

Gainesville, Fla., April 13, 1926.

Mr. H. P. Burton,
c/o McCall's Magazine,
232 W. 37th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Burton:-

I am enclosing two maps out of which I think you can evolve something interesting. The one with the red spots shows the cultivated land in Florida. The total of this in 1925 was two and one-half million acres. As it is estimated that there are at least twenty-two million acres in the state capable of a high degree of cultivation, you can see how much there is yet to do. From this two and a half million acres they took last year eighty-five million dollars worth of products.

I am sending to you a map of the Everglades with the plan for draining. It is only the main canals which the government agrees to cut. The laterals, which are similar, if there is anything to be grown on the land, must be put in by the districts--groups of interested people getting together and working it out under state direction.

I am sending two pictures of a remarkable potato crop that I tell about in my article. The raw land ~~August~~ of last year--the crop in February, - fifty acres. It was sold for \$36,000.00, and when I saw it it was in a second crop of tomatoes and peppers, for which they will soon get a good round sum, though not so much. I hope you can use this.

I am sending, too, a book of pictures on shell fish, fisheries, etc., out of which you might get something. The sponge fishing, - and I think you have some photographs already, - always interests people. There is a Florida oyster filled with pearls on page 36, which possibly could be used. They are getting about fifteen million a year from their fisheries, and that is not counting the enormous amount that is taken out locally.

Various pictures of citrus groves, etc., have been sent to you, and I hope received. If possible use something from Lake, Orange and Polk counties. I am expecting some more farm pictures tomorrow and will hurry them on.

It was good to see you and Mr. Carlton.

I hope to start for Washington some time next week and will wire you when I am to arrive.

Yours very truly,