

... are those who have more or less experience in agricultural pursuit in Florida. One man from Alachua, Marion or Lake county, who has had years of experience in raising vegetables in this State, is worth more to this section than any ten men coming here from other states who are utterly deficient as to any knowledge of our farming methods.

Persistent and very expensive efforts are being constantly put forth to induce settlers from distant States to locate in Florida. Many inducements are held out to that class. Many of them are induced to settle in Florida, and what is the result? As a rule they are men who have been employed in offices, counting rooms, stores and factories, and know nothing whatever about farming. Even if they are farmers, they know practically nothing about those methods which are essential to success in Florida. After a year or two of injudicious

attempts at farming in this State they frequently lose what little money they have and "cuss" the country when the fault is really with themselves — not with our soil or climate.

It frequently does more harm than good to bring such people into this section. If the same money which is spent in bringing settlers from Michigan, Iowa and other Western States to Florida was expended in an effort to induce the people of those sections of our own State which have suffered so severely from the freeze to locate in this section, it seems to us the money would be far more wisely invested.

As it is, without any inducements whatever, no free transportation, etc., with nothing to attract them save the natural attractions which exist in this vicinity, such as freedom from frost, good soil, etc., about which they have read, scores

of experienced Florida farmers are coming to Dade county from the more northern counties and they are phenomenally successful.

Look at Hargrove, Joyce, Oliver and others at Lauderdale. They are raising vegetables by the hundred of crates, and not making any fuss about it either, while some of their neighbors, with just as good land and far more money, are making conspicuous failures and "cuss" the country in spite of the object lessons of success which can be seen in farms adjoining their own.

Get the Florida Cracker and the Northern man who has already spent ten years in learning something about farming in Florida, and we will have a class of people who know no such word as fail — men who will settle right down in the heart of a colony of failures and show the tenderfeet how to make a success, how to make big money at farming in Florida.



Can you identify this item?

The item pictured here was loaned to the Historical Commission for identification, but so far none of the Commission's staff, volunteers, or visitors have been able to identify it. Can you? It is approximately fifteen-and-one-half inches long. The cylindrical wooden piece, with one end shaped into a handle, is made of maple. The metallic covering, with detachable bottom, is copper with a lead coating on the inside. If you have any idea what this object might be, please call the Historical Commission at 765-5872, or write to:

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