior quality being sent to the cider mill, while the choice fruit was (after sweating) packed in boxes, each containing one hundred, and then shipped abroad, where it met a ready sale.

As I never before heard of "sweating apples," I will mention a few details which Pell gave me. I observed on his place a stone building with long windows, which looked like a church. This, he said "was one of his apple houses." The fruit when picked was placed on the floor to a depth of three feet, and was left in this condition at least ten days. During this time the excess of moisture drew to the surface and was evaporated by a current of air passing through the window. This process did much to prevent decay and gave his fruit a distinctive feature. Another point in his culture was the method of pruning. It is well known that orchards have a "bearing year," but Pell learned that by proper use of the knife and saw he could control his trees, and he thus had a certain number "bear-Corner Main and Pine streets, over the ing" in alternate years. This method gave him a steady crop. Pell studied the apple because it brought wealth, but he was in other respects an admirable farmer and has left his heirs one of the most productive estates on the banks of the Hudson. It will require, however, a taste and a degree of skill like his own to maintain its high order of success.-New York letter to the Utica Hcrald.

Daily Devotion.

I come to my devotions this morning, on an errand of real life. This is no romance and no farce. I have no hopeless desires to express. I have an object to gain. I have an end to accomplish. This is a business in which I am about to engage. An astronomer does not turn his telescope to the skies with a more reasonable hope of penetrating those distant heavens, than I have of reaching the mind of God, by lifting up my heart at the throne of grace. This is the privilege of my calling of God in Christ Jesus, Even my faltering voice is now to be heard in heaven, and it is to put forth a power there, and results of which only God can know, and only eternity can develop. Therefore, O Lord! thy servant findeth it in his heart to pray this prayer unto Thee? "The young Christian thinks it would be best that he should be always lively, zealous, and engaged in religion; that he should feel faith, love and humility in constant exercise, and be like a flame of fire in his Master's service. But our blessed Teacher thinks otherwise. He knows that the most effectual, and indeed the only way, to mortify sin in our hearts is to make us hate it; and the way to make us hate it is to suffer us to feel it. He knows that the only way to make us fervent and diligent in prayer is to show us how many things we have to pray for, and convince us of our absolute need of

his assistance. He knows that the best way to make us humble and contented is to show us what we are, and what we deserve; and that the only way to wean us from the world is to render it a place of fatigue and uneasiness. He knows that there is nothing like the want of his presence to teach us the worth of it; and nothing like a sence of the dangerous nature of our disease to show us the value of an almighty Physician. Upon this plan, therefore, it is that all his various dispensations towards Christians are conducted, and till they are acquainted with this they cannot understand them."-Payson.

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