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Growing Pineapples in the Upper Keys

Florida was filled with pineapple plantations in the late 1800's. Long before citrus, pineapples were being cultivated. Crates of the fruit were shipped by boats from the Florida Keys and Merritt Island on the east coast of Florida to cities in the northeast. They were nicknamed "pines," because they resembled a pine cone.

Florida Keys pineapples - In the rocky Florida Keys pineapple cultivation started in the 1860s. Benjamin Baker, known as "King of Wreckers" for his engagement in the business of salvaging ships, grew pineapples on Plantation Key, typically shipping them by schooner to New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

An article about Capt. Ben Baker's early pineapple plantation on Key Largo appeared in Harper's magazine in 1871. Dr J.B. Holder wrote of Baker's pineapple successes in his account, "Along the Florida Reef," After Holder revealed that Baker was making thousands of dollars farming the prickly fruit, other Bahamian families began to arrive and cultivate the Key Largo soil.



On July 20, 1969, as Commander of the Apollo 11 lunar module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon.

His first words after stepping on the moon, "that's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to earth and heard by millions.

But, just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning a rival Soviet cosmonaut.

However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either

the Russian or American space program.

Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the 'Good luck, Mr. Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question about Mr. Gorsky to Armstrong.

This time he finally responded because his Mr. Gorsky had just died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could now answer the question.

In 1938, when he was a kid in a small mid-western town, he

was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by their bedroom window. His neighbors were Mr. & Mrs. Gorsky.

As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!" It broke them up.

According to Snopes: NASA transcripts of the Apollo 11 mission, show no such statement having been made. Armstrong said in late 1995 that he first heard the anecdote delivered as a joke by comedian Buddy Hackett. But it's a great story!

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