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Facts and figures concerning Cuba, "the bone of contention," makes interesting reading nowadays. The Island which is but 90 miles from the American coast, is 730 miles long, of an irregular crescent shape. Its average width is 80 miles. Its area in square miles is 41,319, or with its adjacent islands, nearly 44,000 square miles. Therefore it is about half as large again as New Brunswick. Characteristics of the Island are the mountain districts in the interior, and the low, flat nature of much of the coast, which is difficult of access on account of the reefs and small islands. But it has many excellent harbors, including Havana, Matanzas, Bahia Honda Mariel, Neuvitas, Nipe and Cardenas on the north and Santiago de Cuba, Trinidad, Guantanamo and Cienfuegos on the south side. Before the insurrection the population of the island was 1,600,000. Nearly 20,000 000 acres has never been explored, being a dense forest, but the soil is wonderfully rich and productive.

The highest temperature is rarely above 82 degrees, while the average the year around is 77, therefore it is one of the most equable climates in the world.

The chief exports are sugar, coffee tobacco, but there are unrivalled resources for iron, coal, hardwoods, and even gold.

The population is divided into 1,000-000 whites, about 500,000 negroes, and 50,000 Chinese.

APHORISMS

The mind grows narrow in proportion as the soul grows corrupt.—Rousseau
Any man may make a mistake, but none but a fool will continue it.—Cicero

I mean to make myself, and if I succeed in that I shall succeed in everything else.—James A. Garfield

It is impossible to live pleasantly without living prudently and honorably and justly without living pleasantly.—Epicurus

Wall paper in beautiful patterns, with borders to match at R. P. & Co's.

Want to Fight.

Herbert Lovett, a well known character of Gibson, who recently did up a couple of local constables, is now anxious to exercise his fighting powers on the belligerent Spaniards. He took his departure for Houlton this morning for the purpose of offering his services to Uncle Sam, through the governor of the State of Maine.—Fredericton Herald.

Large line of sponges for school: 1, 2, 3, 3. & 5c.; baby sponges, 3c. up; toiled and bath sponges 12c. to \$1.25; carriage sponges 15 to 75c.—Estey & Curtis.

Feminine Dairy Wisdom.

Farmers that feed just enough to keep their animals alive are losing money every day.

The market in most places is not properly supplied with freshly made butter during the winter months.

One-half pound prints are very neat and a convenient size to use.

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Handle your product so well that when your name is seen on a package it will be a guarantee of perfection. If you do this, and you can, your fortune is made.

Keep the dairy cattle in a stable by themselves. The heifers should never be put off in a dark, cold stable.

Remember that in winter cows eat more dry feed than in summer and consequently need more water. It should be accessible at all times: pure, fresh but not too cold.

Never employ an ignorant lunkhead of a man to care for cows.

The cattle will soon tell you of their treatment in your absence if you are a little observing.

The milker should be clean, and should not use tobacco.

Milk with dry hands always.

Do not leave the milk standing in the stable until the "chores" are all done, but take it at once to the dairy-room and strain it.

Never mix fresh, warm milk with that which has been cooled.

Never close a can tightly which contains fresh, warm milk or cream. It should first be aerated.

Never use old and rusty cans or pails. It is an economy to throw them away and get fresh bright ones.—Dorothy Tucker, in Farm Journal.

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