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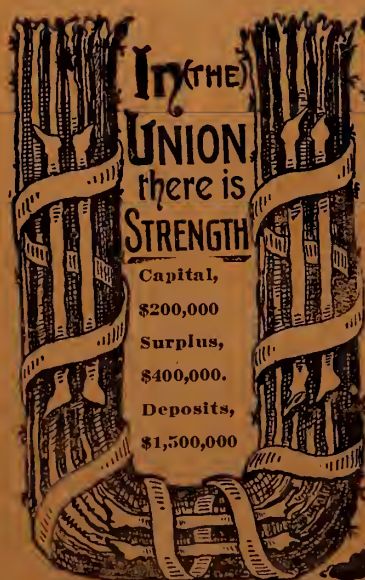
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## Farm Management.

### WORK FOR THE MONTH.

Before we discuss the question of the work to be done this month and the best way to do it, in order to secure satisfactory results we may be pardoned if we mention a personal matter. With this issue of the Southern Planter we complete twenty years' work upon the Journal as Editor. During the whole of that time we have never been prevented by sickness or any other cause from personally writing and supervising the contents of every issue and giving to it the best of our endeavors to make it of value to the farmers of the South. For this continued good health and ability to discharge the duty we undertook twenty years ago we are deeply grateful to the Giver of all things. What a change has come over the position of the Journal in that time! When we took up the work we had only about five hundred subscribers upon our list, and, with the extra sample copies issued, did not reach more probably than one thousand or one thousand five hundred of the farmers of this and the adjoining States. To-day we have over twenty thousand subscribers, and each issue is probably read by more than fifty thousand of our farmers. Then our advertising columns did not exceed some six or eight pages at the outside, and little of this was pertaining to live stock or poultry, and we had great difficulty to induce advertisers to patronize the Journal, as they said it did not pay them as Southern farmers were too poor to buy anything. Now we rarely send out an issue which does not contain from sixty-four to seventy pages of advertising, and last month the issue contained ninety-four pages of advertising—a larger number of lines of advertising than was ever before published in any single issue of an agricultural journal in this country, and which was largely devoted to live stock, poultry and agricultural implements. Nearly all these advertisers are regular patrons of the Journal and therefore convinced of its value as an advertising medium and thus bear eloquent testimony to the ability of Southern farmers to buy. How far the work we have done on the Journal in the twenty years has led to this improved

financial condition of our farmers is not for us to say. We hope, however, that without being thought egotistical we may claim for The Planter that it has had some part in the bringing about of this improved condition of our farmers and their farms. We can say that for the increased popularity of the Journal and for the patronage which we are receiving from advertisers we are deeply grateful and will endeavor to show this by doing all in our power to continue to make it a Journal of which Southern farmers may be proud and, as the result of its teaching, may make them still more prosperous.

Since writing the article "Work for the Month" in our March issue, the weather has been almost ideal early spring weather, indeed, in the past twenty years we do not recall one single month of March which has been so favorable for farmers to make progress with the work of preparing the land for the crops. As a result of this, we hear from all over the South Atlantic Coast States that work is more forward than almost ever before at this time of the year. The temptation in such a condition of things will be for farmers to start the sowing and planting of crops too soon. We would strongly urge that they "make haste slowly" in this matter of planting. We are certain yet to have some cold weather, maybe some severe weather, and planted crops caught by this may be severely injured; in fact, may be ruined: The land is not yet warm, and to put anything but oats (and it is too late to seed this crop now, except in the mountain sections) and grass into cold land, is to run great risk of having to reseed later.

The reports we receive as to the condition of the wheat and winter oat crops in the South are most favorable. Little or no damage has been done by winter killing, and the plants are vigorous and healthy and growth much more advanced than usual at this season of the year. We are not as yet in receipt of reports as to the condition of the winter sown wheat in the West and North of us and we are not therefore able to say anything definite on the subject. Judging, however, from such scattered reports

as we find in our Western and Northern Exchanges we expect to see a generally favorable condition reported by the National Department. The market price of wheat has continued to advance steadily since the year came in and it stands now at a higher figure than at any time since 1904. The European demand has called for a considerable increase in the exports, which in 1908 were in excess of 100,000,000 bushels, and the effect of this demand has been to reduce the wheat on hand in this country at this time to about 10,000,000 bushels below the average for the past ten years. We look like going into the new crop year with a very small surplus to meet our greatly increased demands. The European demand from this time on will be met by the Argentine, Australia and Indian crops, which promise an ample supply. The price of corn has kept high, and the demand for home consumption good. As a result of this the export demand has been small. We have only sent out of this country 37,577,717 bushels of corn during 1908 as compared with 102,518,817 bushels shipped out in 1906. It would seem that with respect to both wheat and corn the demand of the population of the country is fast reaching the point where we shall have no surplus to export unless there be a great increase in production over the average crops of the past few years. The outlook seems good for a continuance of profitable prices on these staples.

The principal work to which the efforts of all farmers should be directed this month is the preparation of the land for the planting of the corn, cotton and tobacco crops. In the Northern section of the States and sections of this State where cotton is grown, the land should already have been plowed and every effort should now be made to bring the soil into a fine seed bed as quickly as possible. The use of the disc harrow, spike tooth harrow and roller should be as continuous as the weather will permit, so as to effect a complete breaking of the soil into as fine a condition as possible and then the consolidation of the sub-surface soil into such a compact condition as will best serve to retain and bring up moisture from the subsoil, as the crop needs it. This continuous working of the soil will aerate and warm it, and make it a fit bed into which to place the seed under the best conditions for quick germination and rapid root growth. In the past not one-half the work essential for the production of heavy yields of cotton has been put upon the land, and hence the low average production per acre. Without this perfect preparation of the land, no application of manure or fertilizer can have its due effect. Far better and more profitable to perfectly prepare and fertilize one acre than to imperfectly prepare and fully fertilize two acres. Wherever a crimson clover sod has been, or can be plowed down with this perfect preparation of the soil afterwards, and the application of the mineral fertilizers, acid phosphate and potash, at the rate of 300 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of Kainit to the acre, a greatly increased yield can be surely reckoned upon. Where a clover sod or a pea fallow has not been turned down, then it will be necessary to use a nitrogenous fertilizer as well as the mineral fertilizers, to secure the best return. Num-

erous and carefully conducted experiments have demonstrated that on land of average fertility such an amount of fertilizer should be used as will supply fifty pounds of phosphoric acid, fifteen pounds of potash, and twenty pounds of nitrogen to the acre. This can be supplied by mixing 1,200 pounds of acid phosphate, 600 pounds of cotton-seed meal, and 200 pounds of Kainit, to make a ton, and applying this at the rate of 800 pounds to the acre. The usual application of 300 or 400 pounds to the acre of 2-8-2 falls far short of supplying the needs of the crop. The importance of an early planting of the cotton crop cannot be too strongly insisted upon, especially in sections where the boll weevil has been found. It is practically the only means of warding off damage from that pest. Even where this pest has not yet made its appearance early planting is advisable, as the pest is gradually working its way northward and there is no knowing how soon it may make its appearance in the Northern section of the cotton fields. The importance of careful selection of the seed to be planted has been so fully demonstrated that there should be no necessity to enforce this further. Seed of the varieties which have been found to be most prolific in the various sections can be had in abundance at very reasonable prices, and it is folly to plant seed taken indiscriminately from the gins. As emphasizing this point, it may be stated that in experiments made in South Carolina with forty-six varieties the highest acre value credited to one variety was \$92.05, and the lowest \$36.99, the varieties having been given the same treatment throughout. Among the most productive varieties in this trial were Toole with 736 pounds, Cook's Improved, 622 pounds; Corley, 620 pounds, and Gold Standard, 618 pounds. In experiments made in North Carolina Russell Big Boll was found to be the most productive variety.

For the making of a large and profitable corn crop four things are essential—fertile land, perfect preparation of the land before seeding the crop, carefully selected seed adapted to the location, and frequently repeated shallow cultivation as long as it is possible to continue this without breaking down the crop. It will be noticed that we do not in the essential requisites include fertilization of the crop. We make this exception because as the result of almost innumerable experiments it has been demonstrated that it is practically almost impossible to apply fertilizer to the corn crop profitably. Land which requires fertilizer in order that it may produce a crop of corn is land which ought not to be planted in corn, but should be put into some leguminous crop to fill it with humus and fertility before being so planted. We do not wish to be misunderstood in this matter. Fertilizer can be applied to a corn crop with advantage to the yield, often with considerable advantage, but rarely can this be done profitably. The cost of the increased yield will almost invariably amount to more than the profit to be gotten from it. Therefore, if no other advantage is to be gained, such as the permanent improvement of the land for other crops to follow, we do not advise the use of fertilizer on the corn crops. Where cowpeas or crim-



son clover are to be sowed in the corn crop, as ought to be done wherever the rotation of crops proposed to be followed permits of this course, then acid phosphate may be profitably used, as it will not only somewhat increase the yield of the corn, but will ensure a good growth of the peas and clover usually. The fertile land which we have specified as essential to the profitable production of a corn crop is land well filled with humus, and this is best secured by the plowing down of a clover sod to which all the coarse manure of the farm has been applied during the winter, either on the sod itself or after it has been plowed. Where such a sod is not available then the most fertile land available should be selected and its deficiencies be sought to be made good by the best preparation possible of the land before it is planted. By deep breaking of the land and the reduction of the whole depth of the soil so broken to the finest state of tilth possible, the yield of the crop can be most largely increased as the power of the corn crop to forage for food in the soil is very great if only the soil is in that fine state of tilth that the enormous root system of this crop can penetrate. To secure this condition of the soil it should be worked and reworked with the disc and tooth harrow and the roller as often as possible before being planted so that after the crop is growing all that will be needed in the way of cultivation is such shallow working as shall suffice to keep a dust mulch on the surface and prevent the growth of any weeds or grass until the shade of the crop is sufficient to effect this end. The much too common practice of merely plowing the land shallow and giving it one of two harrowings can never result in anything but a disappointment in the yield. Whilst corn roots are great foragers for plant food, they cannot get it out of clods and hard, unbroken soil. Every great crop produced of which we have any record was grown on deeply plowed, finely broken land and had almost constant cultivation from the time it was planted until it was impossible to get through it any longer without breaking down the stalks.

The second requisite we have insisted on—"carefully selected seed"—is a matter which, until within the past two or three years, has received little attention and, as yet, has not half the attention which its importance deserves. In experiments made both in this and other States it has been demonstrated that a careful selection of well-bred seed adapted to the locality may cause a difference in the yield of the crop of from one-third to one-half more bushels to the acre. Surely such a difference is well worth striving for. The old custom of just taking the seed corn at haphazard from the corn crib should be abandoned at once and the seed be either bought for a start on new lines from a careful and scientific corn breeder or, what is better still, for the full crop to be planted a careful selection of ears gathered in the field in the fall from stalks of the type desired to be perpetuated and these only be planted from. Every farmer ought to have a seed patch in which he should grow only from selected ears and these be each year further culled down and re-selected. In this way all barren stalks can be soon eliminated from the crop and this alone will make a great difference in the yield. Corn is a crop which is

largely affected by local environment and therefore it is never wise to send far away for the seed to plant a whole crop. To plant an experimental patch, this may and should be done in order to breed up a type suitable to the section if the type you are growing is not a satisfactory one. There are now on the market types of corn of the highest yielding capacity which have been acclimated to our section and these may, with great advantage, be planted. Among these are Boone County White and Cocke's Prolific for fertile, low and medium low lands, and Hickory King for the uplands. These are white varieties. Amongst the yellow varieties the best is Golden Dent. Whilst naming these, we do not wish it to be understood that they are the only good varieties on the market. In our advertising columns will be found other varieties offered which are worth investigating. In planting be careful to use a planter which will regularly drop the seed at the required distance apart and, to secure this, it is essential that the seed be graded so as to be uniform in size or nearly so, or the best planter will fail to do its work well. Do not plant too deep. From two to three inches is the best, but be careful in setting the planter and running it to keep the depth of planting uniform so that all the plants will come up at the same time or thereabouts, and be careful to run the planter straight so that cultivation may be easy. As soon as planting is completed, run a light harrow over the field to level all hills and depressions and do this a second time just as the plants are breaking through the soil so as to break any crust which may have formed. After this the harrow or weeder may be used with advantage for the first two or three cultivations and thus much economize in the time required. Later cultivations should be done with the Iron Age or disc cultivator. Large crops should be cultivated with the tooth or disc riding cultivator, taking both sides of the row at the same time at first and afterwards, when the corn gets too tall for this, going once in each middle with this implement. In this issue will be found an interesting article from Mr. Julian M. Ruffin on this subject of cultivation, to which we invite attention. Mr. Ruffin is one of the best farmers in the State, and a most successful corn grower and stockmen.

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Where tobacco is to be planted the land for this crop should be re-plowed and constantly worked whenever the land is dry enough, to ensure a fine, deeply broken bed in which to set the plants, and when this is secured, the rows may be laid off and the fertilizer be applied and be well mixed in the soil of the rows and then be bedded up ready for the planting next month. In our last issue we wrote fully on the fertilizer to be used and to that issue refer our readers.

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As opportunity offers land should be gotten ready for the planting of forage crops of various kinds, the seeding of which should be done in May and June. We are anxious to see more soy beans grown than has been the rule in the past. This crop is the richest in protein of any crop grown and stock owners especially should make



it one of their leading crops, as by its use great saving can be effected in the purchase of cotton seed meal, flax seed meal and bran. The crop makes an excellent hay crop, and also a good grain crop, producing from twenty or thirty bushels of grain per acre on good land. The hay is easier cured than cowpea hay and not nearly so liable to be spoiled as cowpea hay in wet weather. The grain crop is also easier saved, as when ripe the shocks do not hold water like cowpeas and do not spoil easily. The grain, when threshed out, should not, however, be stored in large bulk, as it heats readily and spoils. The best way to store it is in loosely woven sacks holding two bushels and these be set up in small piles with room for the air to circulate around them. The crop for grain should be planted in rows like corn, but these may be not more than two feet six inches apart, just to permit of cultivation. The seed should be dropped with a planter or drill two or three inches apart in the rows. For hay from 2 to 3 pecks of seed may be planted per acre with a wheat drill, stopping every other spout, or they may be sown broadcast. Acid phosphate at the rate of 250 to 300 pounds to the acre is the proper fertilizer to apply. This crop should be seeded in May, as most of the varieties have a long period of growth. The Ito San variety is the quickest to mature, taking from eighty to ninety days. The Mammoth Yellow requires the longest time—from 120 to 150 days. The crop makes an excellent hog pasture, and for this purpose may be planted as late as July. It is an improving crop like all the legumes, but, to get the best results in this way, should not be allowed to mature the seed. Where the seed is matured it is so rich in protein (nitrogen) that it takes out of the soil much of the nitrogen gathered from the atmosphere. Experiments made at Blacksburg Experiment Station, however, showed that even if the seed matured there was still a gain of six per cent. in the nitrogen content of the soil.

In the Peanut sections of this and the adjoining States where nearly three-fourth of the peanuts grown in this country are raised, the land for this crop should be gotten ready for planting. The peanut succeeds best in a light, friable loam well filled with vegetable matter. There has been much complaint by peanut growers that they cannot raise bushels enough to the acre to make it a profitable crop. This is largely their own fault. They will persist in growing it year after year on the same land using only 200 or 300 pounds of 2-8-2 fertilizer per acre, and get as a result twenty or thirty bushels of nuts. If they would grow it in a three or four year rotation with corn and oats and with crimson clover and cowpeas sowed in the corn, and following the oats, and would use a fertilizer made up of 300 pounds of cotton seed meal, 80 pounds of acid phosphate and 240 pounds of kainit, or 65 pounds of muriate of potash per acre with a ton of lime to the acre, spread broadcast after plowing down a cowpea or crimson clover fallow, the yield of nuts would run up easily to seventy-five or eighty bushels to the acre and more than 100 bushels have been grown after following this rotation system. The demand for peanuts is constantly growing, and we believe that

the production of the crop can be made a profitable business in the sections especially adapted to it. May is soon enough to plant. The seed should be planted in rows three feet apart and be dropped twelve inches apart in the rows. Cultivation should be level.

Sow a field of cat-tail millet (sometimes advertised as *Pencilaria*) for cutting for green feed for stock in June and July.

We will say more about other forage crops in our May issue.

#### NOTES ON THE MARCH PLANTER.

##### Nitrogen.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Mr. Winkelman says: "When it pays to stock a soil with phosphoric acid and to apply potash beyond the quantities found in the crops, we are perfectly at sea in regard to nitrogen." Farmers who have abandoned the purchase of nitrogen in a fertilizer for the last twenty years have seen their crops greatly increase over the product formerly when they worried about nitrogen. The Minnesota Station found, after ten years of a rotation with legumes and the manure made from them, that the soil had three hundred pounds per acre more nitrogen than at the start, and none had been bought. Farmers who practice a good, short rotation and grow and feed plenty of legume hay are not "at sea in regard to nitrogen," for they know that the great ocean of air above every acre is rich in nitrogen waiting to be combined in the soil for their crops. The time is not far distant when the grain and stock farmer who buys nitrogenous fertilizers will be considered behind the times.

Mr. Winkelman adds, "Nitrogen is of the greatest importance for the development of the growing plant, for the formation of protoplasm, the building material of plants." True; but protoplasm is not the building material of plants. It is the builder, the only thing in the plant that carries that mysterious thing we call life. The carbohydrates are the building material the protoplasm uses for the construction of the cell walls, while the protoplasm does the work, it being the nitrogenous part of the plant. Hence, nitrogen promotes the vital activity, but it needs the carbon assimilated by the leaves, combined with oxygen and hydrogen, and this combination is only effected when there is a due amount of potash present. Then starch, the first visible carbohydrate, is formed, and the phosphoric acid is the controlling factor, because its office is to convey the starch to points where building of tissues is going on and where it is being stored for the future use of the plant. Hence, neither phosphoric acid nor potash will do the work alone, since they work together more and more than any other plant foods. If potash is abundant in a soil in an available form and phosphorus is deficient, an application of potash will be ineffectual, and where potash is deficient, phosphoric acid will not have its best effect. On most soils a proper combination of the two for the promotion of the growth of legume crops is the best use that can be made of commercial fertilizers. I knew one successful



farmer in this State, who, for twenty years previous to his death at eighty-five years, had made an average of forty bushels of wheat per acre, and had never bought any fertilizer during that time but plain acid phosphate.

Worrying about nitrogen will do for planters, but not for farmers.

#### Alfalfa and Lime.

Down in North Carolina there is a neighborhood around the old town of Hillsboro, where they have a red clay soil of granite formation. There they have been growing alfalfa for over fifty years with perfect ease, and not a man has bought an ounce of lime in his life, till a year ago, when on one of the finest farms there, on a field where alfalfa has grown luxuriantly, an attempt was made to get alfalfa and lime was applied heavily, and there was a complete failure on the greater part of the field. I think that the failure was due more to the exhaustion of phosphorous than to the need of lime, for the old alfalfa sod had been turned, and a crop of corn grown, and then a crop of wheat, and these had drawn heavily on the phosphorous in the soil. Lime doubtless has a very good effect on alfalfa in some soils, but that lime is the great specific for alfalfa under all conditions I do not believe. The soil around Hillsboro is not a limestone soil, and yet alfalfa grows there almost spontaneously, and the worst failure was after liming. I believe that there, where almost every field is inoculated, that good applications of phosphoric acid and potash will make alfalfa grow, and that if the phosphoric acid is applied in the form of Thomas slag all the lime needed by the plant will be had. The liming fad has been boomed to such an extent that many think that all they have to do to get alfalfa is to lime heavily on a soil that is hungry for phosphorous and potassium.

#### Plowing.

We have had a good deal of talk about plows and plowing, jointers and coulters. For myself I do not want either. A jointer works very well on a clean smooth sod that has been pastured close, but if it is of any use anywhere else I have not discovered it.

#### Humus.

It is gratifying to find that intelligent farmers are realizing that soil improvement means restoring the wasted humus. Mr. Benton and Mr. Mitchell are on the right track. Mr. Benton's paper sounds like he had been in my lecture room. Mr. Mitchell understands that a well bred corn may be still better well bred, and that to keep up a corn to a high standard of prolificacy demands annual attention to selection. The farmer who always has a crimson clover sod to turn for corn or cotton is on the road to more corn and more cotton by reason of the increased humus in his soil. "Ergo" certainly found this true in his corn growing.

#### Level Culture.

I would like to say to Mr. Hicks that level culture on flat low land means good drainage. If the drainage is not good, then bed the land by all means, but still work shallow. I have grown big crops of corn behind a dyke that kept the salt water off, and worked it flat and level. But the drainage was good. But the experiment Mr. Hicks made showed that flat culture was at least as good as ridging, and certainly where a man uses a two-horse rid-

ing cultivator he can work the corn better and faster than with a plow. There is enough Irish in me to hit a head when I see one, and as Mr. Hicks says, I am apt to hit when some one talks about getting the best beef and the most milk at the same time from the same animal. I never believed in combination machines of any sort.

#### Virginia Apples.

I am glad to read of the effort made to show the Virginia apples in New York. I believe that if put up in the same select way the Oregon folks do, that people will find out their superior quality. Last night I ate one of these beautiful Oregon apples, and have tried them often recently. They are beautiful to look at, but the one I ate last night cut smooth and slightly tough like a strap-leaf turnip, and tasted about as well. In fact, I have never tasted one of these Pacific coast apples that was at all comparable in quality with the apples of Albemarle. I have eaten Albemarle pippins grown in California, and they were no better than Ben Davis, though in looks they compared very favorably with the genuine Albemarle product.

#### Fertilizer.

That New York gardener who uses fifteen per cent. potash in his fertilizer must have iron-clad seed, for 1,000 pounds of such a mixture would, in my opinion, kill most seeds planted. His mixture with only 100 pounds of nitrate of soda to furnish all the nitrogen in a ton for truck crops is a very poor sort of a mixture, not near enough nitrogen, twice as much phosphoric acid and twice as much potash as needed. Then 16 per cent. potash for potatoes! I believe in plenty of potash and phosphoric acid for potatoes, but ten per cent. potash is heavy enough for this crop on any soil, and twice as much as is needed for corn or cotton. But I can hardly agree with the editor that nearly all Virginia soils have plenty of potash. The red clay Piedmont soils have a great store, but that the sandy soils of the Tidewater have, I do not believe, except in the case of lowlands bordering streams that come down from the Blue Ridge.

W. F. MASSEY.

We have reports from a number of Tidewater farmers who have experimented with potash on their lands for corn and other cereal crops, and they all report no benefit. Dr. Stubbs has also carefully experimented with potash on his Gloucester plantation, and he reported that he found no benefit from its use, and he, therefore, purchases none for use in the fertilizer which he mixes and uses. He is even growing tobacco without it. He says that he realizes that in time he must use it for the production of the potash-loving crops, and repeats his experiments every few years to see whether that time has come. So far it has not yet arrived. Dr. Stubbs is a skilled and experienced experimenter and we are content to go on record with him on this subject.—Ed.

#### CULTIVATION OF CORN IN EASTERN VIRGINIA.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

By the time this article reaches your readers most of the fallowing will have been done, and the cultivation of the



corn crop will begin to enlist our thoughts. We assume that our farmers will prepare their lands with disc and harrow, as far as they can follow the recommendations of Mr. Beadell and Mr. Sandy, for it is better to put too much than too little work in preparation. The planting having been done carefully we must next cultivate. Now, all of our agricultural writers and all our Institute lecturers have for years been saying "that a turning plow has no place in a cornfield, that land should be cultivated level in order to conserve moisture." So I think it is a subject worth investigating why it is that so many successful farmers in Eastern Virginia still use the single plow in cultivating corn, or find it necessary to have somewhat of a ridge in the cultivation of this crop. The best manner of cultivating for the section, I consider that mode which gives the greatest yield of grain extending through a series of years, and the most important thing is to destroy or retard the growth of grass, weeds and vines. In doing this the surface of the land will be necessarily left open and loose, conserving moisture.

As the planting here should begin after the middle of April, early in May the cultivators should be at work. If the farming is at all extensive two-horse riding cultivators, working a row each way, are best. Keep them going every day that it is possible. It is very usual in this section to have a long wet season in May, which may keep one out of the cornfields for a week or two, and then there will be millions of little sprouts of grass, weeds and vines. If May is passed with the corn in good shape, June, the busiest month of the year is coming. The corn must have its most important work, hay and grain harvested, land plowed and peas seeded. All this requires a reliable and full force of labor. But in this section it is time for many of our laborers who have wintered here to move off north.

Some holidays will come on which "The Society" turns out, generally requiring two days, one for frolic and one to rest up. Some good and faithful old "mammy" or "uncle" may die, and it will require one or two days to perform the obsequies of that occasion; this younger generation, by training are incapable of filling the places of those whom it gives them so much pleasure to lay away. If fortunate enough to control labor Providence may have blessed you with such bountiful crops of grain and grass that a week for each will be required. By this time grass may be appearing in the cornfield. If the farmer has escaped these calamities, (a few of which have been mentioned) and still has his corn in good condition, worked thoroughly with every known implement which leaves it level, (if it has not been dropped and worked checked), there will be a little narrow streak of land, about three or four inches wide, between each hill of corn, where the grass, weeds and vines have escaped. There is no implement yet made which will destroy or retard this grass, except a single plow, disc cultivator, shovel plow, or cultivator with wing attachments. To use any of them necessitates more or less ridge. This grass, weeds and vines must be retarded until the corn gets possession of the land. If not, there will be weeds as tall as the corn, vines which will entwine the corn to the top; grass that will absorb moisture, as a sponge. If these

are left there will be sad need of conservation of moisture. If there is wire-grass (Bermuda) it is useless to mention it to those not intimately acquainted with it and those who are, well know that wire-grass just enjoys being scratched and tickled by modern cultivators, while a corn plow does retard it a little, until it can crawl along and shoot up in another direction.

There is only one way to get between the hills of corn, and that is by covering with loose earth, "throwing dirt." To do this the turning plow is most effectual, the riding two-horse disc next, and shovel plow and cultivator last.

The single team plow does this work best, but the riding disc (on all farms of any size) are being most used as two horses and one man, do the work of four horses and four men with single plows.

There is necessarily a ridge to every row, and most of us care very little about this, if grass, weeds and vines are not in evidence. My observation accords exactly with that of Mr Grizzard, of Southampton, (see November Planter), when he says that so many new settlers fail to cultivate their corn properly. They cannot bring themselves to our unscientific mode of covering up grass, weeds and vines and forming ridges through our corn fields. That little four-inch streak between each hill of corn is too small and unimportant a matter to attend to in this old foggy manner, and when too late to remedy, there is a crop of corn and a crop of grass growing at the same time, and while it is seldom that we do not have moisture enough "conserved" for one crop, there is never enough for two on the same field.

Some of our new settlers (like Mr. Hicks) who are practical enough not to think so large a number of people "fools all the time," adopt our methods and stay here, but quite a number are forced to leave, the cultivation of corn in Eastern Virginia being their greatest stumbling block. I read in the Breeders' Gazette, of Chicago, an article written from Virginia, describing exactly our mode of cultivating corn, "with one little mule, a little plow, leaving the corn on a little ridge, etc.," which must have appeared absurd and ridiculous in the extreme to a Western prairie farmer. I was almost ashamed of myself and neighbors from this picture. I took the trouble to find the writer; he was a new settler from the West. He became unsettled in a few years and left. He was not practical enough to see different conditions here, and adapt himself thereto.

Now, Mr. Editor, it may be said in argument that those people are so prejudiced as not to see this thing properly. Messrs. Grizzard, Ruffin and others have so imbibed the ways of their forefathers, who migrated and settled on these rivers of Eastern Virginia, that they are incapable of learning the scientific mode. May be we have the errors of our fathers visited on us beyond the third and fourth generation.

But how can you answer this point? I have known large land owners who cultivated their Valley and Piedmont farms with shovel plows and cultivators nearly level, and their Tidewater farms with turn plows. Even more than this. I know farmers here in our midst, who cultivate their uplands nearly level, and yet are so ignorant and as to use turn plows on their rich bottoms.



May be our writers and lecturers should advise a level cultivation of corn where the conditions allow it.

And now, while we encounter some difficulties in keeping down the grass in our corn, there are no lands better adapted to producing this crop than the river and alluvial soils along the numerous rivers and streams of this Tidewater section of our favored State, and if our farmers—old and new, will bring good common horse-sense to the application of scientific principles, they will produce a fair portion of this King of Crops.

JULIAN M. RUFFIN.

Hanover Co., Va.

#### TILE DRAINAGE.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Mr. Weston, in the March Planter, has stated well some of the reasons for tile draining land, and owners of land in the South will do well to read carefully his letter. Lowering the water table, and so providing against damage to crops from excessive water on the one hand, and extreme drouth on the other, is probably the prime reason for such drainage. But there are other reasons of almost as great importance. The farmers of the South lose thousands of dollars worth of vegetable matter every year by the use of open ditches that could nearly all be saved were the lower places in the fields tiled so that the excessive rainfall would pass off under (rather than over) the surface of the fields. The matter of humus is of the very greatest importance to us of the South, where we have such heavy rainfall and long hot summers; conditions that tend to destroy the humus of the soil very rapidly. There is no one thing Piedmont soils need to-day more than humus, and yet with every heavy rain during the year we are allowing millions of tons of this life-giving matter to escape us through surface drainage that could nearly all be saved by a system of tile drainage of the lower portion of our fields. Then the surface ditches met with all over the South add at least one-fourth to the cost of cultivating our soils, because of breaking up our fields and causing us to work them in patches, making constant turning a necessity, and making the use of the large labor-saving tools unprofitable. It would be interesting to know just what tax the farmers of the South are paying to the open ditch from this one cause alone each year. Then, were the low places tile drained, the farmers could use profitably the thousands of hollows and sags in the fields that are to-day producing little but brush and briars. In many instances these hollows were they well drained, would produce more corn without fertilizer than do the balance of the fields by liberal applications of chemical fertilizers. The writer of this has tiled all the low places in about thirty-five acres of corn land during the past winter with only about a mile of drains, using three-inch tile, and some rock at a cost of about \$60.00 for tile and the work of hauling the rock off the land. The work was all done when the land was too wet to plow or make manure hauling possible. Myself and one cheap hand did the work, and at practically no cost for labor, for as noted above, the work was done when the regular farm work was at a standstill. By this work we have not only drained in a thorough manner all the low wet portions of

this field, but have at the same time done away with every ditch in the piece, save one, and made possible the working of the land in rows 125 rods long, where were open ditches used, rows fifteen to forty rods in length would have been the rule. We figure that the time we save by doing away with these open ditches will in two years at least pay the entire cost of the tiling, and now, we can cover the soil with our valuable stable manure, and know that it will remain with us, and that a fair crop is assured on all the land in the field, be the season wet or dry. I believe the main reason why the farmers have not purchased the tile made in the South is because the price has been too high. The Southern plants, as near as I can learn, have not been equipped with the latest labor-saving machinery, and consequently the manufacturers have been obliged to ask about double for their product that Northern and Western farmers have had to pay for tile of the same size. There is a demand in North Carolina for drain tile, as I have received more than a hundred letters during the past winter asking where tile could be purchased at a reasonable price. And if our manufacturers will equip themselves with first-class machinery then advertise their product thoroughly in the best farm journals, such as the Southern Planter and Progressive Farmer, they will be enabled to build up a fine trade within a very short time, as there is no doubt about our farmers being awake to the advantages of tile drainage. Our farmers are coming to know that in order to make their farms profitable, every acre must be made to produce a fair average crop, and on fully one-half our farms some tile drainage is necessary to bring about this condition.

Rockingham Co., N. C.

A. L. FRENCH.

#### DIAMOND JOE CORN.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Noticing the advertisement of Diamond Joe corn in your February issue, I desire to report my success with this variety:

As United States Pomologist, I had carefully investigated the variability of maturity of varieties of apples noted for their late keeping qualities, such as Baldwin, Spy, Spitzenberg, Fameuse, King, York Imperial, etc. These varieties when planted in the Southern States become fall or early winter varieties. The same is true of peaches, cherries, pears, plums, etc. They all mature from one to two months earlier than in the Northern States.

I, therefore, on every occasion that presented itself, urged the fruit-growers to be on the lookout for varieties originating farther South, that were late winter keepers, and by planting them farther North climatic influences would retard their maturing and make them their best late keepers.

The same varieties of oats, wheat, etc., mature here at least one month earlier than north of Mason and Dixon's line. To test the results of climatic influence on the corn plant, I ordered a bushel of Diamond Joe seed from Shenandoah, Iowa. With the experience of fifty years in small fruit culture, and thirty-seven years in orchard culture, carefully noting the behavior of all these species of fruits, my line of reasoning with corn was as follows: If a variety of corn originating in the North will thoroughly mature with



their shorter season and earlier fall frosts, it should certainly mature in the more genial climate of Virginia, the best corn climate in the world. Now, as to results: Diamond Joe was planted after I had finished planting White Majestic and Boone County Special, and was ready for cutting and shocking at least two weeks before either of the above-named varieties. Some of the corn was husked and taken to the Genito Mills October 10th, and ground into meal, the whitest and sweetest we have ever used. My faith in this variety is so well grounded that I propose to plant thirty acres of it this season.

While it is true, that as a rule, seed should be secured, grown not only on or about the same latitude, but also in the same neighborhood, yet a selection, based on sound physiological principles may be made of varieties grown elsewhere to our advantage and profit.

S. B. HEIGES.

Powhatan Co., Va.

#### COWPEAS AND WHEAT.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Mr. Robin Taylor, in the March Planter, tells of the difficulty he had in turning under a heavy growth of peas for wheat. Now, I very much fear that Mr. Taylor will not get the results in the wheat he hopes for.

His land was certainly plowed for the peas, and plowing so late again was bad for the wheat crop. It was also bad to turn under such a mass of growth for wheat, since it was not practicable at that late season to get the soil and that mass of peas properly settled in the way a wheat crop needs. I tried this same plan many years ago on a piece of strong limestone soil. The result was that I got a tremendous growth of straw that all went down flat when it began to head and the May rains came. I believe that Mr. Taylor not only made a mistake in plowing under the peas, but in plowing at all for the wheat at that date in the season. I believe that he would make more wheat had he saved the peas for hay, and then merely disced the surface soil fine for sowing the wheat. The summer plowing was all that the wheat needed, and the soil was well settled from that, and the replowing broke up this settled condition which was just what the wheat needed. Then he lost the feeding value of the pea vines which, at a low estimate, were worth ten dollars a cured ton, and by far the greater part of the manurial value could have been saved in the manure. In other words, he must have plowed under fully twenty dollars worth of feed, when he could have saved eighteen dollars worth of manure after getting the feeding value.

Hence I am opposed to all this talk about turning under a heavy growth of peas, the dragging of them down with chains, etc., for I do not believe that it is good farm economy to bury good feed for manure. Of course, we want to increase the humus in our soils, but we want to do it in an economical manner, and we can get it there in the manure if it is saved and applied as fast as made as it should be.

The only crop I would turn under is the crimson clover crop in spring and for a hoed crop, for this crop is such a difficult one to cure in a proper manner at that season of the year that I believe its most economical use is for

making a corn cotton or tobacco crop. But I would never run the risk of souring my land by turning under a heavy green growth in the late fall for wheat, sacrificing in this way a food crop that could be cured in the best manner and make the most valuable hay known. I would not only sacrifice the feed, but would have conditions less favorable to the wheat crop than if I had saved the hay. Even following a corn or tobacco crop, I would never replot for wheat, for the cultivation of these crops has made the best fallow preparation attainable, and all that is needed is to put the surface in fine order for drilling.

Get humus into your soil by all means, but get it in a business-like way, and do not waste feed that you could make money with by simply using it for manure, but let the cattle turn it into manure more readily available and just as good for humus. All roughage on a farm should be fed on it, even if the feeding returns only the value of the feed, and then give the soil the best preparation that the crop needs, and do not damage the wheat crop while wasting feed.

W. F. MASSEY.

#### SOIL INOCULATION.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

It is a fact too well known to be repeated that in order to maintain soil fertility the farmer must return to the soil as much plant food as he removes in his crops. While most soils contain rich stores of plant food, it is of little value until converted into a more available form through chemical and bacterial activities. This supply is by no means inexhaustible, and as it is removed from the soil by successive croppings, methods must be adopted to compensate for this loss. Phosphorous, potash and nitrogen may be applied to the soil in the form of commercial fertilizers or as barn yard manure; but nitrogen, the rarest and most valuable of all fertilizing constituents, may also be secured from the vast supply in the atmosphere by the nitrifying bacteria working alone or in symbiosis with the legume bacteria. The members of this latter group have the power of penetrating the roots of seedlings of leguminous plants in some way not yet fully understood, to take nitrogen from the air and store it up in the plants. Such plants, if properly inoculated, can be grown and cut for hay without decreasing the nitrogen content of the soil; in fact, if the roots are left, the soil will be enriched. Evidences of these activities can be seen in the small nodules or tubercles which form on the roots of these plants. The members of this family are quite numerous, but the ones that are most commonly cultivated by man are: The clovers, alfalfa, sweet white clover, lupine, vetches, beans, soy beans, cowpeas, lentils, locust, sweet pea and garden pea. Many other members of this family grow wild in the woods and meadows.

The enrichment of the soil by legumes is by no means a new thing. The phenomenon has been known for centuries, some of the earliest writers dilated upon the manurial value of legumes. Only in recent years have we attained knowledge of the bacterial association with the legumes, and of their importance in the process of assimilation of atmospheric nitrogen. Although the bacteria can, under certain conditions, accumulate the nitrogen of the air without a legume, the legume cannot, as far as we



know, assimilate the free nitrogen of the atmosphere without the presence of bacteria on its roots.

Two methods have been discovered whereby the bacteria infecting the common legumes may be distributed to the farmers: First, by artificial inoculation of the seed; second, by applying soil from an old field on which the specific legume has been growing.

This artificial inoculating material has been prepared at this Station for several years and the results of its use over the State have been, on the whole, very satisfactory. The average number of crops benefitted by inoculation was, in 1905, seventy per cent. More recently the Department of Agriculture has begun the distribution of cultures and also several commercial firms have engaged in the manufacture and sale of such cultures.

These two methods have their advantages and disadvantages, and before leaving this point it might be well to mention some of these. Artificial cultures are easy to apply, and as the seed are inoculated the bacteria necessarily remain in intimate association with each seed and the chance of early inoculation is enhanced. But, on the other hand, if these cultures are not properly prepared they are absolutely worthless. If there is any doubt in regard to the care exercised in preparing nitro-cultures, soil should be used as an inoculating medium. This is best done by scattering a small quantity of soil from a field on which the legume has been growing just before seeding.

The great objection to soil is the time and energy required, especially if it has to be hauled from a very distant field. Besides this, many injurious plant diseases as well as noxious weed seeds may be scattered along with the inoculated soil.

Artificial cultures are applied by moistening the seed with a concentrated culture of the legume bacteria.

The methods of preparing these cultures are numerous and have been improved very much in the last few years. At first the legume bacteria were separated from the nodules of the various plants and then grown in the laboratory in liquid cultures. In order to distribute to the farmer a small portion of this liquid culture was poured on absorbent cotton, this allowed to dry and then wrapped in tinfoil. Two packages of salts were sent along with the cotton culture with directions to dissolve in a certain amount of water, add culture, and allow to grow for twenty-four hours. The great objection to this was that the cotton soon became contaminated with fungi and the legume organisms were easily killed. In all cultures that require to be put aside to multiply for so many hours there is great danger of getting the culture badly contaminated.

The new method adopted at this Station for sending out cultures consists in sending a concentrated culture in a sterile bottle with directions to dilute with a certain amount of water and inoculate seed at once. In order to find out if a crop needs inoculating pull up some of the plants, being careful not to break any of the rootlets, and examine for small nodules or tubercles on the roots. In some cases the use of pure cultures proves beneficial to the crop even if the preceding crop was well inoculated.

Inoculation, it will be understood, will in no way com-

pensate for carelessness in selection of seed, in preparation of soil, care of crop or bad season.

The following table gives the results from inoculation with artificial cultures on the plats of the Virginia Experiment Station in the season of 1904.

A Comparison of the Results of Inoculated and Uninoculated Soy Beans. (1907.)

Plat No.	Name of Variety.	Treatment of Seed.	Yield Per Acre of Hay—Tons.	Yield Per Acre of Seed—Bus.
After Soy Beans.				
1.	Ito San Yellow	Inoculated.....	2.50	17.5
11.	Ito San Yellow	Uninoculated.....	2.47	14.15
		Increase for inoculated soy beans		
		After soy beans.....	.03	3.34
After Spring Oats.				
111.	Ito San Yellow	Inoculated.....	2.85	20.00
IV.	Ito San Yellow	Uninoculated....	1.85	13.33
		Increase for inoculated soy beans		
		After spring oats.....	1.00	6.67
Remarks.—All beans showed nodules except those after spring oats not inoculated.				



Inoculated.

Uninoculated.

Inoculated soy beans gave an increased yield of one ton of hay and ten bushels of seed per acre more than a like plat of uninoculated soy beans. The inoculation was very beneficial even on the plat that was inoculated the year before. We now have under way some experiments with legume inoculation and a study of the different methods of preparing cultures, the results of which will be ready to publish in a later bulletin.

Just what effect these legume bacteria will have in a soil without the presence of a legume has never been thoroughly determined, but quite a marked increase in nitrogen content was obtained here last winter by inoculating sterilized sand with the different strains of legume bacteria without the presence of any plant.

While the conditions in this case were different from those of the field, it gives us a reasonable basis for the assumption that the inoculation of soils with bacteria

from legume nodules will increase the content of nitrogen in soils even if no legume is present. This theory is being investigated in some plot experiments with wheat and oats.

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#### EXPERIENCE WITH A RUN-DOWN VIRGINIA FARM.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Thinking my experience on a run-down farm in Virginia might be of interest to some of your readers, I have decided to briefly relate it.

About nine years ago I purchased 165 acres of land for \$1,800. A few months later I bought twenty-seven acres adjoining it for \$270. All of this land was in a deplorable condition, had been rented for years and had become so worn out it could not be rented for cultivation and was only grazed by cattle. It was washed into gullies in which a team, wagon and all, could have been buried, and grown up in broomsedge and pines with only an old rail and brush fence enclosing a part of it. There was an old log house through which the cattle ran, and a fairly good but very old barn, but no shelter for stock.

I was laughed at for buying this farm and I was told that I was throwing my money away. I rented the farm for grazing cattle for \$35 per year for three years, during which time I continued to be employed elsewhere until I had paid for my land and had saved enough to buy three good horses and a few farming implements. I came home in the fall, repaired the old log house and moved into it. I remained on the farm that winter, and in the spring hired a good man by the year, and went back to my former employment. I directed the farm work by letter, and subscribed for the Southern Planter and Practical Farmer, and had them mailed to my farm hand. I paid the farm a visit twice each year. At the expiration of two and a half years I returned to my farm, which was three years ago since which time I have had sawed and sold, at a net profit, \$1,450 worth of timber from this land, and sold 148 acres of it for \$4,500, and have left forty-four acres of the best of it, which is worth \$40 per acre.

Three years ago I bought 115 acres adjoining my first purchase, where I now reside. You can see from my statement that the run-down farm was a good investment. I will say further that I put no new buildings on the land, only a closed shed the full length of the old barn, where I wintered from twenty to twenty-four cattle each year. How did I bring the land up in so short a time from \$2,270 in value to \$7,710? I was a subscriber to the Southern Planter and Practical Farmer for several years before I owned any land. Professor Massey was then a writer for the Practical Farmer and later its Editor. (Since he left it I am not a subscriber.) All these years in which I owned no land I was studying how this might be done and I give the credit to the Southern Planter and Professor Massey. I raised peas, cut them for hay, fed the hay to cattle, disced the pea stubble, and sowed rye, turned the rye under in early summer, and planted corn, sowed crimson clover at last working of corn, and turned clover down in spring, put land in tomatoes, disced land in fall,

sowed in wheat, timothy and herds grass; in spring sowed red clover with wheat. Limed some when I found land would not grow red clover. Saved all manure and kept it dry until hauled out and scattered on sod to be put in corn. The reclamation of this worn-out farm was a wonder to all who saw it before and afterwards, and it was done by studying the writings of men who knew how and had done the same thing themselves with a little energy behind it.

I now make a specialty of raising tomatoes and canning them; keeping cattle enough to eat all the grain, hay, fodder and straw I can raise.

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Botetourt Co., Va.

#### CRIMSON CLOVER IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

I noticed an article in the Southern Planter from Mr. C. L. Hanks, of Carroll county, on the use of crimson clover in Southwestern Virginia. I have tried it with good results for the last three years on a ten acre piece of bottom land and expect to put it in corn this spring, which will make the fourth year in succession. I generally check the corn land off with rows about four feet each way, and at the last working of the corn I sow about a peck of crimson clover seed to the acre. The clover is in full bloom by the tenth of May, at which time it is turned under with a big plow, and I use a log chain to help. I generally follow this fallow with about two hundred pounds per acre of sixteen per cent. acid phosphate put in with a wheat drill, and the land, after being well harrowed, is ready for corn. This corn if planted by the twentieth or twenty-fifth of May, will mature in time.

GEORGE W. TYLER.

Smyth Co., Va.

#### EXPERIMENTS WITH COCKE'S PROLIFIC CORN.

Last year, Mr. H. E. Wood, of Bremo Bluff, Fluvanna county, Va., at the request of Dr. E. W. Magruder, the Chemist of the Department of Agriculture and Manager of the State Test Farm at Saxe, Va., had three acres of Cocke's Prolific corn planted on three plots of land on the Bremo estate on the James River in Fluvanna county, Va., in order to compare the same with the results obtained on the Test Farm at Saxe, Charlotte county, Va. We are indebted to Dr. Magruder for the information as to the test. Mr. Wood has been long interested in growing Cocke's Prolific corn, a variety which originated in his immediate section more than sixty years ago and which he improved by the introduction of a heavier corn some years ago. A few years ago he made in one year on the Bremo estate 183 bushels per acre on one acre, 160 bushels on another acre, and an average of 104 bushels per acre on 20 acres planted in this variety. The corn is a heavy one. Mr. Wood has weighed bushels at various times which have weighed from 72 to 76 pounds to the bushel. There is no doubt but that the corn is one especially adapted to the section of the James River valley, in which it was originally produced, but at the same time it is a variety which adapts itself in a few years to other sections, and we have had reports of excel-



lent yields made after a few years' growth even on high land.

The following is Mr. Wood's report on the three acres tested last year:

**Plot No. 1.**

This test was made on the Spring Garden Farm by Mr. Joseph I. Talley, on a clover sod. The land was plowed in March, shallow plowing, with a three horse plow, planted thirteenth of May, rows checked three and a half by three and a half feet, worked the 27th of May with the Ironage cultivator, running twice in the row each way. It was worked the second and last time with the Ironage

corn. These ten acres were plowed and planted out of season and roughly prepared and cultivated with a one horse plow with a furrow of earth thrown to the corn, a most ruinous and disastrous preparation. I am sure had the acre of land tested been planted in rows checked three by three feet the yield would have been greater. No fertilizer or compost was used on this tested acre.

**Plot No. 2.**

This test was made by Mr. Russell C. Taylor, on the Recess estate, a divided portion of the Bremono estate. The land was plowed with a two horse plow the fifth of May and planted the ninth of May; rows three and one-half



Cocke's Prolific Corn—Yield 156 Bushels per Acre—1908.

cultivator the tenth of June, running once to the row, leaving the surface level. The work done was inadequate for best results. It should have been worked thoroughly three times with the Ironage cultivator. No implement was used in this test except the Ironage. The stand of corn was unsatisfactory, the bore worm destroying much of it. This acre yielded twenty barrels, or one hundred bushels. The corn averaged in weight, per bushel, sixty-two pounds. On ten acres of land adjoining this acre, as fertile as can be found in the James River valley, and which had not been cultivated for many years, and having growing upon it a heavy growth of volunteer clover plowed and planted in June, made a yield of six barrels, or thirty bushels per acre, planted in Cocke's Prolific

feet apart, and the corn dropped in the drill eighteen inches apart. The first working was done with the one horse plow, the earth thrown to the center of the rows. The second working was done with the double shovel or Malta plow. The last working was done with the one horse plow, the dirt thrown to the corn. This plot yielded thirty-one barrels and a fraction, or one hundred and fifty-six and a fraction bushels. This acre is a portion of the Bremono estate containing five hundred acres of fertile lowlands, and has been, to the best of my belief and recollection, in corn annually for more than forty years, with one exception (last year), when it grew an unusual large growth of tobacco. Within the forty years of time referred to, it has been twice manured. Last year and



this season a liberal application of farm pen and stable compost was used. Had this plot of land (one acre) been carefully planted in the check three by three feet, two stalks to the hill left standing, and cultivated with the Ironage cultivator, and the surface left level, I am sure the yield would have been greater. There should have been 70 rows (carefully laid off on this acre) when there were only fifty-nine. As one row yielded a barrel of corn this caused a loss to the acre of about five barrels, or twenty-five bushels. The corn grown upon this acre averaged about sixty-eight pounds per bushel. The seed planted was Cöcke's Prolific. There are five hundred acres of this lowland and I feel sure in saying they will yield the same results as the tested acre under like conditions if well drained and thoroughly plowed and cultivated.

#### Plot No. 3.

This test was made on the Lower Brema estate by Mr. P. W. Staples on an alfalfa sod, plowed twenty-fifth of May with a two horse plow, carefully prepared by harrowing, and was planted in the check three and a half by three and a half feet the first of June. This planting was lost as the corn was destroyed by the blackbirds and crows. The crop was planted the second time on the eighth of June, rows three and one half feet apart, and the corn dropped in the hill eighteen inches apart. The first working was done with the one horse plow, the earth being thrown from the corn. It was worked twice after this with the double shovel or Malta plow and the surface left level. This corn was not fully matured, being injured by an early frost. To attain best results, Cöcke's Prolific corn should be planted early, say, by the tenth or fifteenth of April. The corn rows were run east and west; had they been run north and south, admitting more warmth from the sunlight the stalks of corn would have been sturdier in their growth. This plot yielded twenty-three barrels, or one hundred and fifteen bushels. I am sure the yield would have been more satisfactory had the land been plowed in the fall, much deeper than it was plowed, planted in the check three by three feet, two stalks to the hill, worked with an Ironage cultivator, and the surface left level. No manure or fertilizer was used on this plot. This plot contained fifty-six hundred square yards of corn; much more can be grown when planted in the check than in the drill. When planted in the check whenever the sun shines the rows between the corn get the benefit of its warm and invigorating rays.

#### THE PLOW QUESTION AGAIN.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

In March issue of your paper Mr. Robin Taylor asks information in regard to plows turning under crimson clover and pea vines. I think that question has been answered once or twice this winter in your paper.

Some writer, probably in December or January, suggested that a Chattanooga disc plow would do the work, but I suppose Mr. Taylor did not read the article, or else has not tested it. If he will get one of the large single disc plows with a twenty-four-inch disc, it will plow under most any crop. I saw a crop of sorghum and weeds plowed under in August with one of these plows and hardly any visible trace of the crop was left.

It requires from three to four mules to pull it. The

plow weighs fully three hundred pounds, I would suppose, and to this must be added the weight of the operator, as it has a seat. This causes it to take most any land and it will astonish the natives by its effectual turning qualities.

One serious objection to this plow is where you break broadcast with it there is too much dirt turned out at the outer sides of the lands or fence rows and in the center, the water or last furrows are a veritable ditch which must be filled up. This trouble has to be contended with, however, to a greater or less extent in broadcasting land with any plow where the land is turned from the center, but an intelligent white man can even up this in rebreaking.

There is another plow called the double mould board. Middle breaker, or Yazoo lister which does nice work of this class where it is desirable to bed up the land. These plows may not be in common use, however, in Virginia. They are much used in the Mississippi delta counties in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas; also, in river bottoms in East Texas.

To operate them successfully in peavines, a chain of heavy weight should be attached to the tongue a few feet in front of the large rolling coulter, and extend back behind the center and be attached to the frame of the plow to drag the vines down somewhat, so none of them can clog above the rolling coulter.

The weight of this plow and the rider is sufficient to cut most pea vines, and the wheels running in the middle of the rows presses the vines down, so most of them can be wrapped up.

The plow could not be used to advantage except when land is in ordinary rows. I am quite sure that no turning plow made can do as good work of this class as either of the above plows, and especially the single disc plow, as a turning plow has not enough weight to force the coulter through heavy vines, and, of course, will clog unless this is done.

As both the plows I have described are riding plows and weigh from 250 to 300 pounds each, besides the rider, they cut through most any vines or clover readily. The single disc plow will plow harder land than any turning plow, and, in fact, is practically invaluable.

Tate Co. Miss.

R. M. WEISSINGER.

#### AN OHIO FARMER ON THE MANAGEMENT OF VIRGINIA LANDS.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

I have been very much interested in the articles from our brother farmers published in your most valuable journal, and to read them is to become so enthused as to want to talk with the writers through the same medium. I am only recently from another State, Ohio, and, as wife, little baby Vernon, and I "immensely" enjoy the beautiful sunlit winters and the breezy, pleasant summers, we wonder how we could ever again enjoy the cloudy and cold climate of our former home.

The climate is not alone in its influence over me, for the soil here is so far superior to that of Ohio that I could not think of tilling Northern soil again. Now, I



do not mean that this soil is more fertile, but that it is mechanically superior. And, from the fact that it so much more readily responds to fair treatment than our Northern soils, it is evident that it can be made to produce greater yields, I ask the privilege of venturing some opinions on the improvement of these soils, as founded upon observation.

I am breaking with a No. 40 Oliver and turning up some of the "cemented" furrow bottom that has been formed by four-inch breaking for a century, and though I may have thrown up too much of it for the best interests of the next crop, I believe it is possible that the remainder of the "cement" (or case-hardened subsoil) will let the moisture up and down and allow partial aeration to such an extent that the crops will be even better than if the breaking had been done only four inches. The depth to which I broke the corn ground is six to eight inches, including the "ridges" and the "valleys," which, fortunately, (or unfortunately), crossed the furrow at right angles, and this took up enough of the hard furrow bottom to so weaken it that the lead-horse often broke through into the subsoil. This result is evidence to me that this particular piece of land does not, or will not, when broken beneath the old bottom, need subsoiling, for not only in this case, but in that of digging post holes, I find the subsoil beneath a depth of five to eight inches very porous.

Another thing, I have learned that a few of the farmers here have been plowing down clover, peas, manure, etc., for a number of years without having gotten the soil filled with humus deeper than about two to four inches, and the fields, after a season or so, seem to show few evidences of having ever received such a blessing as peas or manure, excepting by an early or prematurely rank growth of plants, or by the same kind of growth of weeds and grass or anything else of the shallow rooted class. The effects seem to be soon lost. Allow me to give my reasons for such conditions, and I would be glad to hear from others on the same matter:

First, the breaking plow has been of the short mould-board type, the result being that the clover was not turned under out of sight, even though the breaking may have been done to a depth of eight inches (but usually I believe only six inches by actual measure is the greatest depth reached). Second, no chain or rod is used to hold the clover, rye, weeds or other plants into the furrow until the turning soil falls upon it, burying it out of sight. Third, before the decay of this vegetable matter has fairly begun along comes the turning plow again, or the cotton plow, lifting it to the top to dry out, the dirt, which is heavier, settling to the bottom at every passage of the cotton plow, which lifts and "sifts" the soil deep as broken. All summer this "sifting" process is continued as deep as broken until all the lighter portion of the soil and with it all vegetable matter lies on top, the same process as that of screening soil out of sawdust, the sawdust because the lighter, being forced to the top by a few shakes of the screen. I dare to say that I do not believe in this custom. This method, of all others, is the one that has so nearly ruined the Virginia soils. A plow of larger capacity than is generally used will turn under the clover, peas, etc., without choking, and

from my experience of only one year here, I conclude that the No. 50 Oliver chilled plow, iron beam, is the right plow, but the beam-wheel and the furrow-chain are essential to good work. The iron beam having a higher throat than the wood beam, being preferable because of such difference.

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Grizzard, who has written regarding corn-root pruning. He lives in my neighborhood, and I have learned to respect his views, for he is one of the foremost farmers of this section, and is a good neighbor. I have talked much with him on corn culture, and I am convinced that what I have said herein regarding deep breaking and keeping humus deep in the soil will solve the problem in his case. As shallow as the soil is broken here, even if at the depth of six inches, it is no wonder that there is a time-honored custom of throwing up a ridge of soil for the roots to feed from. And the ridge system explains why many have come to believe it necessary to destroy the roots in the middles, at a certain period of the corn's growth. It is impossible to get a ridge without going about as deep between the rows as the soil was broken, and, therefore, the corn roots there are cut off. I would suggest that all who believe root-pruning necessary should break the soil at least eight inches deep, if it can be broken before freezing weather is over, then level down in March and harrow fine; plant in May or late April, and cultivate level and not deeper than three inches after roots get out into the middles,—all this for a trial. Leave the trash "under" the soil; it will get "into" it all right. If the field be broken early and harrowed every two weeks until, say, three or four harrowings have been given, the weeds and grass will not get the start that they will if such weeds as get started before planting time are allowed to grow unmolested. Of course, I expect to be judged as having jumped at a conclusion, but I am willing to have such judgment pronounced, if the editor is willing to give me space to discuss the subject, for I am desirous of learning all I can while I am young, and I have turned a leaf in this respect by subscribing for the Southern Planter.

I. A. McCOY.

Southampton Co., Va.

In every instance the man who has just finished has a great advantage over the one who is just going to do it. Procrastination is the greatest enemy of agriculture, and, for that matter, of every other culture.

Take work easy during the first few days or weeks of spring.

Make a bundle of last year's mistakes and plow them under deep.

If your neighbor has a good man who is satisfied with his place, don't try to entice him away. There's where the Golden Rule fits in.

Because hard work made them so, don't be ashamed of bent shoulders. It is better to be bent in the back than broke in the pocket.



## Trucking, Garden and Orchard.

### WORK FOR THE MONTH.

The genial, spring-like weather we have had in March has no doubt induced many truckers and gardeners to begin the sowing of seeds and setting out of plants for the season's vegetable crops. We would warn our friends not to be in too great a hurry to begin this work. At the most do not sow or set out more than a very small part of the full crop to be planted. We shall yet have frost and cold weather and these early planted crops will likely suffer more or less severely. Whilst it is all right to take chances on a small area, for if the weather should continue mild these early sown and planted crops will come in as money makers on the early market, yet it is unwise to risk too much in this way. We have always found the last half of April and the first half of May plenty soon enough to sow or plant the full crop. Put in at this time, the crops will come on at the right time to meet market demands after the crops from the further South have gotten out of the way. To plant them earlier is to come into competition with these crops and thus to spoil the market. For home consumption it is well to have the various crops put in at intervals from the very earliest possible time to the latest, so that the supply for the table can be extended as long as possible. We have, however, never found it safe to put out anything but Irish potatoes and English peas before the last of April anywhere West of Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina. In Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina Irish potatoes and English peas are already about all planted. In middle and southwest Virginia these two crops should, so far as needed for early summer consumption and markets, be gotten into the ground during this month, but for the fall crop if Irish potatoes June is soon enough to plant in this section, and May for the Piedmont and Western sections of the State. We believe that this early fall Irish potato crop can with profit be much more largely grown in the middle sections of this State and of North Carolina than has been the case in the past. There is a market for the crop in the Western sections of these States amongst the miners, which should be catered to. They grow nothing themselves and are greedy for all garden products as soon as they can be gotten to them, and our crop would come in to supply this demand before produce grown further North could reach them. There is also a market in the far South for this crop at that time, as they have used up their own production and the Northern-grown crops have not begun to come South then. For varieties to plant, consult the seedsmen's catalogues. Irish Cobbler, whilst not of the highest quality, is proving a great yielding potato in the South and is being large planted. Beauty of Hebron, Early Ohio, and Early Sunlight are also good varieties for the early crop. For the fall crop, Green Mountain and Burbank are good varieties.

Cabbages planted in the fall and early winter should now be starting growing and should be cultivated frequent-

ly to encourage this. If they do not seem to respond to cultivation quick enough give a top dressing of 100 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda applied down each side of the rows. Nitrate of soda has a wonderful effect in causing the crop to grow freely and head up well if there is an abundance of the mineral fertilizers—phosphoric acid and potash—in the soil available. In a crop experimented on in North Carolina one acre to which no nitrate of soda was applied made only 910 prime heads per acre. Where 300 pounds of nitrate was applied in two top dressings 3,260 heads were made. Where the same quantity was applied in three dressings the yield of prime heads was 5,300 per acre. Where 400 pounds of nitrate was applied per acre in three equal dressings 7,580 prime heads were cut. From a report as to the condition of the cabbage crop in the South, which appears in this issue, it will be seen that there is a probability of a great shortage in the crop and it should therefore pay our growers to use every effort to increase and hasten the yield of their crops.

Tomato, pepper and egg plants raised in hot beds should now be making good growth and they should be pricked off into cold frames as soon as large enough to handle and be encouraged to make a stout, stocky growth ready for hardening off for planting out next month.

Sweet potatoes should be bedded in the hot bed to make sprouts. They should be bedded in clean sand to avoid fungus growths and black rot.

Strawberries should be cultivated to encourage growth and blooming. Give a top dressing of acid phosphate, 200 pounds; muriate of potash, 200 pounds, and nitrate of soda 100 pounds to the acre, and work in if the plants seem weakly and do not start well.

### "BE SURE TO KEEP UP INSURANCE."

*Editor Southern Planter:*

"Keep up insurance."—I am not referring to your fire or life policy; the careful man may safely be left to attend to these, but I refer to insurance for good, sound fruit, now, before it is too late, by spraying. To those whose orchards are infected with San Jose scale it is still not too late to spray with lime-sulphur, for though there are many preparations claimed by their proprietors to be just as good, (they generally claim better), yet for good all-round results and general benefit to the trees, nothing is as good as this. Then if not so infected, a good spraying with 98 per cent. lye will make the trees look better and "slicker" than anything else. Use about seven or eight cans of a reliable potash lye (such as Red Seal) to fifty gallons of water (the formula is three degrees on the Beaume Spindle). Immediately after the bloom falls, and while the calyx is still open, spray for the codling moth, using arsenite and Bordeaux, up-to-date formulas can be obtained by



a card to our Blacksburg Station. The foregoing will about fill the bill during April.

Now, for good reasons for reminding your readers of their insurance policy being now due. On February 13th an editorial in the "Rural New Yorker" called attention to the fact that "the Virginia State Horticultural Society is branching out," and says many complimentary things, all true, too, I am glad to say, about the way we are establishing packing associations and guaranteeing grade marks, etc. It adds: "No one ever expected Virginia to take the lead of Vermont, but she is doing so." This refers to the magnificent display of apples recently shown by the members of this Society in New York, as advertising Virginia, and plainly shows how our efforts have attracted that attention to the Old Dominion's fine fruits, we have so long and ardently desired. But having done this much, we must be ready to "deliver the goods," and in order to do so, must have the perfect fruit. Two weeks ago from the time I am writing this, I was in Covent Garden Market, London, Eng., and saw apples of beautiful appearance, and equally beautiful packing sold there. I observed also a few barrels of Virginia Albemarle Pippins. In conversation with some dealers I asked them how this apple compared with others from other places. I was told they were second to none, "but we don't handle so many of them because they are generally so wormy." I assured them that while this might have been the case in the past, they would not find it so in the future, and of the steps now taken by the Virginia Horticultural Society to ensure better packing and cleaner fruit. They said they were glad to hear it, and they hoped their future experience would show them I was correct. Observe, they would not take my word; they wanted to be convinced. Now, though as many of you are aware, I am of English birth, yet my twenty-seven years' residence in Virginia has made me feel the same pride and love for the Old Dominion as though of native birth. In fact, it is an old saying that a convert is more enthusiastic than most born there. And I can't say how I simply hated to hear the above quoted criticism. Therefore, I feel impelled to write these lines and remind those who have not done so to lose no time in taking out their usual insurance policy for good sound fruit. I fear I am over-reaching too much on your space, so hold my pen from running on further on the topics suggested by the foregoing. However, you have all heard by this time of how the Virginia Horticultural Society is doing all in its power to educate to better methods, and we feel the seed we have been sowing and continue to sow, is at last producing better results.

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Crozet, Albemarle Co., Va.

#### AMONG THE TRUCKERS.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Last week I made a trip down the two Eastern Shore counties of Virginia and around the trucking sections of Norfolk. I found the sweet potato growers of Accomac and Northampton, as usual, hauling and spreading the

rakings of the pine forest over the land, and plowing it in under for the sweet potato crop.

Here and there I saw patches of crimson clover, and if all the land intended for sweet potatoes had had this winter cover, there would be a far better humus-making growth to turn under for the sweets than the rakings of the pine woods, so laboriously gotten together. Almost everywhere the fields were bare and brown, left for the winter rains to wash out the fertility.

Doubtless the leaves and trash from the woods makes some humus, but how much better would be the crop of crimson clover that would add more organic matter and at the same time furnish all the nitrogen the crop needs, and all for the trouble of scattering the seed after a fall crop of vegetables had been gathered.

Both on the Eastern Shore and about Norfolk an immense area has been planted in early Irish potatoes, hoping that the small crop North last summer will leave the market bare of old potatoes, unless the imported potatoes take the place.

At Norfolk I met one of the largest growers, a Mr. Trotman, who works eight farms on the West Branch, and has planted 2,000 barrels of Irish potatoes. I was told that Mr. Trotman buys annually 100,000 empty barrels for shipping his produce, for which he pays \$180.00 per thousand. It takes a lot of stuff to pay his package bill.

Among the smaller growers about Lambert's Point, I found one man who is ahead of his neighbors in that he uses glass more than they. He has 3,700 sashes on frames and hot-beds, and his cucumbers and egg plants were growing in the hot-beds in veneer boxes packed closely together. From his frames he was gathering a fine crop of radishes and beets. When these are out he runs a deep furrow through the frames and fills it with manure and beds on this, and then sets one of the boxes of cucumbers in each sash, and two egg plants in other sashes, and when the weather is settled, strips off the sashes and lets the vines run over frames and alleys, and in this way gets a very early crop. But the Lambert Point truckers are in straits with their lettuce, spinach and beans, their main crops. Several years ago they were making money fast, but now a mysterious affection takes their fall-planted lettuce and spinach, and the plants dwindle and die. Here and there were apparently healthy plants on the beds surrounded by dying ones, and they said that the healthy ones would gradually go the same way. I could not find any evidence of disease on the plants, and came to the conclusion that it is the acidity of the soil, and the constant exposure to sun all summer, with no winter cover. The soil is very acid, as was shown by the litmus paper test, and is deficient in humus, as was shown by the hard baking character of the soil. They did not seem to think that they could afford to grow legumes on land worth \$1,500 an acre, but I am sure that they cannot afford not to do so. I advised them to sow cow peas after the lettuce, and let them mature and plow them under, and apply lime to the soil and turn the peas for the spinach crop, or for a spring crop to sow crimson clover on the peas as the leaves fall. This, with a greater use of phos-



phoric acid and potash, I believe, will cure the trouble. They have been using city manure and nitrate of soda till the soil lacks phosphoric acid and potash. One man promised to try this on part of his land, and I hope his example will spread. My time was too short to see as much of the West Branch as I wished, and I have promised to come again, as I am about to start on a trip through the trucking sections from Savannah northward with the season.

W. F. MASSEY.

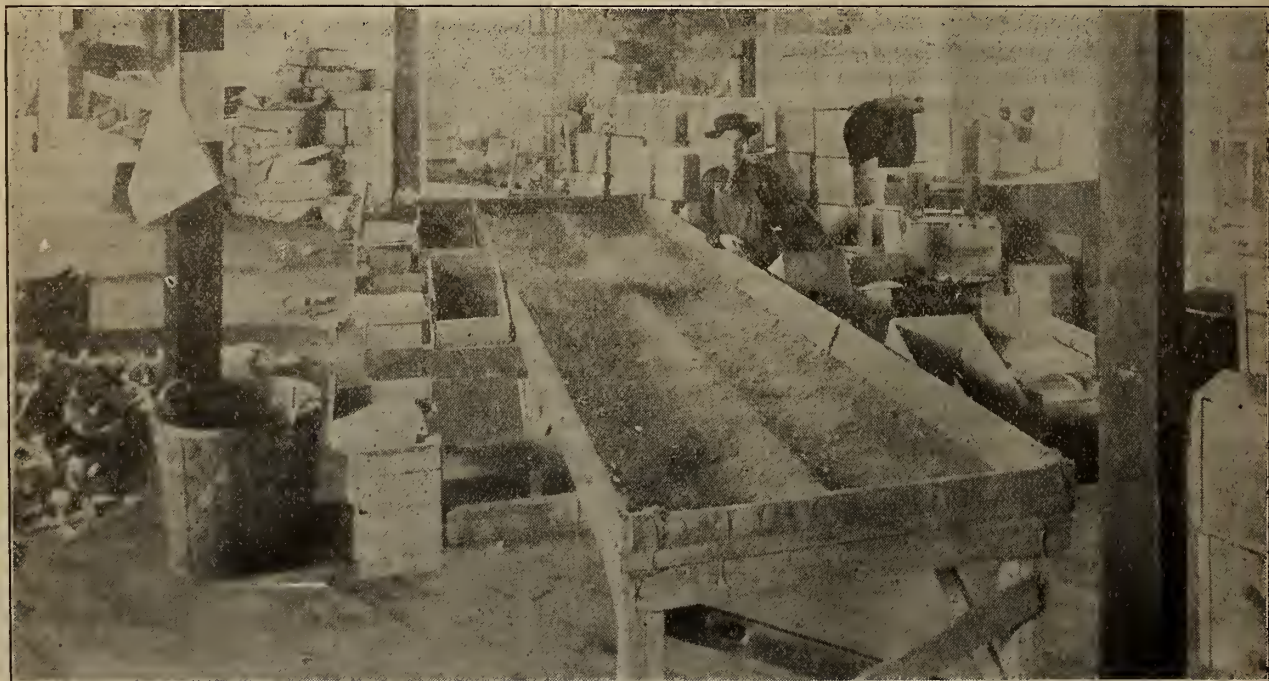
#### A COMPARISON BETWEEN HOOD RIVER, OREGON, AND VIRGINIA, IN APPLES.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

The most famous apple region in this country to-day is the Hood River Valley of Oregon. We can say this without any disparagement of the great apple regions of Virginia and other States. Hood River apples are more widely known to-day than the apples of any other district, or State, and Hood River prices—over \$3.00 per bushel box last season—while attained by a few of the best growers elsewhere, are rarely reached by all the growers of an entire region. This enviable notoriety and these flattering prices, are due more to first class

know: "Can Virginia grow as good apples as Hood River?" "Are there any cultural methods practiced in Hood River that can be introduced here to advantage?" Let us take a glance at the Hood River country and see:

The Hood River Valley makes such a stir in the fruit growing world that the visitor is surprised to find it so small. He goes there prepared to view a stretch of country certainly as big as the State of Connecticut; but finds only a little narrow valley about twenty-five miles long and two or three miles wide—the merest dot on the map of Oregon. It is just east of the Cascades, on the Columbia River, and about six hundred feet above sea level. The Valley has a rainfall of thirty-five inches, or about the same as that of the Valley of Virginia; but it all comes in the winter, there being practically no rain in the summer months. It is these cloudless summer days that give the brilliant coloring to Hood River fruit, and keep away scab, cloud, bitter rot, and other diseases that blemish our fruit. The soil is a reddish "buck-shot" loam, very rich and easy to work. The climate is quite comparable to that of the Shenandoah Valley, but somewhat milder. Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, looming majestic and snow-laden on the horizon, and the mighty Columbia at the mouth of the Valley, make an



Good form of packing-table for apples and pears, used by the Yakima County Horticultural Union.

advertising, and to organization, than to any superior natural advantage of soil and climate. However that may be, the fact remains that the Hood River growers are shipping apples three thousand miles across the continent and selling them in Virginia cities at a nickel a piece, when the same markets ought to be supplied with Virginia-grown fruit exclusively.

The Virginia apple grower is not always going to stand being crowded out of his own markets. He wants to

inspiring setting to a beautiful spot.

The principle business of the Hood River Valley is fruit growing. There are about 1,000 acres of apple orchards over eight years old, and 2,500 acres under that age. New planting is going forward all the time, especially higher up the Valley. There are about 1,500 acres of strawberries grown chiefly in young orchards, for quick returns. Ninety per cent. of the apples are Newtowns and Spitzenbergs, which are "quality" sorts. Our



Winesaps are the equal of the Spitzenburgs, and our Pippins are superior to their Newtowns.

The capital invested in land is large—from \$50.00 to \$150.00 being paid for raw land. The orchards are small. Ten to twenty acres is an average holding. This results in intensive culture, which results in high profits. The net profits frequently run over \$400.00 per acre, from twelve-year-old trees. We have orchards in Virginia that returned over \$500.00 per acre net, last year, but from older trees. Some of the best Hood River orchards pay twenty per cent. interest on a valuation of \$2,000.00 per acre.

The trees begin to bear two or three years earlier than

it costs Hood River growers considerably more to protect their fruit from pests than it does the Virginia growers. They get fine fruit, but they have to fight for it.

The fruit is thinned on the trees, to one fruit to a spur, at a cost of fifteen to eighty-five cents per tree. This is a new proposition to Virginia growers. We thin peaches, sometimes, but apples rarely or never. But we shall have to thin apples some years. Thinning not only makes larger and more perfect fruit, but it also husband the strength of the tree so it can make a crop every year, as trees do in Hood River. The time is coming in Virginia when it will be a disgrace for a grower



Bear Creek Orchard, 265 acres. Picking Yellow Newton Pippin Apples for the London market.

the same varieties do here, chiefly owing, no doubt, to the dry summers. A Newtown (same as our Albemarle Pippin), when eleven years old bears ten to fifteen boxes. This is a great advantage, and one we cannot duplicate in this climate.

The trees are given frequent and thorough tillage each season and all the season. They are not irrigated. In not all sections of Virginia is it possible or practicable to cultivate apples as carefully as in Hood River, but there is no doubt that cultivation is best wherever practicable.

Spraying is incessant. The dry summers make it unnecessary to use Bordeaux for diseases, as much as we do here; but they have a bigger fight than we with the codling moth. There are several broods and the broods overlap, so it is a constant fight from bloom to harvest. The growers spray from six to eight times. Arsenate of lead is used chiefly. Last year the Association bought two carloads of the poison for the growers. Altogether

to have an "off" year unless frost, hail or some other untoward circumstance caused it.

Several pickings are made to a tree—another desirable practice. The fruit is picked into bushel boxes, and is packed and shipped immediately. No sweating is allowed. Late sprayed fruit is wiped to remove stains. Of course the fruit has to be handled "like eggs," in order to get to market the way it does.

The fruit is packed entirely in bushel boxes; never in barrels. There are two sizes, to accommodate different shaped apples: the "Standard," which is  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ , and the "Special,"  $10 \times 11 \times 20$ , both inside measurement. The ends are three-quarters of an inch, the sides three-eighths of an inch, the top and bottom one-half an inch. Spruce is better than fir or pine, being whiter and less likely to split in nailing. Boxes are bought knocked down for seven to fourteen cents. The box is bound to come into general use in Virginia for shipping fancy fruit. Good



to ordinary fruit, and fruit intended for export, had better be shipped in barrels.

The fruit is graded to absolute uniformity in packing—another point for Virginia growers to note more carefully. It is the perfect grading of the fruit, not the fact that it is in a box, that makes a bushel of Hood River fruit often outsell a barrel of Virginia fruit.

There are several styles of packs, according to the size and shape of the apples—"offset," "diagonal," and "straight"; and 3, 3½, 4, 4½ and 5 tier. It does not pay to ship apples larger than three tier or smaller than five tier. The box is lined with white paper, and paper placed between each layer of apples. Sometimes each apple is wrapped in 8x10-inch paper. A "bulge" is secured by placing the end rows of apples of the bottom layers on their sides, and the middle rows on end. This bulge should not exceed three-fourths of an inch, and is for the purpose of taking up slack. Packing is done by the box. It costs five cents per box for all packs up to five tier, and six cents for five tier. Each box has a handsome lithograph, advertising the contents. Each box is stamped with the variety, name of grower, packer, number of inspector. Packing is done by crews of four men, sent to the orchard by the manager of the Association. Each crew consists of a foreman and three packers.

The fruit is shipped in carloads of 500 to 800 boxes, and is chilled before loading. The boxes are laid upon their sides, and are cleated and braced to prevent shifting. It costs fifty cents to raise a box of Hood River apples, and it costs fifty cents to lay it down in New York City. The shipments are now almost entirely F. O. B. The organization guarantees every box. Nothing but fancy fruit is shipped. The reputation of the Hood River pack is such that buyers come to Hood River from all parts of the country, and from other countries, and compete for the crop. This is the ideal to work towards in every fruit region.

The reputation that Hood River has achieved is due almost entirely to the organization of growers, effected in 1903. Before 1903, the prices they received were not always satisfactory. The advance due to the organization of a co-operative shipping association is exhibited in the following average prices per box since 1902:

1902, 85c.; 1903, \$2.00; 1904, \$2.10; 1905, \$2.12; 1906, \$2.60; 1907, \$2.90; 1908, \$3.27. This looks pretty good, but I know Virginia fruit growers who got \$10.00 per barrel, F. O. B., this season for their Pippins.

The membership of the organization is now about 100, and it controls over ninety per cent. of the apple output of the Valley. Shares are \$10.00 each. The entire expense of the organization and shipping is met by a charge of five cents on each box of fruit handled. The successful Manager, Mr. E. H. Shepard, is paid a good salary. Such a man should be, preferably, an outsider, and a business man, not a grower. The organization not only sells the fruit, but also buys box material by the carload, spraying machinery, etc., and advertises Hood River fruit the world over, as no individual could do. The reputation of Hood River apples is worth at least fifty cents per box to the growers.

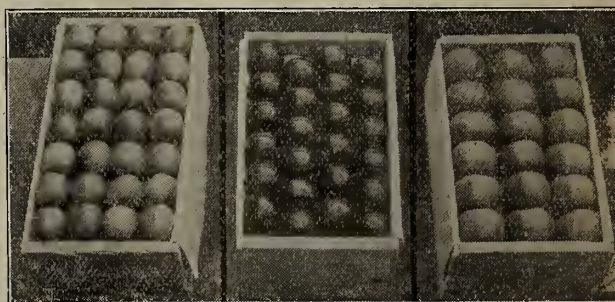
There are no end of profitable comparisons that might

be drawn between Hood River and Virginia apple growing, but I shall give only the most important:

They have no advantage over us in soil and climate. The exhibit of Hood River apples, and of the best Virginia apples, side by side, at the meeting of the Horticultural Society, proves beyond a doubt that we can raise as strictly firstclass fruit, just as high in color, perfect in size, and still better in quality, as our Hood River competitors. We can raise as fine fruit, but very few of our growers do it yet. The first object of the recent meeting of the Society was for the purpose of bringing to pass this result.

Hood River trees bear earlier than ours,—a decided advantage. They are not troubled with disease, but are woefully smitten with worms, so we about split even there. They have the advantage of a compact fruit area, which makes packing and shipping easier than in our scattered orchards. But we are 2,500 miles nearer the best markets than they, which ought to be worth something. Land is very much cheaper here than there. All things considered, I believe that Piedmont, Valley and Southwest Virginia can produce and market a bushel of fancy apples, equal to the Hood River product in every respect, for twenty-five cents less per bushel.

Where the Hood River people win out is not on better natural advantages, but in more intensive culture, in packing, and in organized shipping. We should grow fewer acres of apples,—fifty acres is more than one man can handle so as to secure maximum profits. We should grade better, giving absolute uniformity, so that we can guarantee every apple. We should look into the advantages of co-operation in shipping. Our fruit area is so scattered that it will be difficult to secure as satisfactory results here as in Hood River, but I see no reason why shipping associations should not be successful at certain of our largest fruit centers, as at Crozet, Waynes-



The famous Hood River pack.

boro, Staunton, Winchester, Stuart, and Covesville. Make it a local affair, and don't try to cover the whole Valley, or the whole Piedmont with one organization.

These three points we can learn from our Hood River competitors—more intensive culture, better packing, and co-operation. With these to aid us, it is my opinion that Piedmont, Valley and Southwest Virginia can compete successfully in any market against the apples of any State. Hood River apples not excepted.

S. W. FLETCHER, Director.

Experiment Station, Blacksburg, Va.



### CONDITION OF TRUCK CROPS IN TIDEWATER

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Prospects for the cabbage crop are exceptionally bright. The acreage planted is practically the same as that of last year. From present indications the earliest cabbage will go on the market late in April. While it is too early to even approximate the damage from cabbage insects, the indications are that it will be much less than it was last season. A few of the growers are already treating their plants to prevent the spread of the insects, and others will do so later.

Kale has practically all been marketed. The extremely low price received for it has discouraged growers somewhat. Those who held their crop to the last of the season did not fare much better than those who shipped early. Spinach is going to the market in good condition, and bringing fair prices. The prospects for the late crop is brighter than was realized from that marketed in the fall.

The acreage devoted to potatoes is in excess of that planted last year. The close of the present week will have practically all the seed planted. Northern grown seed is being used almost exclusively this season. Plants in hot-beds and cold-frames are fully up to standard, tomato plants being in exceptionally good condition, with eggplants and peppers a close second. The indications are for a slight increase in all of these crops over last season's planting. The cucumber plants for cold-frame forcing are in good condition. Some of the growers having transplanted into frames where the plants will fruit.

The acreage devoted to strawberries is somewhat less than the average. As a result of the dry weather last fall the plants are not as vigorous as could be desired. Some of the varieties are showing blooms at the present, but these early ventures are sure to be nipped by the late frosts.

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### THE CABBAGE CROP IN THE FAR SOUTH.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

On account of our extensive cabbage plant business hundreds of persons, both growers and receivers of cabbage, are writing us to let them know the general condition of the crop in this and other cabbage growing sections of the Southern States. We cannot answer all of these inquiries with a personal letter, and as the information is of general interest, will request that you print this letter.

On account of the low prices at which cabbage sold in the spring of 1908, the crop proved a loss to all growing sections. This loss caused a general reduction in the acreage planted in the Southern States this winter. In the regular cabbage growing sections the reduction was from twenty-five to forty per cent., while in other sections where cabbage were planted for the first time in 1908, they did not plant at all this winter. Taking the entire South from Texas to the Atlantic coast the average planted to Early Cabbage is at least forty per cent. less than it was in 1908. The freeze of January

31st to February 3d caused a temperature of fifteen to twenty degrees above in all sections where crop was set out and growing. Immediately after the blizzard we wrote all of the growing points, asking extent of damage done; the replies received stated, that about twenty-five per cent. of the plants were killed, and damage was estimated at twenty-five to fifty per cent. These letters were written immediately after the freeze, since that time the same parties have written that damage is much more severe than at first thought; plants which at first appeared to only be slightly injured have since died, and are continuing to die off and rot. The plants which are living, instead of responding to the rain and good growing weather that we have had since the blizzard, are starting to head up instead of growing, and are going to make a crop of small cabbage, not more than one-half the size that they should be. The yield of cabbage in the South will not be more than forty to fifty per cent. of a crop, and as the acreage planted is only about sixty per cent. of what it was in 1908, the yield of Early Cabbage in the Southern Half of the Gulf States, Florida and the Carolinas, will not be more than thirty to thirty-five per cent., as compared with the yield of 1908.

It is now too late for this Southern section to replant their cabbage crop, so they are increasing the acreage that will be planted in potatoes, beans, cucumbers and tomatoes. These four crops will be much heavier than last season, almost double the acreage. Early Cabbage will be scarcer than they have been for twenty years, and we believe that if the farmers in the Northern Half of the Gulf States, and other States south of the Ohio River, would get hardy cabbage plants now, and set out in cabbage the lands which they now have prepared for potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and beans, they would have the markets to supply, with practically no competition from the growing sections south of them. Whereas, if they plant the other crops, they will have to compete in the markets with the largest acreage ever planted in the South.

WM. C. GERATY CO.,

Young's Island, S. C. The Cabbage Plant Men.

A later report from San Antonio, Texas, February 27th, says:

Your letter of the 24th ult., received, and we thank you very much for the complete information given us in reference to the cabbage crop at your point. We are having exactly the same experience in this section. At first we did not think that the cold had done very much damage, but later it developed that a great many plants, which were apparently uninjured, are affected with stem rot, some are dying off, and the other plants do not seem to be growing as they should. We think that we are safe in saying, that our crop in Southern Texas will be reduced sixty to seventy per cent, and this is a very conservative estimate.

Sometimes when a woman throws a brick at an old hen in the garden, it is harder on the scenery than it is on the hen.

The best way to cultivate an appetite is to cultivate a field, and then you will have both an appetite and the wherewithal to appease it.



## Live Stock and Dairy.

### IMPROVE THE COWS.

Almost daily we are in receipt of enquiries for heifers or cows to add to dairy herds. The dairy business is growing fast in the South, and there is great need of this, for at the present time, according to the statistics, we need at least 350,000 good cows in this State alone to supply the dairy products which we are now importing into this State from the North and West. There is a great opening for the breeding of good dairy cows, and whilst it is desirable that these should, as far as possible, be pure bred animals of the type and breed specially needed to meet the particular requirements of the dairymen as to milk, butter or cheese, yet it is an obvious fact that many of those seeking these cows cannot afford to buy pure bred cows in the quantity needed to meet the requirements all at once. What they need now is good grade cows of the true dairy type. These, under the influence of good management, and fed properly balanced rations can be made to give returns which will more than double the average yield of the cows of the State, and will pave the way for pure bred herds as soon as they can be afforded. To secure this type of animals it is essential that stock owners should at once buy pure bred bulls of the dairy type, and not hesitate to give good prices for these animals to reliable breeders. It is the very falsest economy to buy a grade bull of any breed. From the use of such a bull no improvement in the type can be assured. The bull is half the herd, and, therefore, a good price can be well afforded for an animal of the purest breeding. He will pay for himself in the first crop of calves, even in a small herd. Get a pure bred bull, and you will have no difficulty in selling your heifer calves at good prices.

### CHEESE IN THE SOUTH.

Less than two per cent. of the cheese consumed in the South is produced locally. In fifty cities in thirteen Southern States the quantity handled annually amounts to approximately 42,000,000 pounds. The per capita consumption is large, especially among the laboring classes, who largely depend for their noonday meal on crackers and cheese; yet, practically no whole-milk cheese of the Cheddar type is manufactured in the South. A few small factories in South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia constitute the source of local output. It would seem, in view of this condition, that the South presents an attractive field for the manufacture of cheese. Before a cheese factory could be operated successfully, however, an adequate supply of milk would have to be assured.

### KEEPING A FLOCK OF SHEEP ON A SMALL FARM. *Editor Southern Planter:*

More encouragement should be given to sheep husbandry in the Southern States. There are large tracts of land which may be successfully utilized for the maintenance of sheep. Some of this land is broken and hilly,

while other sections are of a rather level character, and but a few hundred feet above sea level. It has been thought by many that this kind of land would not be suitable for sheep, but the experience of many farmers seems to disprove the supposition. Sheep are first-class scavengers, not only for the cultivated fields, but for the rough land, which is available on nearly every farm, and cannot be used advantageously for cultivated crops. Since a flock of from thirty to fifty may be kept on a small farm with comparatively little care and outlay for food, it is a form of stock husbandry which is worthy of encouragement for a flock of sheep well managed and handled in the Southeastern States should make a profit of at least \$5.00 per head to the owner, exclusive of the sale price of the fleece, which will be ample to pay for the cost of maintaining the ewe and lamb. Because some who have engaged in sheep husbandry have found it unprofitable, does not mean that the business cannot be followed with success, for there are hundreds of farmers who are now producing hot-house lambs, and have made even a larger profit than that suggested above, since under good management a flock of one hundred native ewes well fed and handled will produce from 120 to 150 lambs.

The best foundation stock to use in establishing a flock are the native ewes of the immediate section, though those obtained from the mountains in any part of the Appalachian region prove excellent mothers when brought to the lowlands, and are serviceable for a period of at least two years. These ewes are hardy and accustomed to gathering their own food, and are, therefore, excellent rustlers, and they do not need to be especially pampered on that account, which is a material advantage to the uninitiated stockman who frequently fails to make a success of handling animals at the outset because of inexperience. Therefore, the native ewe is particularly valuable to one commencing sheep rearing for the first time.

In order that the lambs may mature rapidly and have vigor and quality of fleece and carcass, both essential to selling them advantageously, a pure-bred ram should be used with the flock. Since the ewes can be purchased at a reasonable price, and the sire constitutes more than half the flock, it will be profitable to purchase a first-class animal, even though he may cost as much as \$25.00. Sufficiently good sires can be obtained, however, from \$15.00 up. The sire may be selected from one of several breeds. The Dorsets are noted for their prolificacy and their early maturing qualities, and have given good satisfaction in many sections of the South. A ram of any of the Down breeds is likely to prove satisfactory, however, as the Shropshire, Southdown and Oxford have all been used with more or less success. Moreover, these breeds seem to take very well to the South, and the cross of a Down ram on native ewes has in nearly all instances proved to be most satisfactory.

Having laid the foundation of the flock, which may be



done at a comparatively small outlay, since native ewes may be purchased at from \$2.00 to \$3.00, abundant and succulent pastures should be provided for early in the season in order to stimulate the vitality of the ewes to the highest degree, and thus insure their getting with lamb earlier in the season as the profit to be made from the flock will depend to a very considerable extent on having the lambs dropped in late December or early January. In a mild climate there is no objection to having the lambs dropped at this season of the year, since they are quite hardy to commence with, and the comparatively small amount of protection needed may be cheaply provided in some outbuilding. It is especially important to keep young lambs dry and warm at first. After that they should be allowed to run at large with their mothers, for sheep do much better when given as large a degree of liberty as possible, even in the coldest climates, than where confined in warm, ill-ventilated stables. Their coat is so heavy that it protects them sufficiently well from cold weather, but in wet weather it is liable to become thoroughly soaked and give the sheep a cold, hence the importance of protecting them from cold winter rains.

Attempts should not be made to maintain a large flock on the average farm. Twenty-five to fifty will, as a rule, be found more profitable. Many persons make the mistake of doubling and trebling the size of their flocks as soon as they find out that sheep rearing is a profitable industry when conducted on business-like principles, but it does not follow that a flock of ninety sheep will make the proportionate profit obtained from thirty. Therefore, the novice should not make the mistake of attempting to keep too many animals at first.

As to suitable foods for the summer season, there is nothing better than pasture. This pasture may not be of the best character, however, when judged from the standpoint of its utility for beef or dairy cattle. Bermuda grass will answer very well for sheep, or the rough land available on the majority of our farms which is thrown out and is being reclaimed from an eroded condition, and is covered with wild grass and legumes and other small growth. This character of pasture, however, is not likely to prove sufficiently abundant or stimulating to insure securing as early a crop of lambs as is desirable. It will be advisable, therefore, to have some soiling crops available to turn the sheep on, especially in late July or early August. A great variety of crops may be used for this purpose. In some sections rape will be found an ideal food; in others, cowpeas or soy beans will prove the most desirable. Where alfalfa or clover is available it can be used with success. It will take comparatively little effort on the part of the farmer to seed a few acres down to one of these crops to be used as a pasture for the sheep at the time suggested. The cull lambs left over from the June shipment may be successfully finished on cowpeas or soy beans in the late fall. These crops should be allowed to practically mature their seed and will furnish a large enough amount of grain to supply not only the needed concentrates, but a rich enough form of roughness to put the lambs in first class condition for slaughter. The few that are left over on

the average farm when properly finished, can generally be sold at a fair price to local butchers. While liberal feeding in August and September is necessary for the ewes, the system should be continued throughout the fall and early winter.

To secure an abundance of desirable succulent food such crops as oats and vetch, rye and vetch, or vetch alone should be seeded not later than September. These crops, if the season is at all favorable, and the land well prepared, will develop with sufficient rapidity to furnish grazing through the late fall and winter, and during the next spring until the Bermuda grass or other tame pastures become available. By following such a system the land is kept covered in the winter, the sheep gather the larger part of their nutrition without cost or effort to the owner, and enrich the land by their droppings. The land is in better condition to produce a crop the next year, and has been made to sustain a flock which will net a nice profit in the spring. Surely, this is an infinitely better system of practice than we follow since we so frequently permit the land to lie idle and wash seriously through the winter season. By the system of practice suggested, the farmer raises his crop of lambs at a very small cost for concentrates since the ewes and lambs will need comparatively little grain. By having the character of pasture suggested, the ewes are kept in better condition and the lambs will be stronger and thriftier when they are dropped, which is a very important matter. The lambs will also quickly learn to eat, and this will lessen the drain on the ewes.

As to what should be fed in the way of grain, a small amount of cotton-seed meal with corn will make an excellent ration; or corn and bran may be used together. Not over one-quarter pound of cotton seed meal should be fed per head per day with one-half pound of corn. These feeds may be mixed together and fed in narrow flat troughs placed in the pastures. Salt should also be kept in these troughs. It is not necessary, of course, to grind the corn for sheep unless convenient to do so, as they masticate it very thoroughly. For the lambs a little bran at first will prove more satisfactory than the cotton-seed meal, but after they have learned how to eat and obtained a good start, a little cotton-seed meal and corn will stimulate growth, which is the end desired.

In order to push the lambs forward as rapidly as possible, it is very often desirable to construct a creep adjacent to the pasture. This is a fence so arranged as to permit the lambs to readily pass through or under it while the old sheep are held in check. The use of the creep is important because it enables one to teach the lambs to eat concentrates more quickly, and they grow and mature more rapidly on that account. Good spring lambs, the progeny of mothers fed and cared for as suggested, should be ready to go on the market in a climate like that in most sections of the South in May or early June. They consume but a minimum amount of grain and readily bring from five to seven cents a pound. Since they should weigh under good management from seventy to ninety pounds, it is easy to see that they yield a nice profit to the farmer for a comparatively small outlay. They are docile and interesting animals to handle,



and require as little care as any class of stock kept on the farm. This does not mean that they will grow without effort on the part of the farmer, and all that is necessary to make money is to purchase a flock of ewes and turn them loose; not by any means. Skill in management, and judicious feeding and mating are essentials to success, but in proportion to the attention and care required, they will yield as handsome a profit as can be obtained from any form of animal industry. Since there is enough waste feed and land on the majority of our farms to maintain a flock successfully by a little forethought, it is strange that more attention is not given to this profitable business since ideal conditions are found for its pursuit throughout the entire South.

There is an ever-increasing market for the early spring or hot-house lamb, and the lamb which can be grown in the South under the conditions outlined is equal in size and quality to the best hot-house lambs raised under the most expensive conditions prevailing in the North. There is no danger of over-stocking the market for some time to come, for since lamb is such a highly nutritious food, and comparatively easy of digestion, there should be an ample market for all that can be produced right at home, and will be, as soon as the virtues of this class of stock are more fully appreciated. Fresh spring lamb would add a pleasing and delightful variety to the daily diet, and why should not the farmer have the best for himself and family if he can do so with ease and economy. When the lambs are sold, the round outlined above should be pursued with the ewes during the next spring and summer. Experience will suggest many improvements over the method previously followed. It will be inadvisable to keep the ewes longer than two years. By selling them at this time there is less danger of their contracting diseases to which sheep are subject. Moreover, they are sold in sufficient vigor to command a fair price, and a new set of breeding animals will generally prove more profitable to the owner.

There is another reason why sheep breeding should be encouraged in the Eastern States. Up to this time diseases to which this animal is subject have not obtained a firm foothold in this section, and by using the native ewes which are comparatively hardy and free from disease, there is not so much danger of introducing the various parasites which attack sheep, and have proven so disastrous to the industry in some sections. By changing pastures frequently the chances of permanent infection are also lessened since it is thought by some that the parasites find their way into the stomach of the sheep from the grass, and the closer the pastures are eaten off, the more liable the flock becomes to permanent infection. Of course, sheep and dogs cannot be raised well together, and it is on account of the trifling and worthless curs which predominate so largely in many sections that sheep husbandry has been held in check all these years. Since the sheep will make a handsome profit for its owner, while utilizing and improving the waste areas of the farm, it is surprising that the dog should still be able to dominate the situation so completely. Dogs are all right in their place, but when they come to be a menace to the development of an important

industry, it certainly seems time to limit their sphere of action. This can, of course, always be done by taxing them according to the practice followed in a number of States, and thus providing a source of revenue for reimbursing the owners of sheep which have been destroyed, and also lessening the number of cur dogs which run at large and constitute the chief enemy of the small farmer's flock.

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#### TEXAS, OR TICK FEVER QUARANTINE.

Office of State Veterinarian,  
Burkeville, Va., March, 1909.

Virginia Cattle Quarantine against territory infested with cattle ticks in this State. Notice to cattle owners, transportation companies and others handling cattle in Virginia: From the fifteenth day of March, 1909, continuously, unless this order is revoked, until the fifteenth day of December, 1909, inclusive, no cattle shall be moved from the following counties to that portion of the State not herein mentioned, except for immediate slaughter, and then only according to the rules and regulations for moving quarantined cattle.

List of counties in Virginia quarantined for the year 1909, owing to the present cattle ticks therein, is as follows: Brunswick, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Greenville, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Mecklenburg, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, York, and that part of Warwick county not included in the Newport News Magisterial District.

During the continuance of this order the County of Lunenburg is provisionally quarantined; that is, cattle from the non-infested portion of this county may be moved if said cattle are inspected and passed jointly by the State and Federal inspectors, and their written permission is obtained and exhibited at time of movement.

"From the other counties and parts of counties in that portion of the State of Virginia, which is quarantined for Splenic, Southern or Texas fever, cattle shall only be moved or allowed to move interstate to points outside of the quarantined area in accordance with the regulations for immediate slaughter."

By order of State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

J. G. FERNEYHOUGH,  
State Veterinarian.

#### THE HOLSTEIN ADVANCED REGISTRY SYSTEM.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

It will, no doubt, be interesting to the readers of your paper to learn under what rules of the Holstein-Friesian Association the "official tests" of Holstein cows are made. The system employed by the Association is termed the "advanced registry" system.

The stringent regulations laid down by the Association for conducting these tests practically preclude the possibility of the slightest error, whether wilful or unintentional, in the reported production of the cow, and the system enables the breeder, desirous of improving his herd, to ascertain the true dairy ability of his cows, not only to his own satisfaction, but to that of his customers also; while by its records, it enables him—as, also,



the owner of grade cows—to select a bull with an heredity, such as, when mated with the cows of his herd, is most likely to increase its productive capacity. Many owners of mixed, and even grade herds, in this State are using nothing but a bull from a cow of advanced registry standing.

The herd-book of the Association conserves the purity of the breed, being based upon purity of blood, any animal being eligible to registry if its sire and dam have been recorded. The Advanced Register is more or less of a herd-book in a herd-book, based upon individual merit of both sexes, and designed as an aid to improvement within the breed. The system of advanced registry is particularly adapted to the dairy breeds, the Holstein-Friesian Association being the first dairy organization to establish such a system, in 1885. Since that time over 8,000 Holstein cows and 600 Holstein bulls have been admitted to the Advanced Register.

While the Association does not ignore the value of conformity, as indicated by its score-card, rather encouraging breeding with a view to propagating "the true type of Holstein" than simply for an increased per cent. of fat, or a larger production of milk, yet the worth of an animal is based more largely on its individual excellence, as measured, on the part of the cow, by her ability in dairy production, and, on the part of the bull, by his potency to beget daughters of merit. Any pure-bred cow can be admitted to the Advanced Register, being classified as Advanced Registry Official (A. R. O.), should she make 7.2 pounds of butter fat, or over, in seven consecutive days, if she calves on or before she is two years old, and for every day of age over two years this requirement is increased by the decimal .00439 of a pound of fat. This aggregates twelve pounds of butter fat at the age of five years, or the "full age form," which is the requirement at that age. Any pure-bred bull is eligible to be admitted to the Advanced Register as soon as four, or more, of his daughters have made A. R. O. records, and the bull is classified as Advanced Registered Standard (A. R. S.). As can be seen the requirements for Advanced Registry records are very moderate, and owners are not usually content to have their animals merely qualify, but strive to see how much they can exceed the minimum.

Such A. R. O. records are for a period of seven consecutive days, or for fourteen, or twenty-one, or thirty or more, if so stated, and are made under the direct supervision of a representative from the State Experiment Station, who has to take oath before a notary public as to the correctness of the record. The integrity of the "supervisor," as he is called, has to, in turn, be vouched for by the director, or other officer of the station, in charge of the dairy tests. The supervisor must be present at the last regular milking, before the commencement of the test, which is started four or more days after the cow calves, and must see that the cow is milked dry at the time. If there is but one supervisor conducting the test, not more than one "test" cow can be milked at a time, as he is required to be in such a position that he can observe the milker during each and every milking, and that the pail contains nothing but the cow's milk. After each milking is completed, he takes charge of the pail and contents, weighs the latter.

enters the weight on his record, and takes two samples, one for his fat test, which is made in duplicate, to avoid error, and one for the "composite test" sample, containing a part of all the milkings of the test, and which is sent to the Agricultural College to be re-tested for the average fat, as a check on his work. He is required to keep the composite test sample, his own samples, and all his records under lock during the time of the test, and in filling out the final blanks, has to compare the "color markings" on the animal's certificate of registry with the black and white outlines on the animal, thereby absolutely identifying the name with the animal.

Before the blank, on which is enumerated the production at every milking, with its fat per cent., is forwarded to the Association's Superintendent of Advanced Registry, its correctness in every detail, is sworn to by the owner of the cow, her feeder and her milker. Finally, if for any reason, the Association's superintendent should decide to retest the animal, especially where a very large production is concerned, in order to satisfy himself as to the correctness of the reported production, he orders a re-test," and sends one of his own representatives to make another test of the animal, as a check on the first, which, if not perfectly satisfactory, annuls the first.

The Association not only enters the completed butter fat and milk records in its registers free of charge, but also gives a total of 173 regular prizes annually, ranging from \$40.00 to \$50.00, to owners of cows, who have done meritorious work in the different classes, regulated by the ages of the animals, that have been reported and accepted throughout the year. No one owner can win more than a total of nine prizes, however.

At its annual meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., last June, the Holstein-Friesian Association voted as being greatly in favor of co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture and other Associations of breeders of dairy cattle in the support of a National Register of Merit, in which it was proposed to enter the yearly records, in both milk and butter fat, of cows of every breed.

No private record is ever entertained by the Holstein-Friesian Association, but the semi-official yearly test, which is the same as the Jersey official yearly test, and is much more strict than the Guernsey yearly official test, consists in making the results obtained from a regular official test of not less than two days in every month of lactation, the basis of computation for the average per cent. of fat in the milk of the cow for that month, and also using the results of the regular official test as a check upon the milk production of the cow as reported by the owner. Such tests, while not as absolutely accurate as the official tests, are of great value in determining approximately what a cow can do for her whole period of lactation.

The rules of the Association under which these semi-official yearly records are made are such as will admit not only of the record being entered in its proper class by the Association, but also in the National Dairy Register of Merit should such a register be established as proposed by the government.

Albemarle Co., Va.

W. F. CARTER JR.



**COTTON-SEED MEAL FOR HORSES.***Editor Southern Planter:*

Many inquiries come to us requesting information as to the value and advisability of feeding cotton-seed meal to horses and mules. We always recommend it in limited amounts, of course; and believe there is no better source for protein in a horse's ration than cotton-seed meal. All farmers are interested in securing more efficient labor from their teams, and, if possible, without additional expense. The writer proposed a horse feeding experiment to test the advantages of cotton seed meal a year ago, and has again proposed it with some prospect of doing this valuable work for the benefit of the farmers, all of whom are interested in teams and their best feeding for returns in labor or breeding. We shall endeavor to begin the work in a short time.

Some have thought that feeding cotton-seed meal would not be advisable for brood mares. Good horse sense would indicate to us that if not deleterious to cows, the most easily excited to abortion of any of our domestic animals, it would not be to mares. We know cows are often fed as much as three or four pounds per day. The writer fed cotton-seed meal to horses and mules in Indiana, and to three mares in the winter and spring, all of which had spring colts, and there were never any bad effects observable at any time. Horses thrive on cotton-seed meal, and while they do not take to it very kindly at first, yet the fact that they do so well when it forms a part of their ration, is sufficient to justify the use of this great Southern feed, both for them and mules. Judge Hammond, of Augusta, Ga., says there is not the remotest danger of abortion from feeding cotton-seed meal to brood mares in reasonable quantities, say, not to exceed two pounds per day. It must be remembered that they do not take to it kindly if on full feed of good grain, and a very small amount must be fed in the beginning, coaxing them to the new taste, as it were, which is better than forcing them to it by a semi-starvation process. But it is not inadvisable to keep horses a little hungry until they take to eating a little of the meal, when they will then soon eat a full ration with such an amount of the new feed as you desire to incorporate therein. It certainly keeps work stock in good condition, both body and coat. As much as three pounds may be fed to hard-worked horses.

**WALTER J. QUICK,**

Experiment Station, Blacksburg, Va.

**UNIFORMITY IN AYRSHIRE DAIRY YIELDS SHOWN IN TEST.**

I ran across an interesting account in the Holstein Register of the butter test at the Oregon State Fair this fall. In the test were three Holsteins, three Jerseys and three Ayrshires. The best of the three Holsteins won first, and the best of the Jerseys won second, but taking the three Jerseys and the three Ayrshires in comparison, singly and collectively, it brings out the chief characteristic of the Ayrshire cow in a high general average.

While there are phenomenal cows among the Holsteins and Jerseys taken singly, the average production shows the Ayrshire to be a great producer as a breed.

This test illustrates this fact as follows: The three Holsteins gave 269.13 pounds of milk and 10.083 of butter-fat. The three Ayrshires gave 260.4 pounds of milk and 9.835 pounds of butter-fat. The three Jerseys gave 229.11 1-4 pounds of milk and 9.709 pounds of butter-fat.

In all public tests, as far as I have known, there has been less difference in yield between the best and poorest, in the Ayrshire, than in any of the other dairy breeds.

C. M. WINSLOW.

We would like to see some of our Southern dairy farmers take up the Ayrshire breed and give it a trial. We are convinced from our personal knowledge of these cows that they would be found well suited for our short-grass sections. They are easy keepers, good foragers, and make good milk cows, and for cheese making are not excelled by any breed.—Ed.

**THE SCRUB HOG IS GOING.***Editor Southern Planter:*

It is an evident fact that in our county the scrub hog is rapidly being eliminated, and pure bred of various types are taking his place. Some years ago I found by making feeding tests that I was able to make from fifty to eighty pounds more of pork from pure bred Berkshires when slaughtered at ten to twelve months old, than I could with a good type of the scrub hog, killed at the same age. A friend, whose farm lies adjoining mine, made a feeding test this year, and got ninety-two pounds more pork from a Berkshire than he did from a good grade scrub pig, both being the same age, and having precisely the same care and attention. Had his entire herd of sixteen hogs been pure bred, he would have gotten 1,472 pounds more pork than he did get, and still not been out any more time and feed than he was. At seven cents a pound, the price of pork now, he would have gotten \$103.04 more money, thus losing enough in one year to stock his farm with pure bred. When I kept the scrub hogs I could only get \$1.50 to \$2.50 each for the pigs at weaning age; with pure bred I now sell pigs at \$5.00 to \$7.50 at that age, and can't meet the demand. When I kept the scrub sow she hardly paid her board; with pure bred my sows net me from \$20.00 to \$30.00 each yearly.

Since eliminating the scrub hog I have tried several different breeds of pure bred, but find the Berkshires to be the best hog I can raise. I find them to make splendid mothers, the pigs grow off rapidly, and make larger hogs at eight to ten months than any I have ever tried. Brother farmer, if you are still holding onto the scrub hog, make one feeding test, also one breeding test, and see if you don't let him go. It is true, it costs more to stock a farm with purebred, yet money spent for this will certainly pay a large per cent.; at least, it did for me.

Henderson Co., Tenn.

W. C. CROOK.



## The Poultry Yard.

### POULTRY NOTES.

Low prices for eggs this month and next will discourage many people, especially those who are compelled to buy all their feed. Many will sell their hens and neglect their chicks, and next December and January these same people will buy hens at \$1.00 each, or pay forty cents per dozen for eggs. There is only one way to succeed with poultry and make money by keeping a flock. One must have good stock, young stock, good feed, good houses, good range and good care, then keep steadily on, no matter what the prices are. It is the average price for the year that one must figure on, and not April and May prices. Another thing: one must have early hatched pullets, and get them to the laying age before December, then give them good care and feed, and keep them laying all winter. The small breeds, Spanish, Hamburgs, Andalusians, Games, Leghorns and their crosses may be depended on to lay in five months from the shell. The medium breeds, Rocks, Wyandotts, Minorcas, Orpingtons, Reds, etc., will lay at from six to eight months old, and the large breeds, Brahmas, Cochins and Langshans require eight to ten months to mature. Some particular strains of all the various breeds will lay sooner than the average, and the feed and care also have a marked effect. All young stock should be kept growing as rapidly as possible.

One very essential part of raising young chicks is to have them on clean ground. I mean by this, ground that has not been contaminated by having a large flock of fowls and chicks running in the same yard from year to year, without having the land plowed and seeded to some growing crop. Cholera, gapes, roup and diarrhea are infectious, and the disease germs will live in the soil for months unless it is plowed and seeded to some growing crop. Yards and runs that are used for poultry constantly should be arranged so the land can be plowed and limed at least once each year, and two or three times would be better. This is true also of poultry houses. The floors are a source of contamination, and must be kept clean. If we have earth floors the soil should be taken out to a depth of four inches every year, and fresh, gravely soil filled in. Where board floors are used, they should be kept dusted with air-slaked lime, and sprinkled freely at least once per month, with some good disinfectant like carbolic acid or zenoleum. I prefer crude carbolic acid and kerosene oil. Make an emulsion with one pound of soap to one gallon of oil and two gallons of water. Dissolve the soap in the water by boiling, then add the oil and churn until you have an emulsion; then add one quart of crude carbolic acid, and mix thoroughly. Take one quart of this emulsion to four or six quarts of water, and sprinkle floors, roosts and nests thoroughly, and add in the same proportion to lime wash, and spray the inside of the houses with it.

Friend Arbuckle is on the right track with his incubation experiments, and by the time he has spent two

years, of the duration of my two years, he will be able to build a machine that will admit enough pure, warm air at hatching time for several hundred chicks, and thus do away with the spring-bottom toboggan-slide arrangement. I have been hatching chicks in incubators since 1890. Almost two decades. During this period I have used every kind and character of machine, from fifty-egg size bantams, to 400-egg size Cyphers. Hot water, hot air, open bottom and airtight; diffusion and radiation, non-moisture and moisture, in the North and in Dixie, and I have never been wise enough or stupid enough to hatch "every egg" in any of them.

### Hen Proverbs.

A feather pulling hen is a nuisance. Some men claim they can cure the habit. It can be cured by using the hatchet. This has never been known to fail.

Lean, lousy hens are not profitable. Feed liberally and provide a good dust bath of dry loam and a handful of Persian insect powder.

Be careful to remove all broody hens from the nest every evening, unless they are wanted for hatching. Put them in a small, clean run, and feed wheat and soaked oats, and they will lay in a very few days. If allowed to sit several days, they will not lay in less than twenty days.

If you want to raise pure bred poultry either keep but one breed, or keep them yarded closely all the time. Some breeders make a practice of allowing several breeds to run together from July to January. Do not allow this, as they will not breed pure.

Cleanliness and regularity in caring for the flock is the foundation of success.

Hens will lay fresh eggs without ice water to drink. Take the chill off during frosty mornings.

Dry sifted loam is the very best material to use under the roosts on the dropping boards. It absorbs odors, keeps the boards dry, preserves the manure. The cost is nothing.

The small breeds produce eggs cheaper than the medium and large breeds and very much cheaper than mongrel stock. Old men for council, young men for action. We don't need council in the hen-yard.

Four eggs contain as much nourishment as a pound of beef. Eight medium sized eggs weigh a pound.

Crows, hawks, cats and rats steal more chicks than the entire African population. Give the chicks a few grains of strychnine in their feed once per week, and it will stop the loss.

Keep the nests clean and free from mites. Change the nesting material at least once every four weeks, and dust the bottom and corners thoroughly with Persian insect powder. Hens do not take kindly to dirty, damp, vermin-infected nests.

Give the hens as great a variety of feed as possible. Season it occasionally with salt and pepper. A teaspoon full of each to every twenty hens. Red pepper is the best.



Do not expect clean eggs if your houses and runs are filthy.

Do not leave eggs in the nests over night. If you have clean, darkened nests it is not necessary to have nest eggs.

If you want good, strong, fertile eggs for hatching, yard twenty of your best hens in a roomy yard, and have two males. Allow them to run with the flock on alternate days. Have a good roomy coop out of sight of the flock, and keep one male in this coop, with plenty of oats, wheat and corn in a self-feeding hopper. Change the males every night.

If your yards have no grass or clover in them for the hens, feed them sprouted oats. Put one peck of oats in a four-gallon jar and pour warm water over it. Cover it with a burlap, and leave it until short sprouts appear. Then spread it out in a shallow box about two inches deep, and keep it moist by sprinkling it twice every day until it is a mass of green. Cut it in pieces, six or eight inches square, and give it to the hens, and see the fun. This peck of oats will make a bushel of feed and nearly a peck of eggs.

If you are looking for an occupation that will pay you big money without work, do not engage in the poultry business. Be a congressman or United States senator.

If your hens lay undersized eggs, it means that they need meat or green cut bone. Feed them meat in some form at least three times per week during winter.

HUSSELMAN.

#### EGG CONSUMPTION.

The City of New York alone consumes 9,000,000 eggs per day, and up to this time the supply this year has not been in excess of the daily consumption. Usually in April and May the supply exceeds the consumption by about 1,000,000 eggs per day, and these go into cold storage to meet the demands in the fall and winter months, when the supply is far below the daily consumption. To add to this enormous demand for only one city there are the demands of all the other great cities of the country. There is, therefore, still plenty of work for the hens to do, and room for a constant increase in the number kept in the country. Our advertising columns in March show that our people are making good efforts to get a fair share of the money which the hen brings to the farm, and we hear from many of our advertisers that they are doing a good business. One advertiser told us that he had sold \$185 worth of eggs up to the middle of the month, and was 600 eggs behind in his orders. The average price of eggs advances year by year, and there is no fear of the market being overstocked with either eggs or poultry. Hens are the consumers of the unconsidered trifles of food produced on the farm, but the returns made are no inconsiderable item in the farm profits.

#### CARE OF DUCKLINGS.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

The inquiries I have recently received from readers of the Southern Planter in regard to care of young ducks are so numerous that I thought it might be in season to

contribute a short article on the subject. To make a success of duck culture, pure bred stock should be the foundation on which to build. While the outlay in the beginning may be a trifle greater if good stock is purchased, the results are a source of profit and pleasure. Now, since we know what to start with, let us come to the process of hatching and caring for the ducklings. Eggs may be hatched either in incubators or under hens. I think the latter will appeal to the majority of those who only care to raise on a small scale, but if an extensive industry is anticipated, incubators and brooders should be used. To prepare the nest for hatching, put fresh earth in the bottom of a box, shape into a shallow hole, and form a nest of straw on top. It is then ready for use. I do not find it necessary to moisten the eggs when hatched under hens, but if the weather is dry, they may be sprinkled a few days previous to the hatch. Ducklings should be taken from the nest when dried off, and kept comfortable until the hatch is over, then if the weather is warm, should be put with the mother in a comfortable hovel and kept confined for a few days. Provide straw or hay for the hen to hover her brood on. Care should be taken not to let the little ducks get chilled, as it will weaken their vitality, if it does not kill them, and for this reason they should not be allowed to run out in the rain or swim in cold water. It is best for ducklings to have water for drinking purposes only of which they should be provided plenty in a shallow vessel, yet have it deep enough to immerse their heads in, as by this means they keep their nostrils from clogging. Ducklings should be given water, but not fed until about fifteen or twenty hours old. They will eat and thrive on almost any kind of food. Bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry, or raw egg mixed with corn-meal are both good rations, and may be used; yet, anything else that chickens eat will answer. Table scraps are excellent for ducks, and if there are only a small flock, should be sufficient for their consumption. While young ducklings should be fed often, about five or six times a day. As they grow older and able to forage for themselves, it is unnecessary to feed over two or three times a day. Indian Runners grow rapidly, make broilers in a shorter time, and on less food than chickens do. There is no loss with them, unless by accidents, as they are not subject to disease; are not troubled by hawks, and are not eaten up by lice. It is important that ducklings should have sand and gravel around their drinking water. Like chickens, they need grit, and the sand absorbs the water they spill. Mix a little sand with their food also, and never have the food sloppy, but in a light crumbly condition. I hope I have made the simplicity and ease of duck culture plain, and wish success to all who are engaged in, or anticipate this industry. It may be of interest to add that Washington quotations, under date of March 13th, give hen eggs, 17 1-2 cents per dozen; duck eggs, 28 cents. Note the difference in price, while it costs as much to produce a dozen hen eggs as a dozen duck eggs, if Indian Runners are the ducks kept.

MRS. B. J. GRASBERGER.

Louisa Co., Va.



### TURKEY RAISING.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

As I probably sell more turkey eggs than any one in Virginia, I am always interested in having purchasers of eggs successful in raising the young, and I therefore presume to answer the inquiry of "Margaret" in your March issue.

I will say in the beginning that it is not an easy matter to raise young turkeys hatched under the common hen and that close confinement is fatal to both old and young turkeys. As plenty of range seems necessary for the health and growth of the poults, the common hen is a drawback in this line. However, this is the most economical way of starting, and we must put forth our best efforts in overcoming the obstacles. Unfortunately, the domesticated turkey begins its breeding season so early that insects are scarce, and the poults under such circumstances become weakened and stunted in the very beginning. The wild hen is more considerate, both as to time of laying and number of eggs laid, never having more young than she can cover well.

To obviate these difficulties, we must find a substitute for insects, which seem so essential as a food for the poults. The best one that I have so far found is curd made from buttermilk or clabber by placing the same over the fire until the curd separates from the water, then pour into a bag made of cheesecloth hanging the same until all the water has drained out of it. Young turkeys do not need to be fed when they can get an abundance of insects, but otherwise they must be fed often, but a very little at one time. Cornbread baked with plenty of lard and egg may be fed when nothing better can be found. The poults should have black pepper given them at times in their food. Onions, lettuce, etc., may be fed to them. After they are a month old there is no better food than clean wheat, and, as soon as old enough, they should be made to roost above ground.

Young turkeys are subject to gapes when allowed to roost long in the same place and on old premises. When reared with the common hen, the hovel should have a plank bottom, and be so arranged that it may be raised and sunned every day, sprinkling the floor occasionally with slacked lime, not enough to injure the feet of the little ones. For a dry roosting place there is nothing better than a shed enclosed with poultry netting. They never make as strong and healthy birds after once becoming wet and chilled.

Our greatest enemy to turkey raising is the dog. Our county has possibly twenty-five wild turkeys with three hundred dogs to hunt them and kill all the domesticated turkeys. One gentleman who will not allow his wife to raise turkeys on account of his turkey dog has ended the season with one half-grown wild turkey.

Caroline Co., Va.

G. W. MOSS.

### POULTRY KEEPING IN ENGLAND.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

One of my Christmas presents was a poultry paper published in England. It shows the lively interest our

trans-Atlantic cousins, particularly women, take in fancy poultry. They have a "Ladies' Poultry Club," managed in best up-to-date style, with a number of challenge cups, badges, medals, etc. An Honorable Poultry Instructress has just concluded a three weeks' course of lectures and practical instruction. A good many advertisements by "ladies," who breed and exhibit largely "exporting to all parts of the world," one stating a "vacancy" for pupils. "Training given in all branches, including carpentry, scientific breeding and experimental work on the formation of breeds." I have never seen the like in an American journal. Can it be that we are behind the times?

I am glad to find that among the American chickens quoted and advertised Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, my favorite breed, is well known and appreciated.

The food given pen birds on a large poultry plant is practically the same proportion that I give, except "horse flesh" is said to be cheaper and more efficacious than granulated meats. I never use the granulated meats, as I can get beef heads for fifteen cents each and, having found my feeding of them a fine egg producer as well as reasonably cheap, I have never seen reason for changing. Still, if "horse flesh" is cheaper and more efficacious, I would like to get some.

This promises to be an exceptionally fine year for poultry. The mild winter, with plenty of green stuff growing, has kept all birds in healthy, vigorous condition.

I am more firmly convinced than ever that Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds are the finest general-purpose fowl known.

MISS LOUISE V. SPENCER.

Nottoway Co., Va.

### INBREEDING—SELECTION OF STOCK.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

A correspondent last month raised again the question of inbreeding, and mentioned the fact that I sent to Maine for new blood. While I do not advocate nor practice very close inbreeding as a general rule, yet his statement of my case gives a wrong impression of my object.

For many years our flock of Barred Rocks had averaged above standard weights, and the hens showed a marked tendency to take on winter fat. We bought new blood as good opportunity offered, and usually went right to work to breed it out again. That is to say, we selected the males which conformed most closely to our old type, thus in a few years' ridding ourselves of any undesirable peculiarity introduced by the new blood.

We bought stock from Maine because we were anxious to test a strain of wonderful layers under free farm range conditions, and I am free to say that the results are yet in doubt. The past winter has been a hard one on the average poultryman, for very few flocks have done normally well. We had one small flock, bred from males and females carrying much more than fifty per cent. of identical blood, and these pullets laid a little earlier and grew larger than from the Maine outcross.

The half-Maine pullets show great activity and vigor, but less size than our own strain under identical conditions, and the egg yield is not noticeably superior thus



far. They have ravenous appetites for meat, which looks like inheritance of an acquired character, and no amount of crimson clover range will take its place. In short, it seems to me that I see many effects of the ten or more generations of close confinement of their ancestors. They are the greatest rangers I ever owned, the pendulum is swinging the other way with them. We have culled them down till those which remain are a very good looking lot, and they are now laying fine sized eggs of good fertility. Eggs shipped to Connecticut March 1st showed 90 per cent.

As to the inbreeding feature, I think that with four or five separate flocks and a little toe-marking, or the use of leg-bands to identify the chicks, we can go a long time without needing to buy new blood. Vigor, size, strength, and symmetry of form should govern the selection of breeding stock for the farm. For show-room purposes nearly all breeders use close matings.

It will soon be time for spring chickens on the Washington market, and we have plenty of Blue Labels for those who have something good to sell.

Vienna, Va.

W. A. SHERMAN.

#### EXPERIENCE WITH THE REVERSIBLE CUTAWAY DISC PLOW AND CUTAWAY HARROW.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

In March Planter Mr. Robin Taylor asks about the Clarke cutaway disc plow. In the fall of 1907 I tried the Reversible cutaway disc; the Double Action cutaway harrow, and the Smoothing harrow of the Clarke Co. My soil is stiff red clay, with stones of all sizes in it. The large stones have mostly been removed from my fields, but the small ones—no larger than one's fist—are there, and probably will be until we get down to one and two-acre farms.

I tried the plow right along with a 10-80 Syracuse—three horses to each. My horses are grade Percherons, weighing 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. The result of the test was that the Syracuse, cutting ten inches deep, did not pull my team as hard as the Disc, cutting down but seven inches. In fact, I could not get the latter to cut deeper than seven inches. The small stones under the surface were continually riding the plow up or stopping the team. I found also that cornstalks would gather—several of them—in the notches of the disk and "ride it up." Hence, unless the pea vines are green and tender, I believe they would do as the cornstalks did. I still own this plow, and if any one can tell me how to make it do good work in my land, I will appreciate it, and will tell your readers of the results. In light soils—sand or loam—I would expect this plow to do finely. The D. A. harrow and the Smoothing harrow are fine. I knew the resistance of my soil, and hence ordered with both Disc plow and D. A. harrow the three-horse rigging.

I have never tried the D. A. harrow on pea vines or such, but Mr. C. F. Ball tells me he used his in a patch of smart-weed which was as thick as it could grow, and nearly as high as his horses, and his harrow chopped them up like a cutting-box.

Will some one tell me at what stage of the proceedings

is the proper time to apply nitrate of soda to a potato crop?

J. BRAD. BEVERLEY.

Fauquier Co., Va.

Part of the nitrate of soda should be used at planting in the furrow, and later a top dressing on each side of the row after the plants have well started growth, will greatly help them.—Ed.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN APPLES.

Apples from South Africa are being sold by the Italian fruit sellers on the streets of Richmond. The apple is a large one, almost in appearance like a Johnson's Fine Winter, but a deeper color. The apples are bought in boxes of ninety-six apples, which cost the retailers \$3.25, and they are retailed at five cents each. The apple is a fine flavored, sweet, juicy one, with flesh much of the character of the Winesap in firmness. It is packed well and attractively, is uniform in size, and sells readily. This beats Oregon competition with our fruit.

#### STANDARD APPLE PACKAGES.

A bill is now before Congress providing for standard packages, grades and marks for apples which go into interstate commerce or to foreign countries. It is H. B. No. 28,338, and was formulated by a joint committee of apple growers, sellers, shippers and exporters. The size of standard bushel boxes and baskets and of barrels is clearly stated, though the shape of the box and the basket are not specified. A bushel box or basket must contain not less than 2,342 cubic inches. All closed packages of apples which contain less than the standard quantity must be marked "short" in letters an inch high. Provision is also being made for grading apples that go into interstate or foreign trade in closed packages, sizes A, B and C being defined. "U. S. Standard" packages must contain the full legal quantity of apples of one variety, must be marked with grade, the name of the packer, the place where grown and the name of the variety. There are good and sufficient reasons for all these requirements, but without going into details we may say that the best reason of all is that they will help the producer of good fruit to secure a better market for his product both at home and abroad. American apples are discriminated against to the tune of a dollar a barrel now, as compared with Canadian apples whose quantity and quality are guaranteed by similar methods. All apple growers should get behind this bill and help push it forward to enactment. There can be no radical objection to it except from those who do not want to put on the market an honest product properly packed.

#### PERCHERON HORSES.

In the article in last month's issue in which Mr. John F. Lewis spoke of the Percheron horses in regular use on his farm, the types made him to say that his favorite four-horse team averaged 1,975 pounds each. Mr. Lewis wrote 1,775. Whilst Mr. Lewis has no objection to 1,975 pound horses, and does not think them any too heavy at that weight for doing good work, yet he does not desire to have it appear that he is now working horses of that weight when such is not the case.



## The Horse.

### NOTES.

'By W. J. Carter. ("Broad Rock.")

Affairs pertaining to the Virginia State Fair, to be held at Richmond during the week of October 4th to 9th, are progressing in a very satisfactory manner, and the outlook is most favorable for the greatest exhibition of live stock, agricultural and mechanical products yet witnessed within the confines of our grand old Commonwealth, as might be looked for with such men at the head as Henry Fairfax, President; Alfred B. Williams, First Vice-President; Samuel Cohen, Second Vice-President; M. A. Chambers, Secretary; Oliver J. Sands, Treasurer; Mark R. Lloyd, Assistant Secretary and General Manager. The following committees have been appointed by President Fairfax:

Executive.—J. T. Anderson, Chairman; M. C. Patterson, Samuel Cohen, L. O. Miller and Legh R. Page.

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In the stud at Warren Park, near Clifton Station, Va., J. Gibson Kemper has Monterey, the big and handsome thoroughbred son of Montana and Martenette, by imported Martenhurst, with some well bred brood mares. Edwin H. was selected as the stud companion of Monterey, but that son of Sain and Free Pass has been sold to parties North and the bay stallion has again been placed in training. Monterey won some good races during his turf career and was second in others, among them the \$10,000 Crescent City Derby at New Orleans.

Warren Park is a fine old homestead of over three hundred acres in Fairfax county, less than thirty miles south of Washington, on the line of the Southern Railway. The place was formerly the home of the Otis family, relatives of the late Gen. U. S. Grant, whose Arabian stallion, Linden, a present from the Sultan of Turkey, was kept on the farm at one time. Mr. Kemper is a student of pederees and he has faith in the future of Monterey as a sire of winners both on the flat and over the jumps, though with his fine size and muscular development the California bred son of Montana should get hunters of real class when mated with good general purpose mares. Among the brood mares in use at Warren Park are Dixie Paradise, a good looking chestnut daughter of Jim Gore and Sunny Land, by Fonso. She is eight years old and was bred in 1908 to Monterey; Molly Morris is also a chestnut in color and ten years old by Magian, from Triumph, by imported Pizarro, out of Turkey, by Alamo.

She was bred in 1908 to Pirateer and is with foal by that son of the imported stallion, Pirate of Penzance. A very clever looking three-year-old is the brown filly, by Tournament, from Dixie Paradise, the daughter of Jim Gore. Virginia Fairfax is a bay filly, two years old, full sister to Tilly Warren.

A charter has been granted the Virginia Racing and Horse Show Association, of Richmond, by the State Corporation Commission, with a capitalization of \$5,000 and shares at a par value of \$50 each. A greater portion of the stock has already been taken and the subscription list includes some of the leading citizens of Richmond and other places in the State. The first annual spring race meeting and horse show will be held in May and the dates allotted by the Jockey Club of New York are for Saturday the 15th, Monday the 17th, and Tuesday the 18th. The program will include some half dozen horse show features each afternoon, with one or more steeplechases and three flat races daily. The officers are: James W. Graves, President; John Landstreet, Vice-President; John W. McComb, Secretary and Treasurer; Mark R. Lloyd, Assistant Secretary. The Horse Committee is made up of E. B. Sydnor, Chairman; John W. McComb, and James W. Graves. Race Committee W. J. Carter, Chairman; E. D. Harris and James W. Graves. Advertising Committee, John Landstreet, Chairman; Hathan Simon and W. J. Carter. Transportation Committee, Mark R. Lloyd, Chairman; B. H. Ellington and W. O. Young.

Affong other trotters owned by A. Slagle, at Emporia, Virginia, is the five-year-old bay stallion, Judge Palmer, 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$ , by Bursaro, 2:29 $\frac{1}{4}$ , son of Busar, 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; dam Rose Wilkes, by Windom, second dam, by Walker Morrill, sire of Lamp Girl, 2:09, the fastest of Virginia trotters. As a three-year-old this son of Bursaro, then known as Dan Patch, Jr., 2:27 $\frac{1}{4}$ , his name having since been changed for registration purposes, trotted a dozen or more good, game races and proved himself to be the stoutest hearted of Virginia-bred colt trotters. Last summer Judge Palmer took part in one race and won it, and during the Emporia Fair, which followed Richmond, he started three times in contests of broken heats taking second money twice and winning the other. Judge Palmer will be campaigned this season and, if he keeps right, the nice looking bay stallion should be a good horse in his class.

Recent foals at the Ellerslie stud of R. J. Hancock & Son, Charlottesville, Virginia, include a black filly, by Fatherless, dam Mermaid (dam of Merry Day, Eonic, Runic, Minolaur, Eonite, etc.), by St. Blaise. A black filly, by Fatherless, dam Tillie (half-sister of Russell) by Eon. Both mares were bred back to Fatherless.

The yearlings at Ellerslie number sixteen and are by Fatherless. They include full brothers to Red River, Workman, Workmaid, T. S. Martin. The Clown, Aiken, Giles and half-brothers to Lucy Marie; a brother in blood to Mistiss, Marster, Orphan Lad and Alice; sister to Pater, Billie Hibbs, Nellie Burn, Balla, and half-sisters of Merry Day, Eonic, Minotaur, Keator, Alfonso and Andrew Mack.



### THE SUFFOLK PUNCH.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

The writer has had more than a passing interest in the Percheron-Suffolk-Punch discussion going on through the columns of your valuable Journal. From earliest boyhood, when they were known as Normans, until after finishing my agricultural course at Purdue University (Indiana), I was made very well acquainted with Percherons on my father's farm, as he bred them and owned some of the best stallions, which, by the way, we worked. I am particularly fond of Percherons and believe them to be great farm horses. Possibly they are at times and under certain conditions too great and likely somewhat inactive, but it must in fairness be borne in mind that they were "many years ago the wonder of the world for their speciality of rapid draft—their ability to move a heavy load at a rapid gait." However, with many breeders draft development has been and is carried to an extreme in Percherons in an attempt to cater to the city demand mentioned by friend Lewis, and because of the competition with the heaviest draft breeds. Quality has been sacrificed to size and the effort is made to cover defects with flesh, thus securing still more size. The farmer wants an easy keeping, compact, strong, active horse and should remember that a multitude of defects are covered by fat, should he be buying, also that disappointment may follow insufficient judgment and care in his selections. The large and coarse, beefy condition is not usually accompanied with endurance and ability to withstand hot weather while doing hard work.

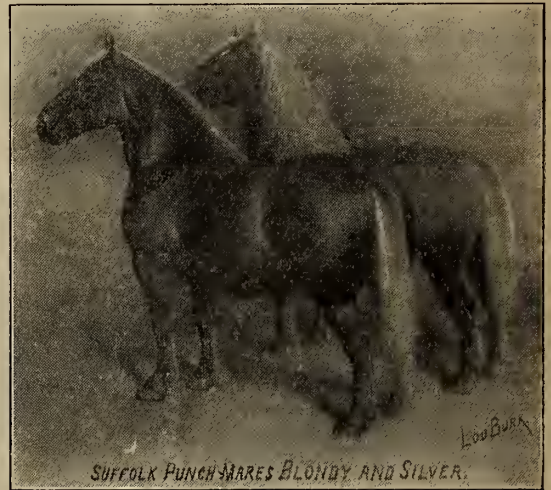
Notwithstanding my early training and love for the Percheron and later devotion, too, for that matter, for no longer than two years ago I was financially interested in breeding and using them on the farm, I was taken by storm a few years ago by what proved to be a second love. At one of the greatest shows of England I saw the first Suffolk Punch horses—very much like Percherons except, in color and possibly that they were not quite so large, but all horse—close, compactly built animals, with very round bodies, short legs, possibly lighter, but excellent bone, "like steel," as some writer has described the bone of the Suffolk Punch. I was so interested in this very active type of heavy agricultural horse that I resolved to know more of the breed and two years later on visiting Europe again, saw them in their native counties—Suffolk and Norfolk. I saw plenty of them, nearly always quite uniform and always chestnut (sometimes varying in shade) in color and almost invariably with silver tail and mane. The color is a very attractive feature and it is a fact that they show very great prepotency in transmitting it in cross breeding and grading, so I am informed. These animals were at various kinds of farm work, and stallions were in the furrow, at the wagon, or any place that horse power was needed, working in the most docile, quiet manner with mares.

In America I have seen and examined most carefully about twenty-five head and have yet to see one with bad feet or legs. It has occurred to me that the Suffolk Punch cross on Percheron grade would be quite advantageous. From the standpoint of the formation of the Suffolk Punch and the foundation of the Percheron, there

is every reason why the former should be somewhat lighter in weight, being a little further removed from the Black Horse of Flanders breed.

Because of the Percheron blood in the origin of the Suffolk, crossing or top grading on Percheron grades would be a far removed sort of line breeding that I predict would be advantageous, particularly in view of the further fact that Percherons are most frequently inbred to no small extent. On the ordinary farm mares of Virginia the cross would unquestionably be satisfactory and produce good, short-legged, clean-boned horses of ample size for all farm work.

There seems to me to be room for all worthy breeds and if there is perchance one better than the Percheron for the farmer, let us by all means have it. Candidly,



I must acknowledge to being much pleased with the Suffolk Punch and should try the breed had I the opportunity. As I have had the pleasure of seeing the fine pair of mares, Blondy and Silver, I am glad to supply the Southern Planter with a good cut of them. Though somewhat dim, they can be studied quite well from it.

The breed has not had the opportunity to be tried out in America, since specimens could not be secured for importation at figures that promised much profit to importers. In Canada and Australia, where they have been used for sixty years, they are very popular. The claims for them are very strong as a farmer's horse. They look the part to me. WALTER J. QUICK,  
Blacksburg, Va. Prof. Animal Husbandry, V. P. I.

### THE FARM HORSE OF LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

The farm horse of Louisa county, what it is, and what it should be. It is a scrub, generally speaking. It should be a much heavier horse. The horses of Louisa have been crossed with running and trotting blood until we have a horse that is entirely too small and unfit for the work of the farm. A horse of this type on the farm is a genuine scrub, so far as work is concerned, they having too much fire and being too small and light. I do not agree with Mr. Hunter in his article in the March



issue of *The Planter*. He thinks the proper breeding for a farm horse is to cross the ordinary farm horse with a thoroughbred something after the type of Doswell's Orion. Such a cross might do in the light sandy soils of Tidewater, but I have my doubts there. I know they are too light for the heavier soils of this locality. I have owned two horses of the Orion strain; they were tough as rawhide and hard as nails. One of them was the most powerful horse for his inches I ever saw and could move more pounds to his weight than any horse I ever knew. I have driven him from Richmond to Bumpass, a distance of over forty miles, in four and a half hours, with two men in a road cart, without apparent fatigue. I have a mare of that cross now that I work on the farm that can show a three minute gait and she has never been used as a road horse. But, notwithstanding, they are too light and too restless and can't be trusted. I have tried the Denmark breed also. They are fine saddlers and have more weight than the Orion type, but not enough for the improved farm machinery of to-day. I think the Suffolk Punch offers what the farmer wants. They have better feet and legs than any of the large breeds and are as nimble as cats. As, however, we have none of this breed in this locality, I think we could not do better than raise from the Percherons, which are much more active than they appear. Almost every farmer likes a good saddle and driving horse and can afford to keep one, and for those desiring such a horse they will find the Denmark strain all right. Those desiring a strictly farm horse should breed their mares to a Suffolk Punch or Percheron or some of the large breeds. One objection I have to the majority of Percherons is their color, it being usually grey. But if parties have colts or horses to sell in the large cities this color is a recommendation as marking them as Percheron grades. It will not pay the farmers of Louisa county to waste time and money trying to raise trotting and running stock in the hope of raising a blue ribbon winner, for they haven't the time, money or opportunity to develop such colts. Those only should raise these types of horses who have the money and time for such work. Colts of the light breeds are much more liable to accident than the larger breeds, owing to their disposition. I think farmers will find mules the team they want in this section, but they want suitable mares to raise them from; that is to say, mares of size and substance and weight. To get these we should breed to some stallion of the large type, keeping our mare colts for the farm, and then the day is not far distant when the farmers of Louisa county can have as good teams as those to be found in other counties. We have one or more Percheron stallions in the county, and therefore there will be no difficulty in making this cross.

Louisa Co., Va.

DAVID SWIFT.

#### A DOG FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

Excuse me for taking strong exception to your advice to "Subscriber," page 207, of a Collie as the best dog for protecting children on the way to school, but as I have bred and kept dogs for fifty years for protectors, I think I know something about that matter.

The Collie is apt to be both too nervous and too fidelity for a protector, a bobtail sheep-dog being a much steadier dog and would be much better, and his terrific fighting ability is another merit. In fact, the single-coated bobtail is the best farm dog I know, but, unfortunately, fashion has made the long, woolly coated type "the thing," and I found single-coated ones unobtainable.

But for a wise, safe, determined, protector dog always get a short-headed, wide-skulled one. Be he the most unmitigated mongrel ever whelped, if he has that head the chance is that he is a good protector, yet not given to attack unless attack is required.

I really think that the horrid looking bulldog, withal his crooked legs and shockingly undershot muzzle is the best guard dog, his very looks intimidating rough characters, and no dog is more affectionate and amiable. The mastiff is not so forbidding in appearance, but his great size is a valuable item for a guard. Of mastiffs I have owned so many that I am positive that the protecting disposition is more engrained in them than in any other dog. I distrust the St. Bernard as a breed for protectors, although I have known of a few that were perfect. The Great Dane, as he shows himself at dog shows, is not at all a trustworthy guard, yet the most perfect Chevalier Bayard in dogs I ever knew, was my Dane, old Dan, thirty-four inches high at the shoulder, weighing 200 pounds. The Bull-terrier, even the "Fox-terrier," is often a good protector, and the Irish, Bedlington, Alredale and Boston terrier are the same.

Helen Keller's experience with mastiffs is a case in point for protecting children. Her first was killed under a stupid ordinance of Sheffield, Ala. It was rather undersized, but the negroes used to get across the road when they saw that one coming; the second was larger, and when she met the darkies' eyes they would get over the fence on the other side of the road; this one contracted rabies in defending Helen's sister from a rabid dog. The third was a very big fellow of about one hundred and seventy-five pounds, and the "American citizens of African descent" used to get to the next fence across the field when they saw Eumer coming.

Remembering this, I fancy that the best dog for your "Subscriber's" purpose will be a mastiff. Although I regret to say that I have been out of dogs for so long that I have no idea of where one can be had.

I would advise against buying a puppy, for dogs are but dogs after all, and while certain general traits are more common in a certain breed than in others, no trait is constant in any breed. The craziest "fool dog" I ever saw was a bobtail. I have known savage mastiffs, collies no more good with stock than a pug, hounds that would not trail, and terriers to whom a rat was the most inoffensive creature.

WM. WADE.

Whilst we do not pretend to be any sort of authority on dogs, as we never cared for them sufficiently to keep them except so far as we needed them for handling sheep and cattle, and for this purpose always kept Collies, yet our experience with these Collies warranted us in giving the advice we gave. A well trained Collie we always found to be a most reliable protector and the most intelligent of all animals. We have had Collies that could do almost anything but talk and seemed thoroughly to understand whatever was said to them.—Ed.



## Miscellaneous.

### WARNER'S GOLD STANDARD YELLOW DENT CORN.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

I have pleasure in sending you a photograph of my Gold Standard Yellow Dent Seed Corn. The twelve ears shown were selected for the Champion Breeding Plot, which yielded 128 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

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H. W. Warner, Corn Specialist, Easton, Md.



### AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

The work of the agricultural experiment stations of the United States is second to none carried on by our government in importance, but because results, in the very nature of things, are often forthcoming slowly, there is much misapprehension as to the work done.

When we remember that the census of 1900 shows that 10,000,000 of the citizens of the United States are engaged in agricultural pursuits, the \$7,000,000 expenditure of the Government on agricultural experiment stations during the decade just preceding the taking of the census, does not seem large. Especially varied and costly are these experiments, owing to the fact that the area of the United States embraces within its borders all climates from the arctic to the semi-tropic, and so produces almost every agricultural product of importance known.

The early history of agriculture in this country is a subject of great interest, extending, as it does, from the foundation of agricultural societies in the latter part of the eighteenth century to the passage of the act organizing the State Experiment Stations. As early as 1796, our first President recognized the need of a national board of agriculture, as is shown in his message to Congress of that date. Interesting as it is to trace the gradual development of this germ thought to its full growth and fruition as we realize it now, we must pass on to the passage of the popularly designated Hatch Act, by which \$15,000 a year was given to each State and Territory for the establishment of an agricultural experiment station. These stations were by law made departments of the land grant colleges, established by act of Congress July 2, 1862, except when the State in question had operated an agricultural experiment station prior to the passage of this act. In such cases the State Legislature was left free to decide on the location.



There are now sixty-one stations in the United States doing work as varied as the conditions by which they are surrounded, but trying to establish principles by means of patient, minute and laborious experiments, the results of which it will take years to show in their fullness, but which, when accomplished, will add to the permanent assets of the realm of knowledge. The fact that those who come after, will reap the benefit in great part of these endeavors, gives a savor of altruism to the work of experimentation of this character that should be a powerful stimulus to effort.

But it is not in the establishment of absolute principles alone that the agricultural experiment station justifies its being, but also as an ever ready bureau of information to the farmer, who is free to call the resources of its trained staff of workers to his aid, at any moment by means of the mails or a personal visit.

The progress of experiments is recorded in published bulletins and reports issued at frequent intervals, and one important branch of the work of the station is the distribution of these publications through the mails to farmers and all who are interested, entirely free of charge. The mailing list of the stations aggregates one-half million names, but when we recall that ten million people in our country are agriculturists, we wonder why the nine and one-half million are not sufficiently interested to have their names put on the mailing lists.

This consideration brings us to the subject of agricultural education, which is hardly within our subject, but is so closely allied, that we cannot resist some consideration of it. Both from the standpoint of economics and education, this subject is each year receiving more attention, but it will be some time yet before a realization of its vital importance is brought home to the American people. Much is being done through our universities and colleges to promote education in agriculture, but still the fact just cited, that nine and one-half million out of the ten million agriculturists in the country are not even on the mailing lists of the stations, would seem to show that until more attention is paid to the subject in the common schools, a vast virgin field remains unaffected by these efforts. Too often the son of the farmer of small means gets all his little education from the country public school, and unless something is done through the medium of these schools to reach every child the principles evolved at so much cost at the Experiment Station at the land grant college will advance but slowly. One might as well try to heat a room by building a fire on a shelf near the ceiling.

But to return to the work of the stations: Their investigations comprise "studies in physics; chemistry; botany; zoology, and especially entomology; geology; meteorology; agronomy; horticulture; forestry; physiology (of man and domestic animals); zootechny (animal industry); veterinary science; agrotechny (agricultural technology), including especially dairying and rural engineering. There have been results of great value achieved along all these lines, but the most important probably has been that accomplished in regard to dairying. The Wisconsin Station has led along the line of improved apparatus for determining the fat content of milk, and

now it is the universal practice at creameries to pay for milk by determining, while the farmer waits, the amount of butter-fat in the milk he brings. This is, of course, a much fairer method of valuing milk, and has contributed enormously to the improvement of dairy herds by the elimination, as far as possible, of those types of stock yielding milk poor in fat.

The successful introduction of new crops has been accomplished through the instrumentality of the experiment stations of the West, and great improvement has been obtained also in the quality of the staple crops of the country, such as wheat, cotton, tobacco, etc.; notably in Nebraska, where winter instead of spring wheat is now grown, having proved a much more remunerative crop in that region.

Experiments of great value on economical means of producing pork have been carried on in Arkansas and other Southern States, and the storage of forage crops in silos has been brought to a great degree of perfection, materially reducing the cost of maintenance of a dairy herd.

The subject of fertilizers has received much attention, and the conservation of moisture in the soil, new methods of tilling, in States west of the Mississippi, as well as the actual reclamation of alkali lands in California and elsewhere have made arable, lands that were thought unfit for cultivation.

Another important phase of the work of the stations has been the aid they have given the farmers in their fight against crop pests of all kinds, and also in the treatment of diseases of plants and animals.

Still another thing to be placed to the credit of the stations is the great improvement in the agricultural press of the country. Editors have no longer to depend upon reports of work done at foreign experiment stations, but can draw from sources purely American, by means of the wide and free distribution of the publications of the stations. The farmer is no longer satisfied with one-man theories, but demands the results of theories put to the actual test by trained experimenters. Not many decades ago, the pioneers in agricultural science had to bear the stigma of being "book farmers"—a term of scorn and derision. But since the book farmer has increased the value of land in one State alone, in thirty years, from \$20.00 to \$150.00 an acre, and in the same State increased the actual production of corn in one year thirty-seven millions of bushels, representing \$12,000,000, the scoffers have abdicated the seat of the scornful, and are eager to learn how such results are produced.

These sound like big figures, and they are, but ours is a country of colossal size, and the very extent of its broad acres tends to keep us from realizing the necessity of husbanding our resources. But economists tell us that the problem of an adequate food supply for our rapidly increasing millions will be the most serious question confronting us before this century has half run its course.

We have much to learn yet about improved methods, and intensive farming. When we read that Japan supports 45,000,000 people on 10,000 cultivated square miles,



and we compare these figures with our own, we have food for thought.

The best means of disseminating information about improved methods of agriculture among the unreached millions of our rural population is one of the immediate problems of the present, and falls directly within the scope of the work of the experiment stations and agricultural colleges. Much is being done, but much more needs to be done, to make the masses of our population realize that "the soil is the foundation of all wealth and prosperity." As our population increases our material wealth must be added to from the bowels of the earth and from its soil. There is much that is false in the way manufacture and trade are regarded, and this wrong point of view accounts in large measure for the overcrowding of our urban centers and the exodus from the farm.

Therefore, the land grant college and the experiment station have a mission of vast importance to discharge to our country,—a mission of vast economic importance, which the next twenty years will show, and upon the success of which depends much that is vital to the American people.

MARY G. LACY.

Experiment Station, Blacksburg, Va.

#### THE TURKEY BUZZARD.

*Editor Southern Planter:*

It is my opinion that one of the greatest means of spreading disease amongst domestic animals has been overlooked. I wish to call attention to the turkey buzzard—the legally protected scavenger of the country. Unless the buzzard is possessed of some disinfecting quality, or by nature his body is a nonconductor of disease germs, it is the greatest of all disease disseminators. We are well aware of the fact that the buzzard covers a great territory, possibly hundreds of miles. It may feed on hogs that die from cholera, getting the disease germs all over itself, and the next time it touches the ground, may be a great distance away in a pasture field, where a herd of swine is being pastured, and wherever it lights the disease or any disease with which it has come in contact will be left to infect other stock. I think the buzzard should be killed. I am sure it is the greatest spreader of disease that can be thought of. Let us not depend upon buzzards to clean up dead carcasses, but let us get laws enacted requiring all dead diseased animals to be buried deeply or destroyed by fire. I would like to have the opinion of others who may possibly be better posted than I am.

Nelson Co., Va.

R. K. ANDERSON.

We are entirely with you in your desire to see the Turkey buzzard exterminated. Several years ago we tried to induce the Legislature of this State to deprive the Turkey buzzard of that protection which it now enjoys, but failed utterly to convince the members of the necessity for this course. We cited facts within our own knowledge where hog cholera had undoubtedly been

brought to healthy herds of hogs by these birds, and it is no doubt within the knowledge of scores of our subscribers where only in this way could the disease have been brought into their herds. It is a reflection upon our civilization to rely upon these birds to destroy disease breeding carcasses in a country where live stock breeding is carried on and large herds and flocks are kept. In a country in a state of nature, where settlements are sparse and domestic animals are few, the Turkey buzzard fills a recognized and felt want, and is one of those wise provisions of the Almighty to keep sanitary conditions wholesome for the few dwellers there. In a country in a high state of civilization, with great flocks and herds, the healthy condition of which is essential to the welfare and prosperity of the people, the law should require that every dead animal should at once be either burnt or buried deeply, and burning is infinitely safer, as it has been proven that the disease germs from buried animals can be and are brought to the surface by the worms and infection of stock started again. The law does in some cases require burning or burying, but it ought to be made a penal offense in every case to allow dead carcasses to remain for the buzzards to eat and spread disease broadcast over the land. Instead of protection there should be a premium offered for the destruction of the Turkey buzzard and then they would soon become so scarce that man for his own protection would destroy or bury the dead animals at once. We hope our subscribers will take up this question and press it on the attention of the members of the Legislature.—Ed.

#### PROMOTION OF DR. CHRISMAN.

Dr. W. G. Chrisman, of Albemarle county, Virginia, formerly a student of the V. P. I., and at present a member of the staff of the Virginia State Agricultural Department, inspecting dairies, etc., for Professor W. D. Saunders, has just been appointed State Veterinarian of North Carolina, succeeding Dr. Tait Butler, who resigned on the first of last January.

As a private practitioner, Dr. Chrisman had a fine practice in Charlottesville, Virginia, at the time he was appointed on the Virginia Agricultural staff, and in this last position, Professor Saunders says his work has been most satisfactory, and that while he hates to give him up, yet he is delighted to see such a promising young Virginian appointed to this responsible position in North Carolina.

Dr. Chrisman was elected Secretary of the Virginia State Medical Veterinary Association in January, 1908, and was re-elected to that office in January, 1909. While the many friends Dr. Chrisman has made in his native State regret to see him leave, yet they are none the less delighted to see him making such rapid progress in his chosen profession.

Dr. Chrisman will enter upon his new field of labor April 1st, and will reside at the State capital, Raleigh.

J. G. FERNEYHOUGH.



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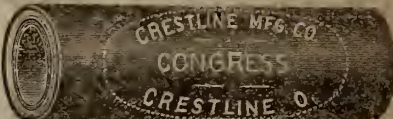
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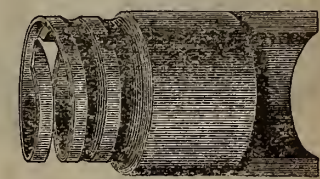
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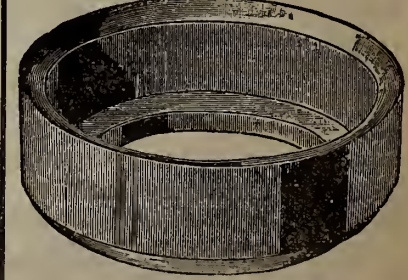
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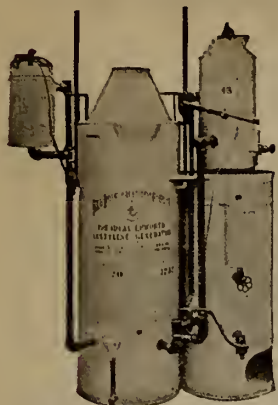
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The investigation made at the instance of the Governor was thorough and comprehensive, covering every railroad and steamboat line doing passenger business in the State. In most instances the companies have been supplying their passengers with water from the regular city supplies at their respective terminals, and this water was known to be safe. In a few cases reported to the Governor water is supplied to passengers from sources not known to the health authorities, but these have been investigated and the results are satisfactory in most cases.

The only source of possible complaint was found to be in the method of handling ice for the water on some of the railroad trains. Most of the roads had regulations on the subject, but it was manifest that these rules were not altogether observed. These roads will shortly receive certain recommendations regarding the handling of ice, which will insure safety to the passengers.

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When a forest of scrub pine is matured, a fully stocked stand will yield thirty to forty cords per acre, when economically harvested according to the practical forestry methods. At the present time there is practically no general use for the timber, outside of fuel, although a coarse lumber is made of it and it is sometimes used for fencing. An evidence of the low esteem in which this pine is held is the price which the Maryland wood brings when delivered—\$5.75 per cord. The wood itself is of a light yellow color, with a white sap wood. It is light in weight, is brittle and coarse-grained. While it is fairly durable in contact with the weather, its weak structural properties offset any advantage this might give.

One advantage for paper making which scrub pine is said to have is the fact that there is considerably less loss in barking it than with ordinary spruce. The logs are, in general, regular and not difficult to handle. The wood yields quite easily to a sulphite treatment when using an acid cooking liquor slightly stronger than the ordinary mill strength. In treatment the wood requires from eight to eleven hours, while the maximum steam pressure has not been over sixty pounds (temperature 150 degrees centigrade), and, in some cases, it was but fifty-four pounds. The unbleached pulp in these experiments is of a light grayish or brownish color, not unlike that from spruce, of course depending upon the cooking conditions, which can be controlled to suit the manufacturer.

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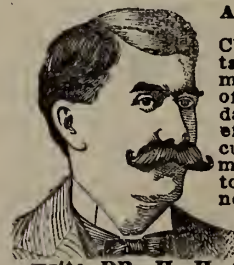
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Japan depends largely on agriculture, though only three-sixteenths of her soil is arable. The land descends from father to son and is divided into such tiny patches that the process of tilling the soil is more like gardening than farming. Men, women and children work in the fields, largely with their hands. The implements are clumsy and antiquated. An ancient ox sometimes helps with the plow. Rice is the universal crop, but it is a luxury to the common people, who use millet and the coarser grains for food. Rice is raised laboriously, sown in a bed, transplanted by hand, and kept under water until harvest time, so the peasants work it in mud up to their knees. It was strange to see it in every stage of development in the same field, some being planted whilst the other was being harvested and beaten. The rice straw is used for thatching roofs. In olden days a nobleman's wealth was estimated by koku of rice. Other grains abound, also garden products, especially sweet potatoes and the daikon, a coarse radish, the staple article of diet of the people. Mulberry is grown largely in the silk producing districts and tea in the hills. The patient labor of the peasants makes the country like a landscape garden. Not a weed or rock is to be seen. Even the forests are swept and raked by the fagot gatherers. The poverty in the overcrowded country districts is distressing, but never squalid. They are too self-respecting to let go. Beggars are rarely seen.

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When we got hungry, the boy arranged the tea table and drew us fresh tea, though we could buy a pot of tea, cup and all, out of the window for three sen. He then fixed the lunch which we had brought with us. We could not buy foreign food en route and we were not yet equal to rice and chopsticks. We had a great deal of food left and pressed it on the poor children at the stations, but they shrank from us in alarm, so finally we had to throw away the food.

As we approached Nikko, the country grew wild and grand. Mountain range piled on range and for miles the train followed an avenue of giant cryptomerias, a kind of gray pine, common in Japan. We were expected in Nikko, and were escorted by numerous porters to the pretty little Kanaya hotel, situated on a high hill above the village. Every thing here was clean, cozy and bright. From the terraced garden at the back there were exquisite views of the surrounding country. The Colonel and Sara came by a later train, and when I say, "we" in Nikko I mean four of us and pretty Nellie Bly. The Japanese say, "Don't say magnificent until you have seen Nikko,"; our guide called it "a triumph of art and nature." Despite this extravagant praise, we were not disappointed. The temples, tombs and shrines are the glory of Japan, built in the time of her best art, with a richness and gorgeousness that has not a touch of the vulgar. Their situation around fine groves and parks, enhances their beauty. The whole surrounding country was beautiful with wooded slopes, closing in the valleys, between towering mountain peaks. Bold streams dashed down the mountain side in water falls and cascades and flowed down the valleys. The autumn foliage was in perfection, the maples dazzling red and gold and the whole country a blaze of color. Japanese poets sing of maple leaves as "Nature's brocade," and Yamashima, the nymph of the mountains, is said to weave this brilliant color for her abode. The foliage is so surpassingly beautiful at Nikko that travelers from all over the world flock thither to see it in the autumn. To do so we made an excursion into the

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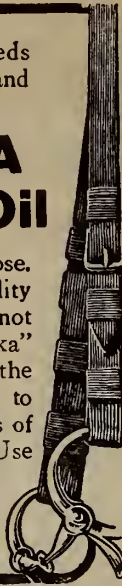


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We started in rickshaws with two atashi each for the steep mountain climbing. It was a glorious October day, and our spirits rose as we flew along the valley and began to ascend the mountains. On the road we met with many maple pilgrims who had climbed over the hills in quest of the most brilliant leaves. Bands of school boys, with their teachers, and hundreds of sailors from the fleet passed us with armfuls of boughs. "Chaya" (good morning), they cried out, throwing us branches of maple or decorating the rickshaws with it. Every one was in a good humor that day.

We found rest houses at frequent intervals along the road, where we would descend from the kurmuras and walk on, leaving the boys to overtake us. Half way up a shower caught us in one of these, in view of a pretty cascade, and during the rain we spent our time watching it and listening to the chatter of the attendants. We were constantly trying to puzzle out the people. They are built on such a different plan from us, both mentally and physically, that we gave up trying to understand them, but it was none the less a joy to be with such good tempered and polite people. They are perfectly unemotional and quite free from nerves. Every one seems happy in that atmosphere.

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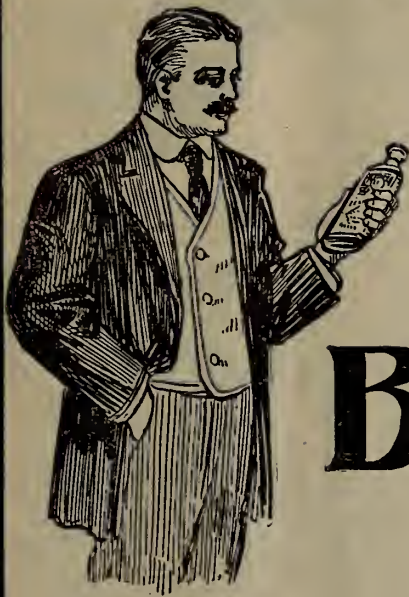
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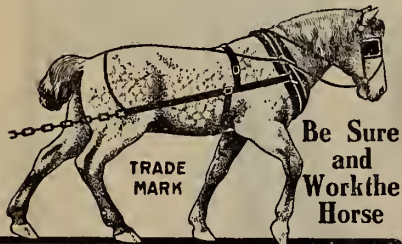
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Mary Washington.

As this is Edgar Poe's centennial year, the attention of the literary world all over the globe, has been strongly drawn towards him of late, and innumerable essays, estimates and reminiscences have been called forth in reference to him. Following the trend of popular thought at the present hour, I will lay before my readers a parallel which I fancy I can clearly trace between Edgar Poe and a famous musician. It seem to me there is as much similarity between the genius of Poe and Chopin as can exist between two distinct branches of art, viz.: Music and poetry.

In Chopin's delicate, arabesque woven compositions, with their rich and peculiar ornamentation, exquisite finish and undercurrent of deep sadness, I find a striking parallel to Edgar Poe's poetry. Some writer says that the wail of an extinguished nationality runs through Chopin's music (he was a Pole), and it seems to me that the wail of extinguished hope and joy underlies Poe's poems. A vein of deep, almost morbid sadness pervades the works of both these great artists, a brooding regretfulness whose refrain is "nevermore."

Each of them worked within a limited range, but showed an exquisite finish of detail within that range. Chopin never composed an opera, nor an oratoria. The only work of magnitude he ever attempted were two concertos, which were far inferior to his shorter works, and which met with no success. Edgar Poe never wrote an epic nor any long work except a crude drama called "Politian," and a poem called "Al Araaf," written in his early youth. Indeed, he was opposed on principle to long poems. He asserts in his essay on "The Poetic Principle" that no such thing as a long poem exists, and that the Iliad itself was iclearly intneded to be taken as a series of lyrics.

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Ashburn, Va.

cellent lot of farm implements, dairy appliances, such as will be found on an up-to-date farm. Look up the advertisement and write to the Trustee for further particulars.

### GOOD NEWS ABOUT ROOFING.

There is one important consideration in choosing a roofing that is too often overlooked. That is the consideration of comfort. Will this or that roof hold in the heat, in winter, and keep out the heat in summer? That is an important point to consider. We know how hot the garret is in summer. If a different roof had been used it would not be so hot. This question becomes of even more importance in the case of live stock and poultry quarters because the stable or poultry shed temperature has a direct bearing on milk yield or beef production or horse health or egg production and the temperature of these quarters is not so easily regulated as in our homes.

On these grounds especially the roofings and sidings made of asbestos seem to be in a class by themselves. No other material can compete with asbestos as a nonconductor of heat and cold. We have been sent a few interesting reports from users of J-M Asbestos Roofing and Siding that ought to be of interest. For instance, about 200,000 square feet of these materials were used to cover the buildings on the great poultry farm at Angola, New York, which is owned by W. J. Conners. Mr. William Hurley, Treasurer of Conners' Poultry Plant, stated that since applying Asbestos Roofing and Siding they have had their first experience of their poultry increasing their laying in cold weather instead of decreasing. Also, for the first time, there was no frost on the utensils in the hennery, though there was no heat save that from the fowls.

Another report comes from the Atlantic Squab Co., of Da Costa, New Jersey, the largest squab plant in the world. They wrote: "In our judgment, the nonconducting qualities of J-M Asbestos Roofing and Siding, peculiar to its white asbestos top, make it preferable to metal or any of the black surface roofings for the covering of squab or poultry buildings."

The H. W. Johns-Mnaville Co., 100 William St., New York, are the makers of Asbestos Roofing and Siding, and they have a very interesting book which they will mail free to all who request it. They also send samples of the crude asbestos mineral free, when asked for and these samples are very interesting to those who have never seen this mysterious product. Ask for Book No. 62 and samples, mentioning this paper, and your request will be promptly granted.

## HOW ONE MAN SOLD HIS FARM

A Minnesota Farmer successfully tries new long-distance plan of selling.

### FOURTEEN MEN IN SIX DIFFERENT STATES WANT HIS PLACE.

Makes sale without aid of real estate agent and doesn't pay a cent commission.

Cass Co., Minnesota, (Special Correspondence)—The farmers in this section are intensely interested in a recent experience of one of their neighbors. Mr. H. St. John, who owned a farm in Cass County, has succeeded in selling it at his own price, without the help of a real estate agent and without paying a cent in commission. He could have sold the farm fourteen times over as he had that number of men after it. In the course of a conversation with your correspondent, Mr. St. John said:

"Yes, I sold my farm without any trouble and for the benefit of others who desire to sell, I don't mind telling you just how it happened. I had tried all the usual methods of selling, that is by advertising in the local papers and through local real estate men, and had about given up hope of being able to sell, when I happened to come across the advertisement of a concern known as Leonard Darbyshire, Incorporated, of Rochester, N. Y., who make a business of finding buyers for anything one wants to sell. I wrote to these people for their plan and I received a letter from Mr. Darbyshire, the President of the Corporation, together with a copy of their booklet, fully describing a new and up-to-date method of bringing buyer and seller together. Their plan looked good to me and I sent them a description of my farm which they must have sent to prospective buyers all over the country because I received no less than fourteen letters from men who wanted my place and these letters came from Iowa, Illinois, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and other States outside of Minnesota. You can imagine that with such a demand I had no trouble in making a sale and I sold my farm to a man in Iowa at my own price, and what's more to the point, I didn't have to pay a cent commission to anyone. I cannot say too much in favor of the Rochester concern and I am delighted with the treatment they gave me. They did everything for me that they agreed to do and I never would have been able to sell so quickly without their assistance because it is hard to sell through an agent, and even if an agent does find a buyer, you have to pay a large amount in commission. The system of bringing buyer and seller together originated by Mr. Leonard Darbyshire, is the best I ever heard of, and he seems to be able to find buyers for all kinds of properties, no matter where they are located.

Mr. St. John's success in selling his farm was due to reading a booklet issued by Leonard Darbyshire, Inc., of Rochester, N. Y. This booklet tells of a new and successful method of finding buyers for farms and real estate, business properties, automobiles, patents and in fact almost anything salable. The Corporation issuing this book are not real estate agents and do not accept a penny in commission on sales made by their assistance. Their plan of cutting out the real estate agents has met with remarkable success, and owners throughout the country are quickly availing themselves of this opportunity to sell quickly places which for a long time remained in the hands of real estate agents, who failed to sell, for the reason that the commission which the agent placed upon the property killed the sale.

It is said that Mr. Leonard Darbyshire, the president of this concern, is doing more to assist property owners to sell than all the real estate agents in America combined, and anyone wishing to dispose of anything anywhere at any price, would do well to write to Leonard Darbyshire, President, Dept., 443A Rochester, N. Y., giving a brief description of the property for sale, and asking him to send a free copy of his booklet explaining his new method of selling.

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**IMPROVEMENTS.**—New dwelling, 10 rooms, one bath room, cellar, two large porches, hardwood floors, up and down stairs, hot and cold water to top of house. Is well elevated, affords a splendid view of mountains, large lawn, delightful shade. New barn—main building is 40x70 feet, two wings 30x48 feet each and is two stories throughout, hay fork, covered barn yard 40x50 feet, hydrant in barn, crib, smoke and corn houses are among the outbuildings. Barn was designed to meet requirements of D. C. Health Department for dairy business.

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What the U. S. Government Sent to the Ruined City to Shelter Those Who Were Spared from the Terrible Earthquake.

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Ernest N. Tillett, Analytical Chemist, Durham, N. C.

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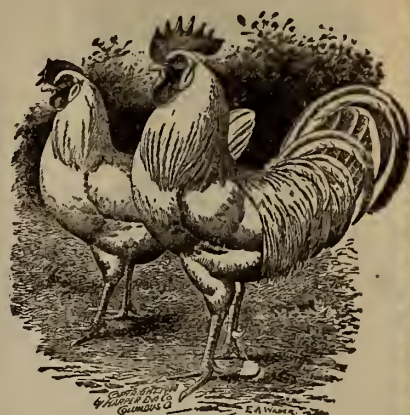


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At a regular meeting of the Virginia Poultry Association, held February 6, 1909, the advantages of the Parcel Post Delivery were discussed and seriously considered. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to communicate with our Representatives in Congress, and which reads as follows:

"Be it resolved, That the Virginia Poultry Association do most earnestly desire that there be established in this country a Parcel Post Delivery. We believe that it will be a great impetus to the Poultry industry, furnishing quick and reliable service, which is greatly needed. We, therefore, request that our Representatives in the United States Congress use their best endeavors to have such a bill enacted."

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W. D. SYDNOR,  
R. O. BERGER,  
H. M. GAINES,  
Committee.

The above is a copy of a resolution adopted by our Association and sent to the Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress from this State. We hope that every Association of the United States will adopt a similar resolution and have it brought to the attention of the United States Congress. It is only by constant hammering that we will be able to accomplish anything. Wont you do your part?

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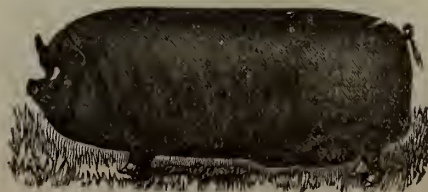
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attention from men who have so long advocated and practiced the system of artificial impregnation of mares, be they trotters, thoroughbreds or common ranch horses.

Two horses, both pacers, named A. Nut and Napton Boy, died recently on the same day. Both the dam of the first named, Princess Maud, by President Red, and that of the second, Lady Napton, by Allendorf, were got in foal artificially on the same day, the sire being Walnut Boy.

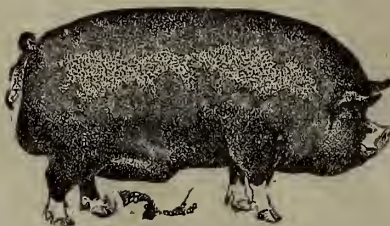
They were foaled on the same day, and each took a record of 2:11¼ on the same afternoon and over the same track, and, to cap the climax, both died on the same day.

As the report comes from apparently reliable sources, and is vouched for by men who know of the case, it is unique in the annals of horse breeding.

Cherrywood Goes to Central America.

Harry C. Beattie, of Woodlawn Farm, Richmond, Va., has sold for export to Central America the brown stallion, Cherrywood, by Eolus, dam Cerise, by imported Moccasin, second dam the great race mare, Lizzie Lucas, by imported Australian, and she out of Eagless, by imported Glencoe. Cherrywood was foaled in 1894 and bred by Charles Hardy, Norfolk, Va., at the Ellerslie Stud, Charlottesville, Va. His full brother, the noted Morello, was a great race horse and, after retirement to the stud, though he died early, proved himself a sire of more than ordinary merit in California. The late Major Thomas W. Doswell, of Bullfield Farm, bred Eolus and owned and raced Lizzie Lucas, the grand dam of Cherrywood, while his son, T. Bernard Doswell, owned Cerise

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(Champion 2-yr. filly;  
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Ringing Bells .....2:13½  
Wilkes Belle .....2:14¼  
including  
Boreal, 3 yrs.....2:15¼  
Sire of  
Boralma, 5 yrs. ...2:07  
(Futurity winner 1899;  
Transylvania winner in  
1900.)  
Pan Michael .....2:03  
Own brother to  
Chlmes .....2:30¼  
Sire of  
The Abbot .....2:03¼  
(World's Champion in  
1900.)  
Electric Bell, sire of  
Captor .....2:09¼  
St. Bel, 2:24½, sire of  
Lynns Bel .....2:10¼  
Rachel .....2:08¼  
Record 4 yrs., 2:08¼.  
Winner of 9 races. Twice  
2d; once 3d; twice 4th,  
and never unplaced.  
Great Spirit .....2:11¼  
Dam of  
The Envoy (Peace  
Commlsioner) ...2:25¼  
Sire of  
Bedella B. ....2:27¼  
Town Founder .....2:18  
Sire of  
Prodigal Queen .....2:30

**Electioneer, 125** .....  
Sire of  
Arlon .....2:07¼  
Sunol .....2:08¼  
Palo Alto .....2:08¼  
And 163 others in 2:30  
Sires of the dams of  
Klatawah .....2:05½  
Dolly Dillon .....2:06¼  
Lisonjero .....2:08¼  
Wild Bell .....2:08¼  
Cavaliero .....2:09½  
Crafty .....2:09¼  
**Beautiful Bells** .....  
Record 2:29½.  
Champion trotting brood  
mare,  
Dam of  
Belleflower .....2:12¼  
Belsire .....2:18  
Bell Boy, 3 yrs.....2:19¼  
Bow Bells .....2:19¼  
Hinda Rose, 3 yrs..2:19½  
Palo Alto Belle .....2:22¼  
Adbell, 1 yr. ....2:23  
Monbells, 4 yrs.....2:23½  
St. Bel, 4 yrs.....2:24½  
Bell Bird, 1 yr. ....2:26¼  
Adbell .....2:29½  
**Baron Wilkes, 4758** .....  
Record 2:18. Sire of  
Bumps .....2:03¼  
Rubinstein .....2:05  
Rachel .....2:08¼  
Cakland Baron .....2:09¼  
Seven others in .....2:10  
And the dams of  
Lady Gail Hamilton.2:06¼  
Rollins .....2:08  
India Silk .....2:10¼  
Circle .....2:11¼  
Great Spirit .....2:11¼  
**Willie Wilkes, 2:28**.....  
Dam of  
Rachel, 4 yrs. ....2:08¼  
Great Heart .....2:21½  
Bowery Boy .....2:15¼  
Bowery Bell .....2:18¼  
Deluge .....2:19¼  
Aspirator .....2:24¼  
Dam of  
Great Heart, 2:21½, sire of  
Auto .....2:04¼  
Wilkes Heart .....2:06¼  
Octoo .....2:07¼  
Thelma .....2:09¼  
Namo .....2:09¼  
Xava .....2:10¼  
And 23 others.  
Woodsprite, sire of  
Hal Frey .....2:09¼  
Miss Liler .....2:18¼  
And 4 others.  
Crystal, dam of  
Cut Glass .....2:10¼  
King Crystal .....2:14¼  
Spanish Boy .....2:16¼  
Crystalline, 2 yrs.  
(1 in 2:30) .....2:19¼  
Spun Glass .....2:24¼  
Crystal's Last .....2:27¼  
Crystalloid .....2:28¼

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pero 2:20; Elista 2:20¼;  
Dame Trot 2:22; Lance-  
lot 2:23, and 4 other  
2:30 trotters.

**The Moore, 870; 2:37**  
Sire of  
Sultan .....2:24  
And others.

**Minnehaha**  
Dam of  
Baron Rose .....2:20¼  
Alcazar .....2:20¼  
Mascot .....2:25¼  
Pawnee .....2:26¼  
San Gabriel .....2:29¼  
Beautiful Bells .....2:29¼

**George Wilkes, 519; 2:22.**  
Cham. Stallion, 1868-71.  
Sire of 83 2:30 perform-  
ers, and dams of 183 2:30  
performers.

**Belle Patchen, 2:30¼,**  
Dam of  
Baron Wilkes .....2:18

**George Wilkes, 519; 2:22,**  
Sire of  
Harry Wilkes .....2:13¼  
And 82 others in 2:30 list.  
Sire of dams 183 in 2:30.  
Sire of 102 2:30 sires.  
Sire of dams 34 in 2:15.  
Sire of dams 12 in 2:10.  
Sire of 70 2:15 sires.  
Sire of 40 2:10 sires.  
Sire of 5 2:05 sires.

**Salley Southworth,**  
Dam of  
Chatterton (sire of  
6 2:30 trotters) .....2:18  
Willie Wilkes .....2:28  
Dam of  
Rachel, 4 yrs. ....2:08¼  
Great Heart (a 2:10  
sire) .....2:12½  
**Bowery Boy** .....2:15  
Bowery Belle .....2:18¼  
Deluge .....2:19¼  
Aspirator .....2:24  
Woodsprite, sire of  
6 in .....2:30  
Crystal, dam of 7 in 2:30

**ROYAL SWELL, 34892.**

**MAHOGANY BAY**

with black points; near  
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and brought out her great son Morello. Bernard Doswell sold Morello at two years old for \$5,000, and that same season the son of Morello won the Futurity, carrying the colors of Frank Van Ness. Cherrywood was purchased by the United Fruit Co., a very wealthy corporation in Central America, and the stallion was shipped from Richmond, via the Southern Railway to New Orleans, and thence by steamer to Costa Rica. In addition to Cherrywood, the United Fruit Company has recently purchased other stallions and a large band of brood mares from J. B. Hagen and other Kentucky breeders.

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The foregoing article appears on pages 119 and 120 of "Modern Silage Methods," a 24-page book, published by the Silver Mfg. Co., Salem, Ohio. Every reader of this paper should read their ad on another page.

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Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, 1909

Commencing on the 9th, at 10:30 A. M., will be offered at public auction one of the

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to be found in America, headed by the famous bull, Stockwell, who was purchased at the Cooper sale in May, 1907, for \$11,500, world's record price at an auction sale; also several other choice bulls, and about 100 cows, both Island and home bred, including tested producers and winners in the show ring, fit to join any herd in America. This herd numbers about 150 head, and includes animals of all ages.

On Saturday, the following day, April 10th, the

### HORSES WILL BE OFFERED

The collection includes the elegantly bred stallion, Bow Axworthy, 2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$ , son of Axworthy, 2:15 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Mystic, dam of Fred Kohl, 2:07 $\frac{3}{4}$ , etc., by Butwood, 2:18 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and some of the best mares to be found on any farm, among them being daughters of Robert McGregor, 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Bingen, 2:06 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Kremlin, 2:07 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Arion, 2:07 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Advertiser, 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; all bred in 1908 to sires of note. The lot includes Miss McGregor, 2:13, heavy with foal, by Bingen, 2:06 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; La Jolla, dam of Binjolla, 2:17 $\frac{3}{4}$ , by Advertiser, dam Sally Benton, dam of 4, by General Benton; Telka, by Arion, dam La Jolla; Lisa N., by Bingen, dam La Jolla, and a daughter of Kremlin, 2:07 $\frac{3}{4}$ , from the dam of the unbeaten Edgemark, 2:16. The young things include a promising two-year-old colt, by Admiral Dewey, 2:04 $\frac{3}{4}$ , out of La Jolla, and others richly bred. In addition to some thirty or more trotters, about forty head of driving, general purpose and work horses will also be sold, also farm implements and many other articles of value on any dairy or stock farm.

Further Information may be had of

**W. D. CARTER, Trustee,**

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA.

NOTE.—It is suggested that intending buyers reach Fredericksburg overnight, as on the following morning ample provision will be made for conveyance to the farm, when inspection of the stock can be made.



FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES  
March 3, 1909.

The influence of the Sportsman's Show and the universal interest in President Roosevelt's coming expedition to Africa have brought the hunters of big game out in force with their trophies of the forest and hunting field.

So far the advantage seems to lie with Bill Hillis, who has filed claims for the bear hunter's championship of the great Northwest. To support his contention he sends in two splendid mounted bear skins of remarkable proportions. One is the skin of a giant grizzly, shot when its heavy fur was in its prime. Its claws offer extraordinary proof of the grizzly's vicious fighting equipment. The second skin is that of a polar bear bagged by Hillis in Northern Alaska, and is of such size that it fills the large Broadway window of the M. Hartley Company, where these trophies are displayed. Both these huge brutes were brought town by a .35 Remington auto-loading rifle, one of the powerful arms which have an important place in President Roosevelt's African hunting kit.

Mayor Fred. A. Busse, of Chicago, visited Kentucky, and bought the premium jack, "Dr. Hartman," of J. F. Cook & Co. "Dr. Hartman" was one of the most noted jacks in the Cook herd. He is six years old, and was winner of first premium in the yearling class, and reserve championship at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 194. While the price paid for "Dr. Hartman" was not made public, it is known that he sold for more money than any jack has brought in Kentucky for the last fifteen years.

Mr. Busse has a farm at Fox Lake, Ill., and is embarking into breeding of jack stock and mules on an extensive scale. "Dr. Hartman" was bought for the express purpose of heading his herd.

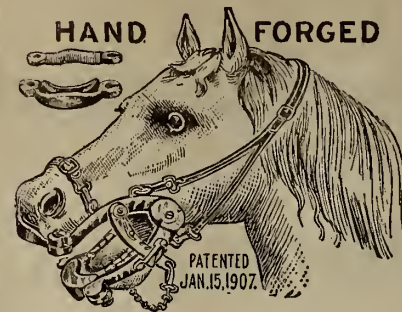
Another prize-winning jack sold by J. F. Cook & Co., during the past week, was Cook's Sampson, a two-year old, to Mr. J. E. Isenhour, of Indianapolis, Ind., who is a noted breeder of the Hoosier State, winning many prizes at the county and State fairs.

#### A NEW CHILLED PLOW.

Realizing the necessity for, and perhaps, being also influenced by a natural predilection for the manufacture of chilled plows, Wm. J. Oliver is now introducing a new plow known as the Wm. J. Oliver Improved Chilled Plow. This plow is being manufactured at Mr. Oliver's extensive plant in Knoxville, The Wm. J. Oliver Manufacturing Company.

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Ind., nor that of any concern; as a matter of fact, he claims that his plow is an improvement over all other makes, and that, inasmuch as he is not responsible for his cognomen, the public should not be so ready to pronounce his invention an imitation, it is a much better plow in every respect; in fact, the W. J. Oliver Improved has so many features of which other chilled plows of to-day cannot boast as to make it at once distinctive, individual and desirable from every standpoint. For instance, in order to preserve the "suck" and "gather" of the plow, Mr. Oliver has invented, and has patented, a device which interlocks the landside to the saddle by means of a lug cast into the recess of the saddle set apart to take care of the landside, and to which the landside is fastened by means of a slot-hole which receives the lug. The gunnell of the point fits into the recess at the front of the saddle in such a snug fashion as to give it a bearing both above and below in the recess. The landside and point do not come in contact with each other at all and, by the above means, the connections with the saddle are so secure that it is immaterial whether or not the bolts of either the point or landside become loose, as by these devices these parts are held in place.

All parts of this new plow are independent of each other; therefore, it is not necessary for one part to bear the burden of another, all strains are transferred direct to the saddle from the several parts. (Any part of the plow can be removed without interfering with any other.)

The manufacturers claim, and certainly their contention is sound enough, that the architecture of this plow insures easier running, lighter draught and greater durability than found in any other plow.

Another feature about the plow is that the several parts are interchangeable, as between wood and steel beam plows, it being possible to change from a wood to a steel beam and vice versa in five minutes or less.

In another part of this issue will be found an ad. of The Wm. J. Oliver Mfg. Co., which we earnestly commend to our readers, who are interested in chilled plow improvements, or any other improvements calculated to prove beneficial to the farmer who desires to employ up-to-date methods in conducting his farm on a scientific basis.

J. F. Cook & Co., of Lexington, Ky., and Wichita, Kan., report more sales of jacks and saddle horses than ever before. In the past two weeks Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri have been their steady buyers on big jacks, while they report selling stock to most every State in the Union since the first of the year. But they still have a big lot on hand to



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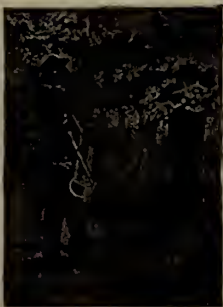
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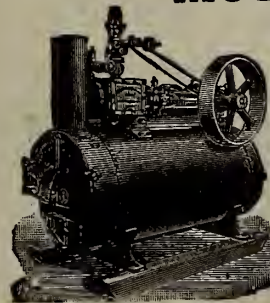
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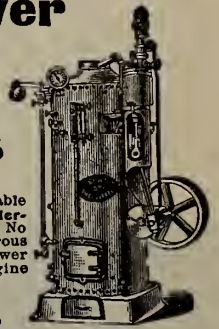


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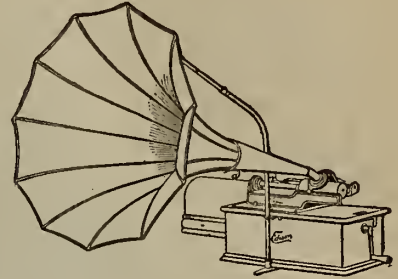
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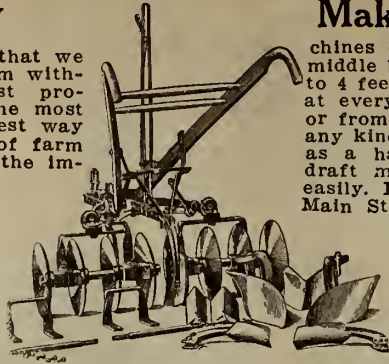
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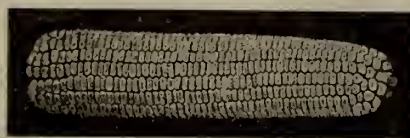
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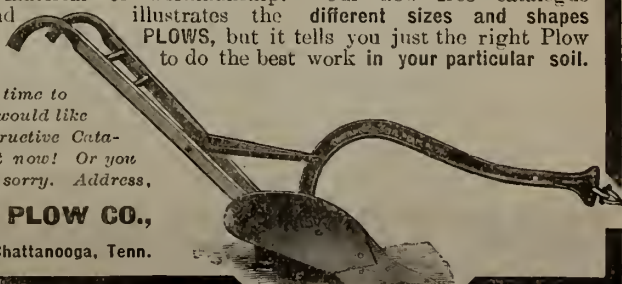
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I have before me an article in the Southern Planter, written by Prof. W. F. Massey, headed, "Improving a Farm," in which he gives extracts from a letter of a young man asking his advice as to improving a large farm in Piedmont section. I read the above with interest and think I was much benefited.

I am taking the liberty of addressing this to you to ask if you would please give me some advice as to solving the problem I find confronting me.

I am a young man, practically manager and joint heir of an old colonial estate of six or seven hundred acres here in Southern Virginia. For the past twenty or thirty years it was worked almost exclusively by old family negro tenants resulting in worn out fields and red gullies and with almost no fences, etc.

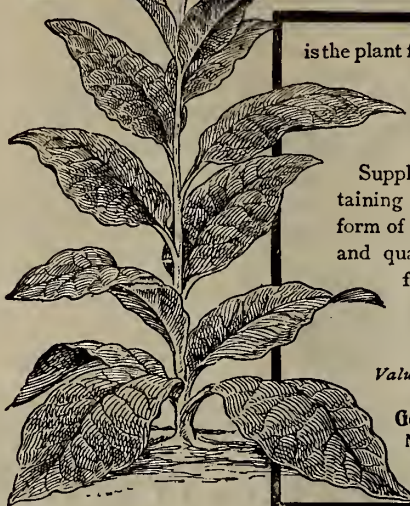
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two-year shift on bottom land that yields from five to eighteen barrels of corn per acre without the aid of commercial fertilizer by fallowing under the vegetation and grazing same land in winter, I wish to know what effect on the land the grazing has and if, in your opinion, the manure and urine left on land will counteract the loss of vegetable matter taken off.

I have noticed since grazing that in the summer there are spots all about in the fields where the weeds are eight to twelve inches higher than elsewhere. The rich looking spots were not there before the land was grazed. Would you advise me to have a portable fence and pen the cattle in the field at night, changing spots from time to time? I wish to add that by our new plan of working the plantation that we have reduced the negro tenants from about twelve families to only one family (that we keep to assist us), and in so doing we have saved any amount of wood and timber and at last put the place on a paying basis.

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can be kept good. But I have seen many old pastures in Albemarle which the owners were afraid to break because of the gullies, and the gullies continually became worse and new ones formed on the cattle tracks. With a thick sod on the land, the gullies can be prevented from forming and you can gradually fill the old gullies by making dams at intervals in them to catch the wash. If you have plenty of loose rocks you can use these for damming the gullies, and if you plow all the land not in gullies deeply, and run a sub-soiler so as to loosen the soil fifteen inches deep, you can seed down to orchard grass, red top and blue grass and leaving a hard rim next the gullies, can prevent the water getting into them from the higher land. I have in this way gotten old gullies in grass. This will be hastened if you get some of the running stems of Bermuda grass and put them in the gullies. There is nothing equal to Bermuda for stopping the gullies. But I would certainly try to get the land into good grass, and keep it good by annual top dressing of bone. This can be done by degrees, seeding one field this year and another the next, and so on, grazing the other fields while the grass is getting a good start. A mixture of ten pounds orchard grass, five pounds red top, and five pounds of Canada blue grass per acre will be a good mixture. The Canada blue grass, poa compressa, runs like Bermuda and binds the soil well. Then I would not run the cattle on the bottoms in winter, but would cut the corn and cure in shocks, and if I had not shelter enough, would fence off a lot handy and feed the corn there to make manure for the hills. Then, on the bottoms, I would plant corn and, at last working, would sow sixteen pounds of crimson clover seed per acre all among it. Then, in the spring, you will have the finest sort of pasture, and can turn it last of May for corn again. The bottoms will stand this and will give you increasing crops of corn, and, by feeding this and applying the manure to the hills, you can make hay on part of the land and thus get more and more feed. But determine at once that the gullies shall be stopped and made to stop themselves. I would not hesitate to break, and break deeply and subsoil, the hill lands if the grass is not good, and at once sow grain and seed down again after manuring or fertilizing liberally. On land devoted to tobacco I would make a three-year rotation of tobacco, wheat and red clover, turning the whole growth of clover in the fall the third year, and sowing rye as a winter cover and turn it in spring for tobacco, thus bringing the decaying clover where it will be valuable to the tobacco. Then with simply an application of 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of

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Pepper plants should be raised in a hot bed and the seed, if not already sown, should be put in at once. Sow in boxes filled with light, rich soil. When the plants are big enough to handle, they should be pricked off about three inches apart into other boxes or into the soil in a frame and be pushed along and gradually hardened so as to be ready to set out in the field as soon as the land is warm. There are several varieties grown for the market, but probably the most popular is the Ruby King, which is generally sold green. The long red Cayenne is also largely sold. They should be set out in the field in rows wide enough apart to allow of cultivation and twelve or fifteen inches apart in the rows, and should be frequently cultivated. The soil should be rich and, if not so, fertilizer should be used liberally. A proper fertilizer for this crop should analyze five per cent nitrogen, six per cent phosphoric acid, and seven per cent potash. Such a fertilizer can be made by mixing 200 pounds nitrate of soda, 700 pounds cotton seed meal, 840 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds muriate of potash to make a ton. Use at the rate of from 500 to 600 pounds to the acre. The land should be well prepared before setting out the plants so as to have it fine and free from clods.—Ed.

#### Cowpeas.

I expect to sow twenty-five or thirty bushels cowpeas this spring on some poor land. Would it be best to plow under the vines this fall and sow to crimson clover and plow under the clover next spring for corn and tobacco? What variety of cowpeas would you advise? How many to the acre, and how should they be put in? Also, what fertilizer to use; how much to the acre, and how applied? I wish to be right before going ahead. If you will kindly assist me in the matter I will greatly appreciate it. Part of the land is sandy loam and part clay.  
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Do not sow the peas till the land is well warmed in late May or early June. Harrow in before sowing 300 pounds of acid phosphate and twenty-five pounds of muriate of potash per acre. Sow either Whippoorwill or Black at rate of one bushel per acre broadcast. For immediate results in getting humus in the land it will do to turn the peas under when ripe. But if you have stock to feed it will be better farm economy to make hay of the peas and feed them and return the manure to the land, for you can get the feeding value and recover fully eighty per cent. of the manurial value

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#### Worms in Horses.

Will you advise me what to do for a colt that has worms? Her coat is rough and she backs up close to a fence or building and rubs her tail against it and seems to be very uncomfortable most of the time. She is also thin and in bad condition generally.

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The worms most commonly troublesome are lumbricoid worms, which infest the smaller intestines, and the pin worms, which infest the large bowels. The remedy for the first form is to give a drench of turpentine, one ounce, and linseed oil, two or three ounces, to be followed on the fourth day by a physic of Barbadoes aloes, one ounce. Give the drench after the horse has fasted for twenty-four hours. The remedy for the pin worms is to inject into the bowels through rectum an infusion of tobacco or quassia chips, one-half pound to a gallon of water once or twice daily for a few days. After the worms are disposed of give a tonic made up of one-half ounce of Peruvian bark, gentian and ginger every day in the feed or as a drench. This will tone up the system and appetite and prevent recurrence of the trouble usually.—Ed.

#### Hens Eating Eggs—Soy Bean Fodder.

1. Will you kindly tell me what will stop hens from eating eggs, and the cause for their doing so? I have a flock of Barred Plymouth Rock young hens that are fed a moderate ration of corn once a day; they have a large range and can get all the green wheat and crimson clover they want. Besides, they can go to the woods for worm, bugs, etc. I put lime where they can get it. Still they eat the eggs nearly every day.

2. Also, will you tell me if the dried stalks and hulls of soy beans (after the ripe beans have been threshed out for seed) are fit for horses or cattle to eat?

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READER.

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et. Dark nests are somewhat of a preventative. Trap nests will also save most of the eggs, but these are more expensive and troublesome.

2. The dried stalks, leaves and hulls of soy beans are good feed for stock of any kind. Soy bean hay is one of the most nutritious feeds grown.—Ed.

#### Insects on Rose Bush.

I enclose two shoots cut from the same "climbing rose" bush. They are evidently infested with "scale" of some kind. I am quite ignorant in such matters. Write to you for information; also, the remedy. Would it be better to destroy all bushes found so infested? If you will be kind enough to reply through the "Enquirers' Column" of your valued paper, I shall be greatly obliged.

CHAS. M. HARRIS.

Fauquier Co., Va.

The trouble is not scale, but the eggs of the common Katydid. This is not an injurious insect and therefore calls for no treatment.—Ed.

#### Seeding Crimson Clover.

1. I have a piece of wheat, twenty-three acres, the land lies well for machinery work, and my hope is to put it all down in grass, but it has been neglected to such an extent that I prefer working it a few years before seeding down. My one small experiment seeding clover with grain was not a brilliant success. One of Richmond's seed dealers strongly advocated sowing the clover and grass on top of the wheat during the winter. The wheat looks well, but there has not been a day this winter on which I could have ventured to put a team and harrow on the field, and now there is so much other work that even when it dries enough to work over safely I'll have to leave it. Can I cut up this land after harvest with a disc harrow and seed it to crimson clover without re-plowing?

2. Would there be any show for crimson clover if sown with sorghum and cowpeas? My object being to keep the land covered and also furnish early grazing because the land has been so overgrown and weedy that I can't let anything lie over without something on it. Please help me out on this. Your paper has already been of great help to me. L. G.

Campbell Co., Va.

1. Yes. After you get the wheat off. Cut it both ways with the disc harrow and then sow the crimson clover in July or August. We prefer to sow

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a mixture of crimson clover, 12 pounds to the acre, and wheat, oats and rye mixed in equal parts at the rate of three pecks to the acre. This gives a more certain cover for the land during the winter than the crimson clover alone, especially where crimson clover has not been grown before and thus makes a better fallow to turn under in the spring.

2. The crimson clover should not be sown with the sorghum and peas, as it will be then too early. It may be sown on the sorghum and peas in August and these will shade it sufficiently to enable it to root and make a stand. If very dry in August, we would not sow it until later, after a rain. Never let the land lie bare during any part of the year.—Ed.

**Nux Vomica to Kill Hawks.**

What amount and how often should nux vomica be fed to chicks and grown fowls to kill hawks? We are losing a great number of chicks by hawks.

NOLA CHUCKY PLTY. FARM.  
Hamblen Co., Tenn.

See Mr. Husselman's article in this issue. The most economical way to destroy the hawks is to make up all the chickens except one brood and to feed this brood with soft food in which you have mixed the nux vomica. Use half a teaspoonful of the dry nux vomica to a quart of meal or four or five drops of the liquid tincture for each chick.—Ed.

**Tomato Fertilizer.**

Will you please advise a good analysis of fertilizer for a tomato crop on clay land, and grey soil with clay subsoil.  
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should judge, will need considerable ammonia in the fertilizer.—Ed.

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Please name two firms you would recommend for shipping spring lambs to. **SUBSCRIBER.**

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In this city McComb & Block, and Eichel & Co. Washington is a good market for early spring lambs.—Ed.

Please say whether a mild winter is better or worse on cattle than a severe one. **A SUBSCRIBER.**

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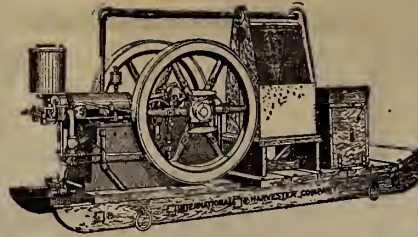
Under the ordinary conditions in which cattle are kept in this country, a mild winter is undoubtedly much more conducive to the well doing of the animals than a severe one. The first use which the animal makes of the feed it eats is to keep up the normal heat of the body and sustain life. If the weather is severely cold more of the food of maintenance is required to maintain this normal heat and, therefore, unless heavier rations and more heat producing food is fed less of that eaten will be applied to the building up of the fabric of the body and the storing of fat and the condition of the animal will be less satisfactory. A mild winter is economical of food in that better results will be secured from a smaller consumption than would be the case in hard, severe weather, the natural heat of the body requiring less fuel to keep it up more of that fuel will be applied to the improvement of the condition of the animal.—Ed.

**Improving Land in Tidewater Virginia.**

I fail to get much benefit from acid phosphate and peas. I put it on pea hay, also on planted peas, and cannot see any result. I would be glad if you will give me all the information you can that will help me to improve the poor land of Tidewater.

W. J. G.

You do not say what you do with the peas after you have grown them. If you simply put on a little acid phosphate just sufficient to make a small growth of peas and then cut them off and do not feed them to stock and apply the manure made to the land, it will gradually get poorer in the mineral plant food and especially in potash, which you do not supply, and the little acid phosphate applied each year will fail to make a better crop. The acid phosphate will only supply one element of plant food itself and help to get another from the atmosphere (nitrogen), but to make a successful crop you must have all



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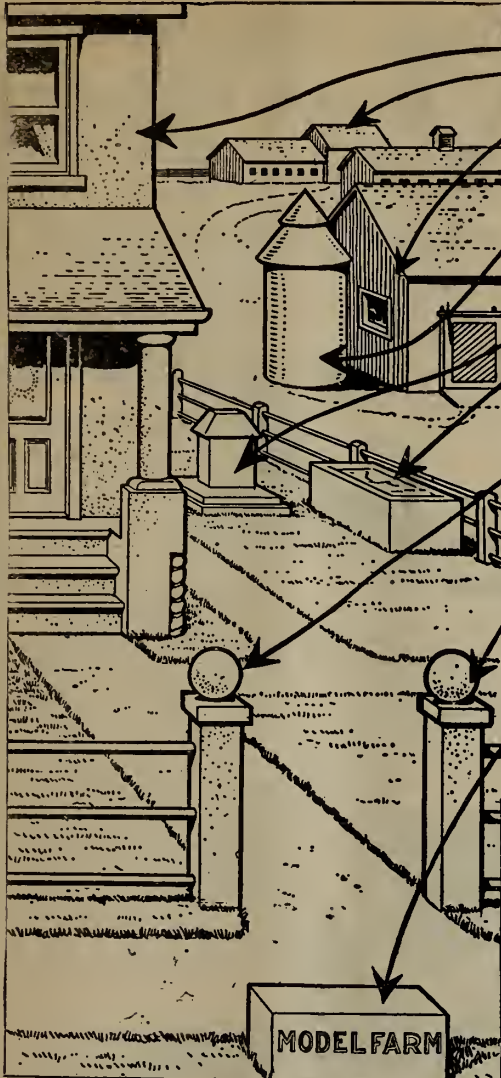
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#### Horse Not Doing Well.

I have a bay mare five years old and about fourteen hands high. She has plenty of life and a good appetite, but will not get fat. Her hair is rough and she looks worn out. She will not weigh more than 900 or 950 pounds. For her size, I think that to look well and do good service, she should weigh at least 150 pounds

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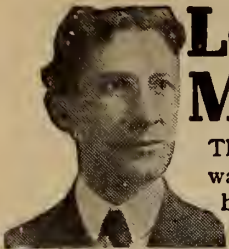
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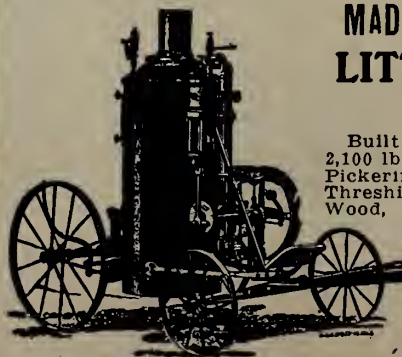
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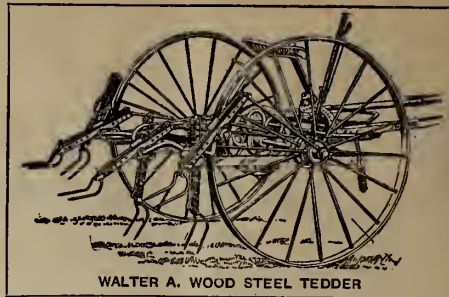
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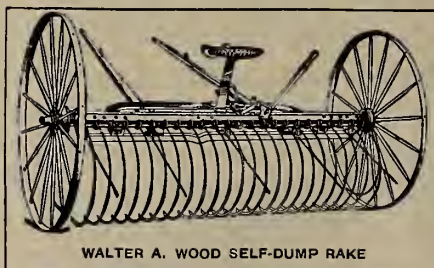
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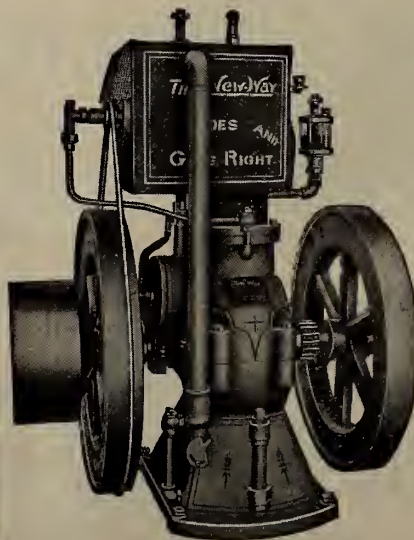
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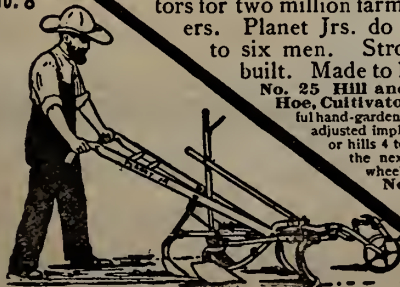
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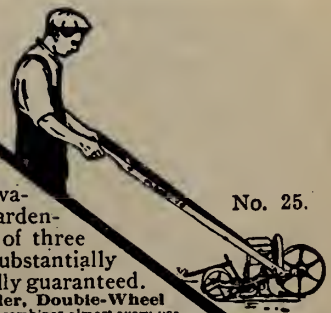
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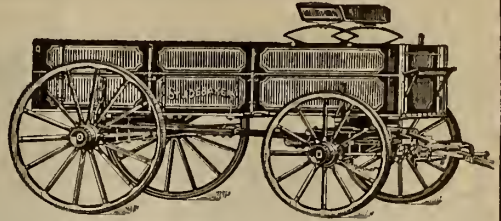


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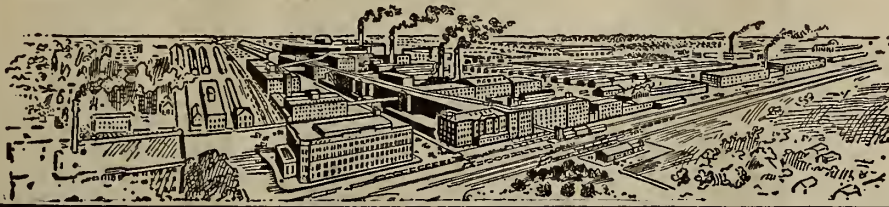
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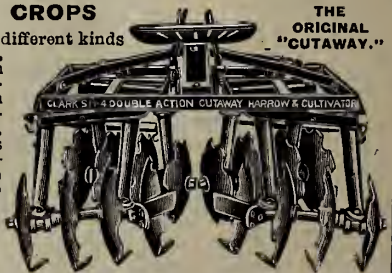
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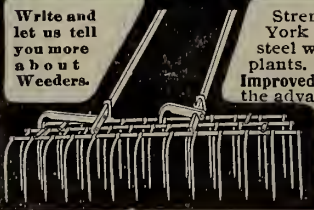


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It is an earthquake number, too—for Robert Hichens, author of "The Garden of Allah," has written a vivid and picturesque account of many hitherto unrelated incidents of the Messina tragedy; and another narrative is contributed by Frank A. Perret, the noted volcanologist, who has predicted seismic disaster in that region for two years, and who hurried back to Italy, anticipating disturbances.

The leading article of the number is an intimate picture of "The New Ruler of China," Prince Chun, the Regent, with glimpses of the court at Peking, by Isaac Taylor Headland, Professor of Science in Peking University. Professor Headland's official position and long residence in the Chinese capital, his knowledge of the language, and his attainments and sympathies have brought him into intimate relations with the highest officials and social life. The article comes, therefore, with authority.

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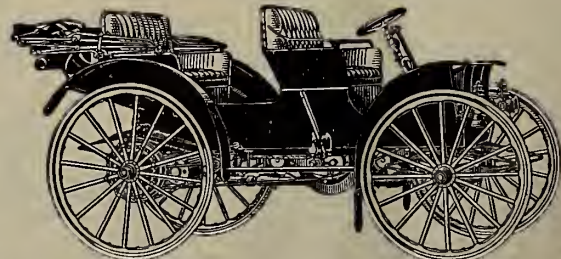
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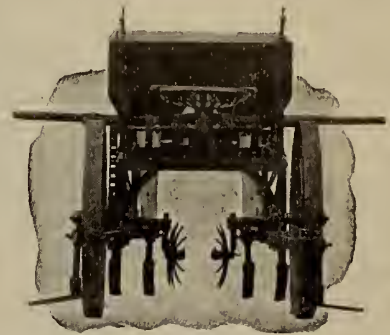
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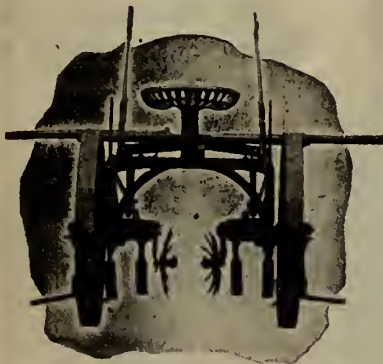
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lass of Continental times, who had some wonderful experiences with great folk, and the story is really about a lovely pearl locket as well as about Diffidence.

There are helpful hints for other bright boys in Walter Dunham's "Boys With a Business" in the April St Nicholas—giving illustrations from experience of the truth that "the same rule that makes a successful business man makes a successful business boy; that is, to find something which people need, and then let them know that you can supply it."

Two specially interesting and helpful serials for the older readers of St. Nicholas are the illustrated account of "Modern Magicians" and their tricks by Henry Hatton and Adrian Plate, and further account of "From the Drum of the Savage to the Great Orchestra," by Jessie Katherine Macdonald.

That delightful St. Nicholas department, Nature and Science, grows better every month; and the new Arcadia at Stamford, now building, promises equipment for even finer things. The Editor, Edward F. Bigelow, in-

vites contributions—photographs, drawings, sketches and suggestions. Accepted material will be paid for.

Spring has officially arrived, and all the earth is a-throb with new life and renewed vigor. Even in reading matter the demand is now for something stirring, lively, with plenty of action in it. These requirements are admirably fulfilled by the April Lippincott's. Its most important feature is perhaps the complete novel, "The Clue," by Carolyn Wells. This is a detective story, and no better one has appeared in a long time. The plot is based on



the murder of a young heiress on the eve of her wedding day, and the subsequent efforts to apprehend the guilty party. Various persons are suspected in turn, but not until the services of the detective, Fleming Stone, are enlisted is the mystery solved. Fleming Stone, by the way, figured prominently in a previous detective story by this author—"A Chain of Evidence", also published in Lippincott's Magazine. It is not too much to say that Miss Wells has never written anything better than "The Clue." The plot is markedly ingenious, the denouement unexpected, the characters ably drawn, and the whole tale brimful of action, keeping the reader's interest keyed up to the highest pitch. Yet while it is strongly dramatic throughout, the tale is not characterized by unrelieved gloom, a charming love story and many touches of humor serving to enliven it.

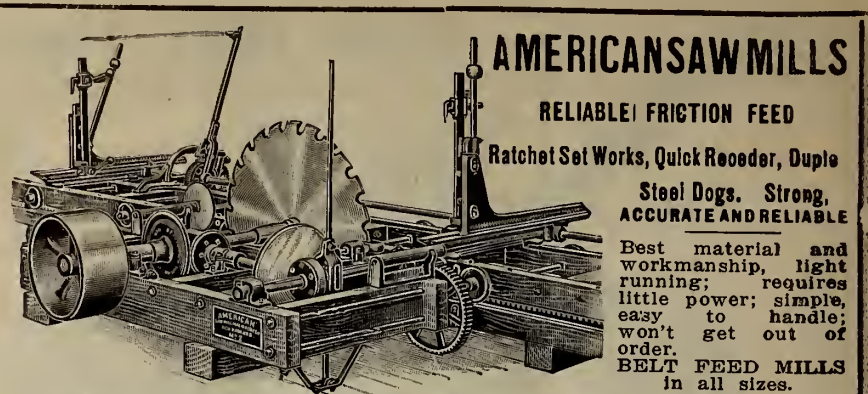
Among the short stories, Augusta Kortrecht's "The Little Fat Skeleton," stands out prominently, being both novel and humorous. "Woman Disposes," by George Allan England, is another remarkable tale. Others worthy of special mention are "The Captain's Charm," by Anne Warner; "The Freight That Went South," by Caroline Lockhart; "Miss Cluny of Cartmel," by Will Levington Comfort; and "The Apparition," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Harvey B. Bashore contributes a serious but interesting paper entitled "In the Day of the Cave Men."

#### The American Review of Reviews.

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Hon. Sereno E. Payne, Frontispiece  
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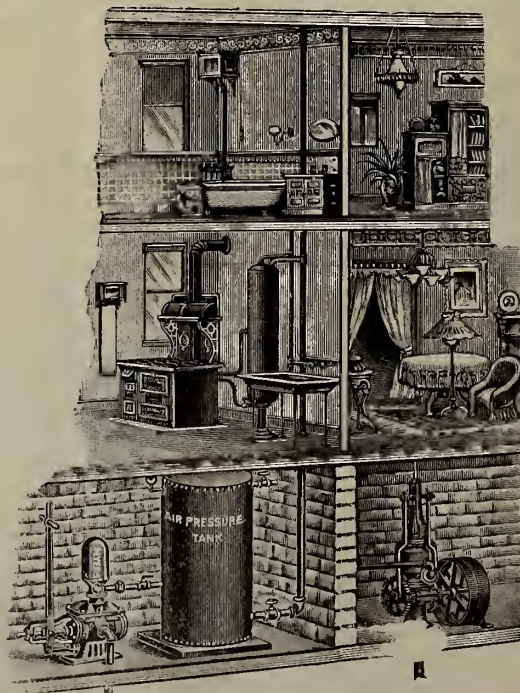
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### A SPLENDID RECORD OF LOYAL SERVICE.

The group shown here is a most unusual one. In the center of the front row, easily distinguished by his flowing beard, sits Hon. J. M. Studebaker, President of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., and only surviving member of the famous five Studebaker brothers, and about him are grouped eighty-three employees who have been continuously in the Studebaker employ for twenty-five years or more.

Mr. Studebaker recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday, and, in

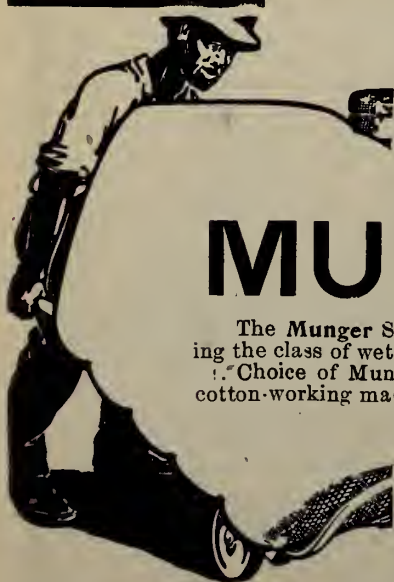
honor of the occasion, all employees of twenty-five years' standing were his guests at a reception given in his beautiful South Bend home. Of these eighty-three employees, thirty-three have been with the Company for thirty years or more, and the aggregate employment of all is 2,429 years, or an average of almost thirty years for each of the eighty-three. Although several have passed the fortieth year mark and the nestor of the force boasts of a record of forty-five years, to Mr. Studebaker himself belongs the honor of the longest continuous connection with the Studebaker Company, dating back to 1859, when he

became associated with his brother, the late Hon. Clem Studebaker.

In those forty-nine years, Mr. Studebaker has seen a little shop grow to be the largest vehicle factory in the world, employing nearly five thousand men. He has seen the sons and sons-in-law and grandchildren of the Studebaker brothers step into the Studebaker harness and apply their inherited knowledge of vehicle building to the achievement of even greater things. He has also seen the employees, who entered the service in the early days of the business, remain loyal to their first employer all these years, and he has seen their sons follow in their fathers' footsteps for "once a Studebaker man always a Studebaker man" is a rule that seems to apply to the employees as well as members of the Studebaker family.

Many of the men seated about Mr. Studebaker are foremen and superintendents who started in as apprentices and learned their trade from the Studebaker brothers, and they in turn have imparted their knowledge to their shop mates and to their sons, who are following in their fathers' footsteps. As Mr. Studebaker says, "These men are the educators in our plant, and while we have young men under their training coming along in every department we still depend upon this advanced class to keep our product up to the highest possible standard."

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## WASHINGTON NOTES.

## Care for the Farm Water Supply.

One subject which the Farm Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt investigated very thoroughly was the question of the water supply for farms. That the question of a sanitary water supply both for drinking and for purposes of cleanliness is important there is no doubt, and the improvement in the health of communities which has followed the introduction of abundant supplies of pure water bears testimony to the importance of every precaution in this direction.

The water supplies of farms come from wells, springs and cisterns. A recent inspection of the water supplies of some three hundred dairy farms in Maryland and Virginia showed that wells are used much oftener on these farms than either of the other two, the proportions being about five wells to three springs and one cistern.

In selecting a water supply every precaution should be taken to prevent the contents of a cesspool from soaking into the soil, for even if the cesspool is at a distance from the well or springs the ground between may eventually become saturated and fail to act as a filter. The crude methods of sewage disposal still quite commonly in vogue in the country are a continual menace to the water supply.

In a good many cases the water supply from springs is too lightly guarded. While every precaution should be taken of well water, greater care must be taken with springs, for, in addition to the danger of pollution from surface drainage and from seepage, if the spring is open it is liable to pollution by the introduction of impurities in dipping the water out. This source of contamination may be guarded against by inclosing the spring in a concrete casing on all sides and providing a tight cover and a pipe cemented in on one side to allow the water to run out. Some springs, although excellently protected by a coping on three sides and in other ways, are made liable to pollution by having steps leading down to the water's edge. Under such conditions the danger of introducing impurities from the soles of dirty shoes is, of course, apparent.

In the inspection made by the Bureau of Animal Industry, above referred to, but few springs were found which were properly protected. Some of them had cement or tight stone coping on three sides with steps leading down on the fourth side; some had a tight coping on all sides, but the coping was level with the ground and the water thus exposed to pollution. But in most cases the water ran out of fissures in the rock into a natural or artificial basin, or bub-

## OTHER CREAM SEPARATORS Merely Discarded or Abandoned DE LAVAL INVENTIONS

It is interesting and instructive to know that nearly, if not quite, every cream separator that has ever been made, and certainly all that are being made at this time, are merely copies or imitations of some type of construction originally invented or developed by the De Laval Company, and either not used by it because of something more practical or else discarded and abandoned in the course of De Laval progress and utilization of later improvements.

As earlier patents have expired some of their features have one after another been taken up by different imitators, so that at all times, as is the case today, every separator made in the United States or elsewhere in the world, utilizes some type of construction originally owned and developed by the De Laval Company, though some of them have never been commercially used by the De Laval Company because of their inferiority to other types of construction used by it.

All cream separator inventions by others have been of immaterial details or variations, upon which patents have been taken, if at all, more for the sake of the name than by reason of any real value or usefulness attaching to them.

But the De Laval Company has always been forging ahead, with its many years of experience and the best of experts and mechanics the whole world affords in its employ, so that before any expiring patent might permit the use of any feature of construction by imitators the De Laval Company had already gone so much beyond that type of construction that it was then old and out-of-date in the modern De Laval machines.

The first practical continuous flow centrifugal Cream Separator was the invention of Dr. Gustaf de Laval in 1878, the American patent application being filed July 31, 1879, and issuing as Letters Patent No. 247,804 October 4, 1881.

This was the original Cream Separator—of the "Hollow" or empty bowl type—and it has been followed from year to year by the various steps of cream separator improvement and development, all De Laval made or owned inventions, the American patent applications being filed and letters patent issued as follows:

The original hand Cream Separator of the "Bevel Gear" type; application filed October 2, 1886, issuing as Letters Patent No. 356,990 February 1, 1887.

The original hand Cream Separator of the "Spur Gear" type; application filed January 17, 1887, issuing as Letters Patent No. 368,328 August 16, 1887.

The original Steam Turbine-driven Cream Separator; application filed December 8, 1886, issuing as Letters Patent No. 379,690, March 20, 1888.

The original "Tubular" shaped "hollow" bowl Cream Separator; application filed April 19, 1886, issuing as Letters Patent No. 372,788 November 8, 1887.

The original "Disc" bowl Cream Separator; application filed May 12, 1890, issuing as Letters Patent No. 432,719 July 22, 1890.

The original vertical "Blade" Cream Separator bowl, covered likewise by the application filed May 12, 1890, issuing as Letters Patent No. 432,719, July 22, 1890.

The original "Bottom Feed" Cream Separator bowl; application filed July 24, 1889, issuing as Letters Patent No. 445,066 January 20, 1891.

The original series of "Star" or "Pineapple Cone" shaped cylinders Cream Separator bowl; application filed August 24, 1893, issuing as Letters Patent No. 521,722 June 19, 1894.

The original "Curved" or "Converging Disc" type of Cream Separator bowl; application filed January 18, 1905, issuing as Letters Patent No. 892,999 July 14, 1908.

The original "Split-Wing" Tubular Shaft Cream Separator bowl; application filed April 29, 1898, issuing as Letters Patent No. 640,358 January 2, 1900—which invention, with a number of later improvements, is the type of bowl construction used in the De Laval machines of to-day, still covered by protecting patents which prevent its appropriation by would-be competitors.

The patents thus enumerated are but a few of the more important of the more than 500 original Cream Separator patents owned, controlled and developed by the De Laval Company during its thirty years of creation and development of the Cream Separator industry throughout the world. They are recited because they show in the most illustrative and conclusive manner possible De Laval originality and leadership from 1878 to the present day.

In addition to these patent-protected features, the De Laval machines have within two years been mechanically re-designed and re-constructed in every part, from top to bottom, so that the new 1908-1909 line of De Laval machines are to-day, even more than at any past period, fully ten years in advance of any other cream separator made.

These are the Rock-of-Gibraltar-like facts against which the mere "word claims" of would-be competitors fade away like the mists of night before the rays of the morning sun.

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bled up from the bottom of such a basin. In such cases no special care was exercised to guard against pollution.

Comparatively few farmers seem to realize the importance of convenience in the matter of water supplies, even from a purely economic point of view. Less than one-fifth of the dairy farms recently inspected have windmills, rams, or other means of bringing the water into the house or dairy. Year after year on many farms water is pumped by hand or brought up the hill from the spring in buckets at the expenditure of a great amount of labor in the aggregate. Where it is at all feasible the water should be pumped into a tank and conducted at least into the dairy and the kitchen by pipe. Even where the water has to be pumped by hand, it is desirable to have a tank, for this insures abundance for purposes of cleanliness. But, of course, if feasible, resort should be had to some mechanical device—a windmill, engine or ram—for forcing water up to a tank to furnish a convenient supply for the house, barn and dairy, in each of which there should be at least one spigot.

Pinchot Favors Free Pulp Wood.  
Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the United States Forest Service, has written a

letter to Chairman Payne, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, in which he makes the statement that the removal of the tariff on lumber would neither reduce the price to the consumer nor preserve our forests. He holds that the fundamental question at issue in the lumber tariff is forest conservation. He says that he would favor a removal of the tariff if he were of the opinion, which he thinks is the cause of the demand for free lumber, that it would offer a way to protect our forests. "But I am unable to see," he says, "how free lumber will promote forestry.

"There is only one way to save our forests," he adds, "that is to see that they are kept at work growing new crops of timber as the old are cut away."

The chief forester thinks it "highly important to the country that we should have free pulp wood in the future as in the past, and that Canada should impose no export duty upon pulp wood. In this respect the pulp and paper making industry is in a different position from the other great wood-using industries of the United States. The latter can be supplied wholly from our own forests, while the former must have free access to the Canadian spruce forests so long as spruce is the chief pulp wood."

He declares that ground wood should be admitted free, "provided that it comes from a country which does not in any way restrict the exportation of wood pulp or ground wood, and that there should be a reduction of duty upon wood pulp paper providing that it comes from a country which does not in any way restrict the exportation of pulp wood, wood pulp or printing paper."

Doctor Wiley on Soft Drinks.

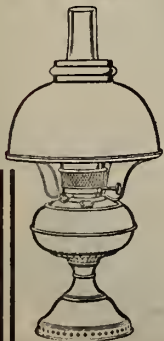
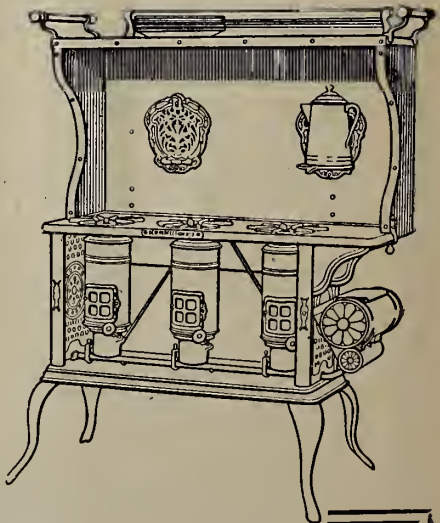
At a dinner this week given to Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, Chief Chemist of the Department of Agriculture, by students of Holy Cross Academy, the food crusader said that young girls who become addicted to certain liquids dispensed at soda fountains are swallowing more harmful drugs than they have any idea of.

"If you only knew what I know about what these soft drinks contain you would abstain from them," he said. "It will surprise you to know that most of them contain more caffeine than coffee, and a drug which is more deadly. So beware of the soft drink. It is more harmful than coffee, and I advise all young people against the use of this stimulant. Perhaps you would be interested to know I have collected more than one hundred samples of soft drinks sold at

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soda fountains and each contains caffeine and many of them a deadly drug."

Doctor Wiley asserted that he was fully cognizant of the army of enemies he had made in trying to protect the public against harmful foods and he added that he would probably make many more in an endeavor to rid the country of deception and fraud in food products. He declared that the man who deceives the public by putting out impure goods is as bad as the man who loots the bank vault. Doctor Wiley said that despite the experts who sometimes differ with him, he intends to continue his strict enforcement of the pure food and drug law until the public is free from the deception which many unscrupulous manufacturers would inflict upon them.

#### Created Forest Additions.

Among the last official acts of President Roosevelt was the signing of proclamations creating additions to national forests in Nevada, South Dakota, California, New Mexico and Arizona, aggregating 4,980,736 acres. This new forest land brings the total national forest area up to 195,013,980 acres.

Last year was a banner year for sugar beets, but the estimate is made by officials of the Department of Agriculture, that the present year will eclipse all past records, as it is expected that over half a million short tons of beet sugar will be made.

GUY E. MITCHELL.

Every day those illustrious experts in economics, the Honorables Sereno E. Payne and Champ Clark, will continue their farcical debates, and unselfish patriots now engaged in infantile industrial pursuits will join in the beseeching prayer of twenty-five ministers in the Missouri mining region for a tariff on zinc ore, neatly phrased by a local poet in this wise:

O Lord, we humbly ask Thine aid  
To tariff raise on Zinc,  
Because our infant trade now stands  
Close on to ruin's brink.  
We do not ask Thee, "mountains  
move  
And cast into the sea,"  
That deaf may hear, and dumb may  
speak,  
Or that the blind may see.  
For things like these we have no use  
We need substantial "chink."  
We must have help, and have it now,  
Good Lord, remember Zinc.  
We know 'twill raise the price of  
paint,  
Of mat, and tub, and sink,  
But other people pay the bill;  
Good Lord, protect our Zinc.

—Harper's Weekly.

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These "Would-be-Competitors" claim the earth but "word claims" do not give them the title.

These "Would-be-Competitors" claim that Dr. De Laval was the inventor of "the first practical continuous flow centrifugal Cream Separator," his application being filed "July 31, 1879, Patent issued, No. 248,804, Oct. 4, 1881."

This statement is not true as shown by the records in the Patent Office. Messrs. **Houston & Thomson** (who afterward became famous in the electrical line,) were the first to be awarded a patent on such an apparatus. Application filed Oct. 29, 1877. Patent issued April 5 1881, No. 239,659.

This **Houston & Thomson** Separator was also of the "Bevel Gear" type and was for either hand or power, therefore the claim of our "Would-be-Competitors" on this point is not correct.

These "Would-be-Competitors" in their advertisement state, after enumerating ten patents that "the patents thus enumerated are but a few of the more important of the more than 500 original Cream Separator patents owned, controlled and developed by the De Laval Company."

What Bosh: What a ridiculous statement. They enumerate only 10 patents and then have the assurance to claim 500 patents, or 50 times as many as they enumerate.

The United States Commissioner of Patents states under date of March 22nd that "there have been issued in Subclass 20, Centrifugal Machines, Liquid Separators, under Class 127, Sugar and Salt, approximately 443 patents." In these several classes of Centrifugal Separators, which include all the patents of Centrifugal machines for separating cream, separating sugar, salt, etc., there have been issued only 443 patents to all the combined inventors and yet our "Would-be-Competitors" claim they have 500, or 57 more than were ever issued to all the other numerous inventors combined. How does their statement appeal to every intelligent reader?

These are more of the "Rock-of-Gibraltar" facts against which the mere "word claims" of "Would-be-Competitors" fade away like the mists of night before the rays of the morning sun."

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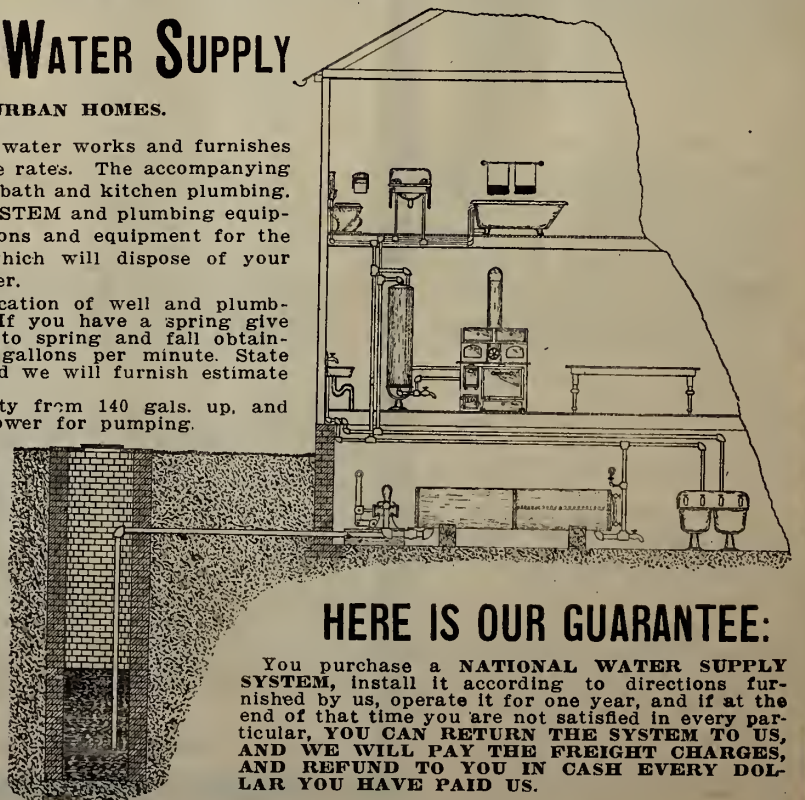
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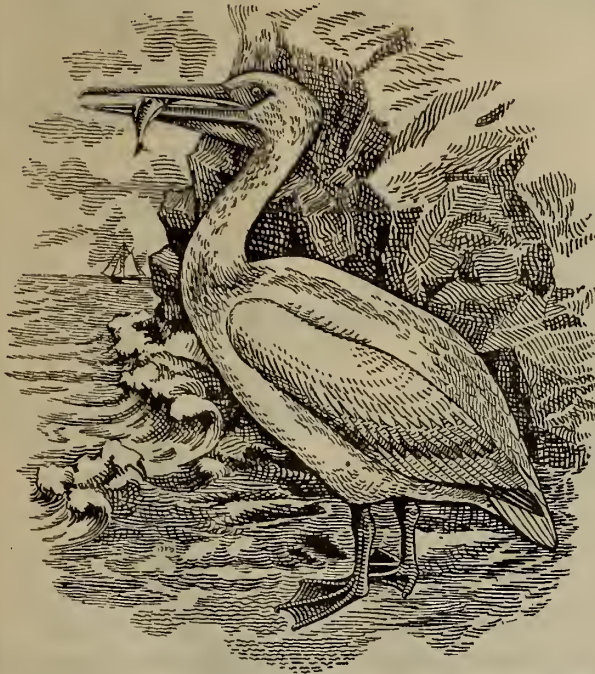


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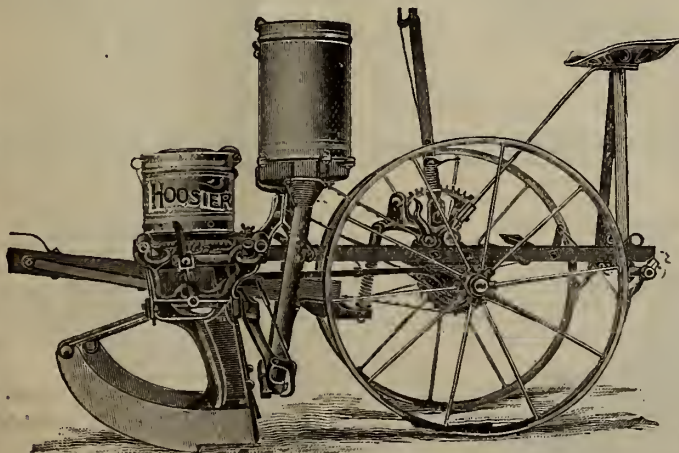
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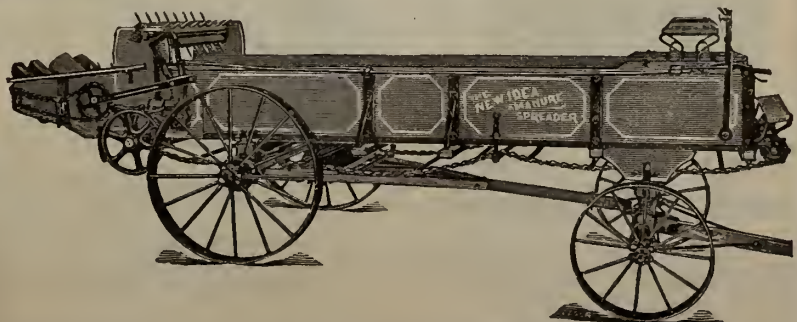
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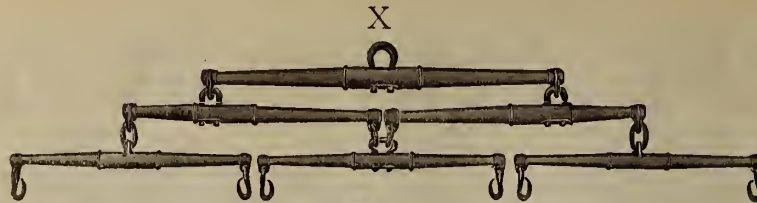
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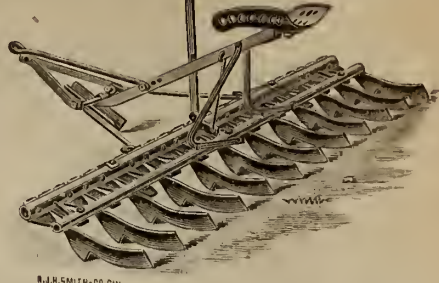
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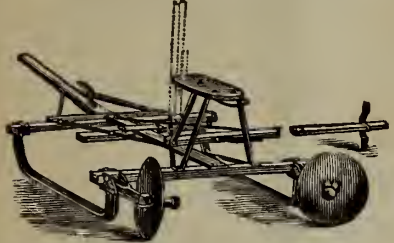
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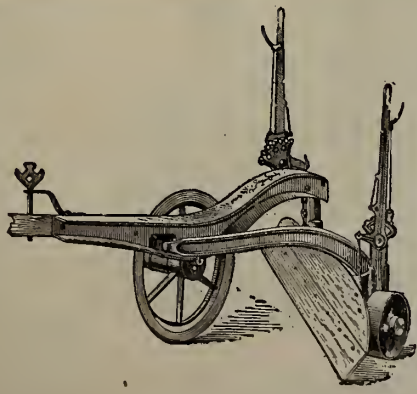
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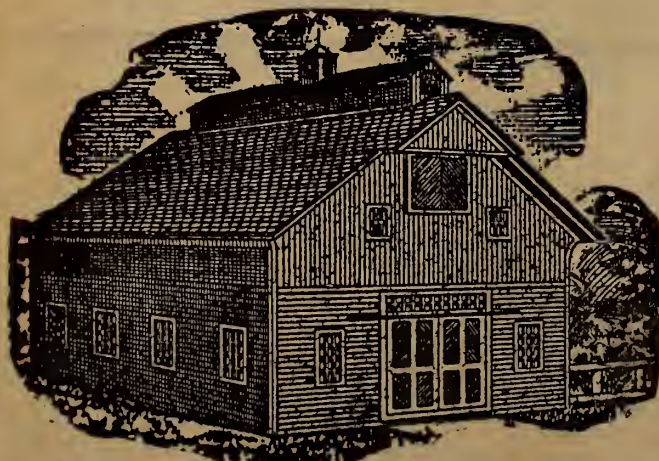
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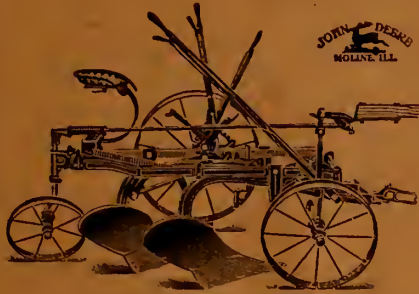
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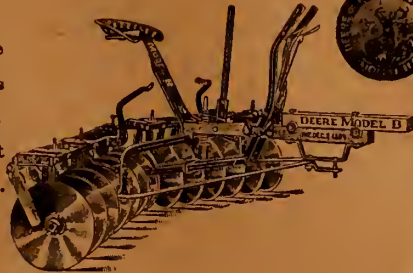
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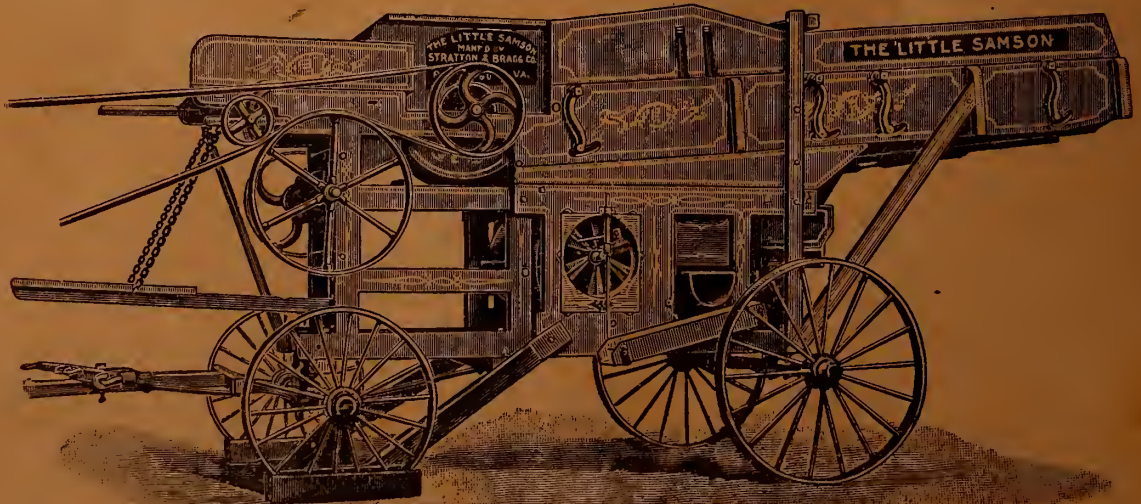
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