## Farm Department.

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### SOME DRAWBACKS.

There are many things that hinder the welfare of the farmer. I wish to mention three principal drawbacks in this column this week and next.

1ST. IGNORANCE.—A friend said to me recently, "Ignorance is and has been the greatest curse to the South." There is no doubt about his statement being correct. It is at the bottom of many other troubles. In some parts of the world every boy is expected to serve an apprenticeship and learn some trade or profession. The average young man in the South knows a little of everything in general and nothing in particular and so is not prepared to take up anything and make it a success.

It is now getting to be generally understood that a man needs some special study and training to be a doctor, a lawyer or a railroad man, but it is still thought that anybody and everybody can farm. Notwithstanding this idea, if you look around carefully you will soon be convinced that it takes as much training and tact to make a successful farmer as it takes in other lines of business.

I never knew a section where everybody was very ignorant that the people were not more or less shiftless and helpless. The educated farmer knows better how to diversify his crops, organize his labor and apply his fertilizers' besides having many other advantages.

We often hear the complaint that if you educate a boy he will leave the farm. There is some truth in this but there is a reason for it. It is because there have been so few boys educated and the stores, the factories, the railroads and other lines of business have demanded all these, but educate the people everywhere and see how soon this rush from the farms will cease.

Some think educated people will not work. This is a mistake. Education neither makes a man industrious nor lazy. An industrious man will work wherever he is, but a lazy man will not work much under any circumstances. One educated man among a thousand ignorant men might live with but little work, but if all were educated he would have to give up living without work as a hopeless job.

General education is our great need. Educate all the people and teach them the dignity of labor and then and not until then will we have great financial prosperity. "The people must be educated." Let this be our motto.

### A Severe Object Lesson.

The year now drawing to a close has been a trying one to farmers in many sections, by reason of the long-continued drouth, especially severe in the West, but prevailing also in the South in some places.

If the Western farmers had planted corn as their only crop, their condition now would be a serious one, as the crop in that section was cut short more than one-half. But fortunately for them, they had outgrown the one-crop idea, and before the ill effects of the drouth they had harvested the greatest wheat crop ever known, the price of which was advanced by the failure in corn.

Thus diversified farming has been shown to be the correct method to farm by an object lesson which will be lasting on account of its severity, and from a seeming evil will come lasting good to those who have heeded it.

Southern farmers have, within the past few years, been likewise taught the evils of dependence on a single crop, as they felt the hardships resulting from low-priced cotton, their only money crop, while forced to pay advancing prices for wheat, corn and meats. Increased demand without a proportionate increase in the supply of cotton fortunately came to the aid of the Southern planters, and the higher prices obtained enabled many of them to get out of debt and to become free to exercise their own judgment as to what proportion of their land should be devoted to cotton, and what part should be used for wheat, corn, grasses, vegetables and fruit.

Thus has come an opportunity which has been taken advantage of by many farmers, and the day when cotton alone was looked to, to supply all the necessities and luxuries of the family, and which often failed to produce the bare necessities, has passed. In every Southern State great and increasing quantities of corn, wheat, vegetables and fruits are being produced and cattle, hogs and sheep are multiplying.

Now the Northern cities are looking to the South for early vegetables and fruits, and this important source of wealth is being recognized and worked by intelligent effort, so as to cause many heretofore barren districts to blossom as the rose.

There is scarcely a district in the entire South that cannot profitably raise its own corn and wheat, and produce its own meats, and when this fact is made the most of, cotton still being looked to as the main money crop, the prosperous conditions now prevailing on account of the fair prices of cotton during the past two years will continue and increase year by year.—Home and Farm.

### Going Into Winter Quarters.

The active well-to-do farmer going into winter quarters with the family stock of all kinds and the fowls and all of his machinery and smaller tools, gives the matter much thought. The health and comfort of the family is the greatest of all cares and sometimes it is the thing of little care until afflictions come. It is often the case when a farmer is through with his heavy work that he drops off the feed and strict attention of his horses. Really this is the time to rub and fatten the horse and let him come into the spring young and sprightly, with clean limbs and bright, well-kept hair.

Machinery should be well rubbed and oiled to prevent rust, and all repairs well adjusted so things will move off in spring with short notice. It is said that most people know better than they do; this may be a mistake. If a man thinks that he knows all about farming, it may be his greatest mistake, and so he ceases to learn. The man who really knows much about the details of profitable farming is a constant student. When a man knows a thing well it acts as a tonic to stimulate him to the proper action. A thorough knowledge is apt to wake a man to care and attention. When loss and gain is well up in the mind it surely acts as a spur to motion.

We are now passing the fourth grand division of the year, and as the thrifty farmer has gathered plentiful of the bountiful grasses, the next thing is to know how to bring out the best results—of fat and manure. Good stock is of great value on the farm. Poor stock, poor tools, poor lands, and a poor farmer are very much in line. Now for improvement. Decide by real calcuation how much corn, wheat, oats, and the vegetable crop is wanted. Take your best corn land and half the number of acres that you usually tend and begin to prepare manure for the acreage. Arrange to plow your land well at least twice before planting.

Do not take more than five pigs to make the thousand or fifteen hundred pounds of good pork. Begin with the pigs now for next pork season. So with your wheat land this season—five acres of land for one hundred bushels. After all that may be said, the man on the farm must be master of the situation. Our lands are so diversified that no rule will suit all places or lands. —R. R. Moore in Progressive Farmer.

### Forage.

From Franklin Co.: "I have tried several ways to keep corn cut off at the ground, but failed to keep it. This year I made a "horse" by your directions and shocked the corn as directed, and it has rotted and moulded clear through. Please tell us what to do for horse feed." There is no doubt that in the humid season we have had this fall there is a greater difficulty in curing the fodder in the shock than usual. But if the shocks are not made too large and the centre is kept well open at the base there is really no difficulty in curing the fodder. But shocked tight and a great deal placed in a shock there will be some loss anywhere. No farmer should have to depend on corn for feed. If you have plenty of crab grass hay or peavine hay, both of which you could have had plenty of this season, there will be no lack of horse feed. I keep a pair of horses but never think of depending on the corn stalks for feed. I give them some by way of variety, but I have plenty of pea hay and crabgrass hay, and if there is a farmer in North Carolina today who has not plenty of horse feed outside of corn fodder it is his own fault. On the land where my peas were cut and cured for hay I am now putting in oats and hairy vetch, and before the horses will have eaten up the pea and crabgrass hay cut this fall I will have the crop of oats and vetch cured and ready to carry them through till more hay is made. I thus get most of the feed for two big horses from two acres of land. And I propose to get that two acres into such condition that they will furnish all the forage these horses need the year round. A farmer who has not provided a plenty of good horse feed is too late asking the middle of October what he is to do for horse feed. I am feeding hay now which I cut on the corn field after the corn was shocked. It is crabgrass, but it is better than the timothy that is selling here for over $20 a ton. Our farmers and horse feeders do not realize the fact that crab grass cut the proper time makes better hay than timothy, but such is the fact, and there is not a farmer in eastern N. C., who cannot have an abundance of it if he will. In fact I do not believe that for the expenditure there is a crop that would pay much better than crab grass on a piece of well manured land.—W. F. Massey.

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### Pointed Paragraphs.

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Some people are long on mock modesty and shy on the real thing.

Much that passes for philosophy is nothing but downright impudence.

Happy is the man whose smile is the same in prosperity and adversity.

A man who says he enjoys a church social may not be a liar, but he is not above suspicion.

What a brilliant world this would be if men could only acquire brains as easily as they can umbrellas!

When a man tells you some woman has mistreated him you always have a hankering to hear the woman's version of the story. —Chicago News.

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