

THE WOMAN IN THE ORCHARD.

The Following Paper Was Read Before the Utah Horticultural Convention This Week by Mrs. Sarah J. Konold of Springville.

IT HAS never been my fortune to meet any woman who had ever run an orchard, or even thought it possible to do so, so what little information I can give about this line is purely from my own experience.

In the spring of 1906 it was my misfortune to be left to battle in this world for myself and three children, one daughter of 15, one of 8, and a son of 2 years of age. I was left with a comfortable legacy, which, if carefully handled, would enable me to care for and educate my children and have ample means for old age; but if not judiciously invested would mean a hard row for us all.

All of my friends advised me to put my money at interest, and take life easy; but I could not see how I could live on easy street and give my children the advantages I was desirous of doing, on \$50 a month.

However, I do not take all of the credit upon myself for my adventure. My brother favored my plans and promised if I purchased land he would come and take charge of it for me, although he never had had any experience along this line, having been a railroad man—everything was new to him.

I was a little more fortunate, having had the care of a small orchard of about three acres until it was three years old, thereby obtaining an insight into the work. My husband had been in the employ of the railroad and was at home very little through the working hours, so it fell to me to see that things were attended to. This experience proved of great value to me in directing my new venture.

In the fall of 1900, against the wishes and protests of all kind of evil prophecies of my many dear friends, I decided to purchase the farm known as "Sunny Slope Farm," situated on the east bench about two and a half miles from the town of Springville. It consisted of 30 acres of farming land and a little over 10 acres of young orchard, part of it just starting to bear. Unfortunately, the orchard was of the mixed kind, there being about 650 Elbertas, 100 apples and 600 pear trees.

Every year realized that the soil was too light and hot for apples and pears, and also being very uniform and irrigated throughout the orchard.

Thoroughly satisfied of this fact, I was very desirous of making it a standard Elberta orchard, thereby enabling me to ship in carload lots. So in 1904 we decided to make the change, and pulled out all of the apples and pears, replacing with Elbertas.

My friends now pronounced me ready for "Provo," if I survived the "infirmary."

The grasshoppers that are natives of the foothills did me a great deal of damage the first two years, and the third year the city which controls the water for the farmers, contested my water right, causing me a long, tedious and expensive law suit. At this time my friends urged me to sell for what I could get, before I lost everything, but some way or another I could not quite see it that way. Although terribly discouraged at times, I still pushed on, hoping for better results in the near future. I finally won out on my water suit, when things began to wear a brighter outlook.

My brother left the farm the fall of 1905. I then took things in my own hands, entirely—during the necessary help—and netted in 1906, \$600 over the entire running expenses of the farm.

I will here say, I paid \$5,000 for the farm, but about \$2,000 worth of improvements on it, and last summer I was asked if I would not take \$20,000 for the place. My friends now think my investment was a very wise one, but I think I was a little foolish not to sell when I had such a good offer, but I now feel that I want to reap some of the benefits of my long struggle. In two years more the whole of my orchard of about 12 acres, numbering 21,000 Elberta peach trees will be bearing. That will decide the question, "Was I foolish or not?"

Now comes the question, "Is it possible for a woman to run an orchard?" I answer, most decidedly, yes. I know it can be done most successfully and work no great hardship on them.

There are a few very essential things necessary to success. Among them are the proper location and kind of soil for fruit desired and a good water right. The ground must be carefully plowed and leveled. Your stock of trees purchased from some reliable nursery, and carefully planted according to directions that come with same; you must study the habits of the trees, learn how to prune so as to shape the tree and make it not only a thing of beauty, but have strong limbs to carry the burden of the harvest without breaking, thereby ruining it for future service; learn what pests they are subject to, and what will destroy them without injury to the fruit or tree, and last, but not least, how to pack and get your fruit on to the market in first class shape, with the least possible waste and expense.

Some will say, "If we all knew this any of us could run an orchard." This is easily learned. I have found a number of successful fruit growers who are always willing and glad to give any information that I asked for, also, any that they thought would be a benefit to me. Then there is the Experiment Station, where you can get any amount of information for the asking. You will be surprised how quickly you will fall in line and as the different things come along, be attended to, you find you are able to meet the demand.

Some may think it takes considerable means to start such a proposition, this of course depends largely upon the size of the orchard. An orchard of three acres properly cared for will bring in a nice income, it will take about \$550 to purchase three acres and get it out. One summer, however, would only bring you \$35 a year if loaned out at 10 per cent. Prior to last year I have only had three acres bearing and in 1905 I had a full crop and the net returns were \$1,000. In 1906, a third of a crop which netted \$875, and in spite of the great financial crisis of last year, on a little less than 4 acres I realized \$575, about \$150 per acre or a little less than \$50 a month for the year.

There are many women who like myself have been left with \$3,000 or more, who have gone into the city, where taxes and living are high, and invested nearly all of their means in a home, they have taken in borders or roomers where they are tied from one week's end to another over a cook stove or confined to housekeeping, dusting and making beds within four walls. And how many young women sit all day in some stuffy office, others over a sewing machine, or stand behind some counter, until too weary to walk home. Feeling that life is not worth the living, they crawl to their place of rest too weary in mind and body to even enjoy good sound reading. They become dead to the beauties of nature and the only thing left that seems to appeal to them, is dress and this they must have, even if they have to starve the body and soul to obtain it. All of this hard work for what? Barely enough to get along on from day to day. A day lost to them means a day's pay lost also.

Then comes the crisis, worn out physically and mentally, they meet with some one they marry, for love you say? Sometimes, but how very often for a home, and find out only too late their sad mistake. Self supporting independence on the part of women, is one of the most essential requirements for the betterment of the home and future success of the nation.

Any woman who can demand a salary of \$50 to \$75 a month could in a few years be independent and enjoy life in its true sense.

For a woman who has children depending upon her, rural life is the ideal one, just near enough to a town to get educational benefits, but not so near that all the children have to do

is to step outside and are upon the street to disappear, God only knows where, causing gray hair and many sleepless nights. Children brought up in the country very easily become companions of nature, it is full of interest to them, and in return it gives color to the cheek, strength to the body, and above all purity to the mind and soul. While I have always hired my help, yet I have experimented enough to know if a woman so desired, she can do all the necessary work (except irrigating and spraying) in an orchard of from 3 to 10 acres, until four years old, then the pruning becomes rather heavy. As for cultivating any woman can learn to drive a team and ride a cultivator, or sulky plow.

It is work one grows to love, you become as interested in the growth of your trees, as you do in your children.

For it is the social condition that renders such movements, not the real work attached to it. Think for a moment, instead of living the life I have here pictured, you could go out in the cool of the morning, take a ride on the cultivator, where you can enjoy the pure air, see and enjoy the beauties of nature on every side, hear the sweet song of the birds and at noon hour you are ready to enjoy your meal, though ever so plain, to its fullest extent; you may feel tired, but such weariness only brings refreshing sleep.

In the autumn comes the harvest, the returns for your labor, there a woman can do so many things, even better than a man; there is the packing, sorting and grading, and inspecting, all very easy, and very necessary to success. No matter how nice your fruit, it must be carefully sorted, graded, and packed, or your labor will avail you nothing. I have overseen the inspection of all packing done in my orchard for several years now, previous to doing this packed. I will here say I learned to prune, my husband would not rest until he taught me how, and I can truthfully say I thoroughly enjoyed it.

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There is no reason why woman should not rank with men in successful fruit growing. There is no real laborious work attached to it, as compared to the work that the average woman who earns her own livelihood has to do. The work only lasts about one-half of the year and it comes at intervals. If the work is hired done, she must know when a thing is done right, about the time it ought to take to accomplish it, and be able to plan and give orders so as to make the best use of a hired man's time.

The average man thinks woman capable of raising and training the child, and others will you find a more susceptible to disease and pests, that needs more tender pruned and care?

It takes a great deal more intelligence, patience and perseverance, it works greater hardships both physically and mentally to bring up the

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pieces a day. The making of the heads is an interesting process. The sheep-skins arrive in a partially dressed state, and are at once scraped and dried. Cutters are put to work and circular pieces are cut out. The finer drumheads are made of calfskin, stretched and dried by a special process. The wooden barrel is made by a machine which takes a log of wood and peels from it, somewhat as a skin is peeled from an apple, a long strip of wood of sufficient width and thickness. These are then taken and cut into suitable lengths and appropriately ornamented and varnished.

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- \$2.75 centre pieces—hand emb. \$1.38
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- \$4.50 centre pieces—hand emb \$2.25

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50c outing flannel knee length skirts, in light weight, suitable for present wear. Finished with a six inch scalloped ruffle. Special for Monday, 35c

Cut Flowers

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Monday we close out all odds and ends in our leather goods department. Ladies' genuine leather bags and hand purses in late styles and a good range of colors. Walrus, Seal, Horn Toad, Pig Skin, and Morocco are included. Values from \$4.00 to \$7.00—to clear \$1.98

Palmolive Castile soap 4 lb. bar—special 55c

Palmolive castile soap—the purest soap made in 4 lb bars, special sale Monday 55c per bar.

Monday Drug snaps

In our drug dept. Monday we feature a table of miscellaneous DRUGS—values 15c from 50c to 75c—at—

New wash goods

Monday we place on display an advance showing of the new spring wash fabrics—one of the most complete assortments that we have ever shown so early in the season. New waistings, domestic and imported gingham, lawns, batistes, poplins, dress linens and tissues—all the latest wash fabrics in vogue for SPRING.

Bargain specials that will hasten your coming

As a feature for Monday we show the popular white crepe cloth—a new fabric creation for waists, etc. Some in plain crinkled effects, others in fancy corded patterns, as you prefer—priced at \$1.50, 60c, 40c and 20c.

- 17 1-2 white Nainsook of fine quality—soft finish—special 12 1/2c
- Monday 12 1/2c
- Longcloth of a superior quality, 45 inches wide, 12 yard bolts, 30c per yd. value—special Monday, per bolt \$3.00

35 one-piece dresses--nobby spring styles \$25.00 values—special sale Monday—\$13.75

Monday we place on special sale 35 nobby one-piece dresses—Spring styles—made of all wool novelty fabrics in blue, brown, red, and black and white striped novelties. Models in advance style and trimmed with cloth buttons. Long sleeves, high collar with lace yoke similar to the model illustrated. \$25.00 values—special Monday—\$13.75



New collars

Monday at the collar counter we feature the new BUSTER BROWN or DUTCH all-linen laundered collar, now so much in vogue in the East, all sizes. 25c

New rushings

Our Spring line of rushing is one of the most beautiful that we have shown—all the new spring colors and styles in the fashionable wide effects—1-2 in. to 3 in., per yard 25c to \$1.50

Light weight underwear

Advance shipments of light weight underwear have been placed in stock and we are ready for the first warm days of SPRING with complete assortments. Women's lisle garments in regular and out sizes.

- Women's vests, plain or lace trimmed, low neck and sleeveless styles.
- Women's pants, lace trimmed, umbrella styles.
- Women's union suits, low neck, sleeveless, lace trimmed, umbrella styles.

MONDAY SPECIALS

- Women's lisle vests, low neck, sleeveless styles, regular 50c values—3 pairs \$1.00 for
- Women's lisle vests, lace trimmed, low neck, sleeveless styles—65c values—special 39c

Spring's newest footwear styles

See them in our Main street window—they are the correct and fashionable lasts for Spring. Many new creations have been brought out this season that are distinctively different from any of last year. We feature popular and exclusive lines in oxfords, slippers, walking boots, etc. for street, business and evening wear. One of the most notable changes in the spring styles is the color—gray, taupe, wine, being the new shades—while the brown, tan and black Russias will continue to be much worn.

Thomas Burt's and John Cross' new Spring pumps and oxfords

We call special attention to our Spring styles in the famous Thomas Burt's hand-made pumps and oxfords, in tan and black Russian and colored buckskins—and our John Cross and Hallahan Spring innovations in buck and suede leathers in the new season's shades.

20 smart styles--the pair--\$3.50

We begin our opening week of advance shoe styles with the above inducement to early buyers. An advance shipment of patent and tan pumps, Gibson ties and oxfords—20 styles to select from—will be placed on opening sale, (\$4.00 values) at \$3.50

Window display Main St.

New corset models.

The new hipless vogue for spring demands the hipless corset model—a model that has all the charm and grace of the dictates of fashion, yet with a poise, ease and comfort that every woman will appreciate. Be ready for the new Spring suits and gowns by being fitted with one of these fashionable corsets by our expert corsetier. A complete line of accessories always in stock. Among the new models, we feature the following well known makes: La Vida, W.B. Royal Warner and Thompson's Glove-Fitting corsets—made of white batiste and coutil models for slight, medium and stout figures. Prices range from—

\$1.25 to \$10.50



Nobby spring styles—children's wear.

The advance season has brought with it many new and smart juvenile styles for the little folks. Garments that have the same snap and style to them that is shown in their Senior's wear—Perfect in fit, fabric and finish and as skillfully tailored. You get the first peep at them Monday—read.

Boys' suits

Boys' nobby new collarless Russian suits—made of serges, worsteds and fancy novelty mixtures, in red, blue, grey and the new shades of brown and green. Trimmed with buttons, braids and fancy belts, and featured in all sizes. A striking and practical style that bids fair to be the hit of the season. Priced from \$5 to \$10

Children's dresses

Children's dresses, made of serviceable gingham in the new French, Buster Brown and bloomer styles—high neck and long sleeves. Cheaper than you can make them and just the thing for play suits. Sizes 2 to 8 years. Prices range from 75c to \$1.50

Boys' reefers

Boys' reefers in the new Spring styles and weights. Made of serges, covert and fancy novelties, in red, blue, grey and the new shades of brown and green. Trimmed with fancy cuffs and emblem and tailored to fashion's dictates. For Monday we direct special attention to the new box covert reefer—sizes 2 1-2 to 8 years, at \$4.50

\$1.25—Boys' caps—49c

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