

Our Farm Department

Devoted to the Interest of Those Who
Till the Soil

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RAGGED FARMS.

If a man takes any interest in farming there is nothing which pleases him better than to see a clean smooth well kept farm. Farms having a ragged appearance are not pleasing to see. Stumps or trees in the fields, bushes around the fences and on the ditches, washes across the fields and leaving little spots all about uncultivated give the farms a ragged appearance. Every farmer should take some interest in the appearance of his farm and especially when he knows that the things that improve the appearance of farms usually add to these profits.

NAMING THE FARMS.

We have noticed in reading farm journals that many writers advocate the idea of naming farms. We do not like it and have never heard a good reason advanced for it. It is much easier to keep up with the names of farmers than to learn to know their farms by name. Now and then it may be all right to name some notable place but that custom of getting a name for every little farm is entirely useless and is the cause of a good many remarks. Besides people are constantly buying and selling and the next owner of the land would usually want the farm to have a different name.

Thoughts for Farmers.

"Agree with thine adversary quickly whilst thou art in the way with him."
"Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself."
These sentences are from an old volume that is rather too much neglected in these strenuous days. We commend a more diligent study of it to the farmers. A few days ago one man shot another and killed him here in Spartanburg as the result of a long standing grudge about a real or imagined trespass. In Anderson, S. C., this week an excellent citizen was severely cut by a neighbor, the dispute having arisen about the transfer of a lot. A quarrel over a line fence, or a few feet of land, or trespassing stock, or fowls comes up very frequently. That should not be so. When anything goes wrong go at once to the man who caused the trouble. Go as a neighbor and friend. Put on no war paint. State your grievance to him alone and ask for his version of the affair. Never go around telling others what a bad neighbor you have. Do not talk to others about your disagreements. The good will and friendship of the farmers whose lands join yours are worth more than a fowl, or a stray calf, or destructive pig. Make up your mind that in all these differences the friendship and affection of neighbors are most desirable. Never let your imagination get away with you. Get at the truth. Do not believe what reports say. Line fences, land corners and old roads are great sources of trouble. It becomes farmers above all men to settle their disputes at home, especially when they originate from these causes.—Progressive Farmer.

Triumphs of Modern Surgery.

Wonderful things are done for the human body by surgery. Organs are taken out and scraped and polished and put back, or they may be removed entirely; bones are spliced; pipes take the place of diseased sections of veins; antiseptic dressings are applied to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation sets in, which causes them to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the old treatment. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on the same principle. It is an antiseptic and when applied to such injuries, causes them to heal very quickly. It also allays the pain and soreness. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering which such injuries entail. For sale by A. H. Boyett, Smithfield, Selma Drug Co., J. W. Benson.

Loss From Exposure of Cotton.

The Star has refrained from the occasional course of its contemporaries of giving gratuitous advice to its friends behind the hoe who are the bone and sinew of the country, and who are, in these enlightened days of progressive farming generally better judges of practical questions than many who take a superficial or sentimental view of the situation. The Star is, however, in a position to know that many of its friends are suffering serious loss by the unwise exposure on the plantations of thousands of bales of cotton to the continuous spring rains this season, which has been estimated, in many instances as high as 30 per cent of the market value. It has been claimed by some of those who have no storing facilities that the bales will not suffer much injury in the open if they are kept on their edge upon poles which hold them a few inches clear off the ground; and if the bales are turned upside down after every rain in order that the moisture absorbed may be quickly evaporated. It is also claimed that the cotton so treated will gain in weight to the farmers' advantage and that the risk of loss by fire is reduced to a minimum without the expense of insurance.

It must be manifest by experience, however, that these specious claims are not sustained by results. Exposure to the sun and winter rain warps and defaces the bagging, rusts the hoops and makes an unsightly package, while the later warmer rains of the spring heats the cotton, fermentation follows and in many instances thirty to sixty pounds of rotting and worthless cotton must be removed and the bale repacked in a crude and unsatisfactory way before it is fit for shipment. We have seen in Wilmington recently thousands of damaged bales waiting for the slow and expensive process of picking before they can be shipped as merchantable. Many of these bales must prove a loss of at least a cent a pound to the farmer.

Moreover, the practice of exposing cotton at the plantations seems to be largely confined to our own section—that is to say, the Carolinas. Farther South a better method prevails and the warehouse system is used by many farmers who have no storage facilities. It should not be overlooked that mill buyers and exporters prefer the lots that have been protected even by a temporary and inexpensive shelter which is within the means of every producer. There is, then, no question as to actual weights and grades, nor any delay in settlements, nor any rejection of misshaped bales.

We are informed that some of the principal buyers are now refusing to bid on exposed and damaged cotton because of recent heavy reclamations from mills at home and abroad. We also learn from representatives of Marine Underwriters that insurance against country damage will be difficult to obtain next season even at advanced premiums.

It behooves the cotton planter with these facts before him to protect his cotton crop from damage by simple and reasonable precautions after it has passed the inevitable vicissitudes of frost, drought, excessive moisture, rust, insects and other natural and unnatural foes between the planting and the picking of this royal gift of God.—Editorial in Morning Star of May 25.

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Report of Reduction.

New Orleans, La., May 31.—The Southern Cotton Association today issued its cotton acreage report. The report says: "The estimated acreage for 1904 as indicated by the report of the United States government amounted to 31,730,000 acres. The decrease in the acreage for 1905 as shown by our tabulated statement, which was compiled from 17,754 individual reports from farmers, merchants, bankers and others, throughout the cotton belt, fixes the acreage this year at 25,980,951 acres, a decrease of 18.43 per cent. and 16.05 per cent. in fertilizers.

"The conditions of the crop as reported for Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, the territories and portions of Mississippi are unprecedentedly bad, much of the acreage reported in those States being yet unplanted, and large tracts either under water or badly washed by heavy rains.

"In the eastern portion of the cotton belt the fields are grassy, the cotton still unchopped, and labor scarce throughout the entire belt. The officers of the association expressed the highest commendation of the loyalty of the farmers throughout the cotton territory in so fully living up to their promises and pledges in bringing about so material a reduction in the cotton acreage and the use of commercial fertilizers under cotton for 1905.

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The Cotton Crop.

Washington, June 2.—The following bulletin on the condition of the cotton crop was issued by the Department of Agriculture today:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture show the total area planted in cotton in the United States up to May 25 to be about 28,120,000 acres, a decrease of about 3,610,000 acres, or 11.4 per cent. from the total acreage planted last year.

The average condition of the growing crop on May 25 was 77.2, as compared with 83 on May 26, 1904; 74.1 at the corresponding date in 1903, and a ten year average of 85.3.

The percentage of decrease in acreage in the different states (the comparison being with the total area planted last season) is as follows:

Virginia 13; North Carolina 10; South Carolina 11; Georgia 11; Florida 10; Alabama 8; Mississippi 12; Louisiana 14; Texas 12; Arkansas 15; Tennessee 10; Missouri 14; Oklahoma 11; Indian Territory 10.

The condition of the crop by states on May 25 was as follows:

Virginia 87; North Carolina 83; South Carolina 78; Georgia 84; Florida 88; Alabama 87; Mississippi 73; Louisiana 73; Texas 69; Arkansas 73; Tennessee 86; Missouri 84; Oklahoma 88; Indian Territory 81.—News and Observer.

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The One Good Way.

If we wish to overcome evil, we must overcome it by good. There are doubtless many ways of overcoming the evil in our own hearts, but the simplest, easiest, most universal, is to overcome it by active occupation in some good word or work. The best antidote against evil thoughts which haunts the soul, against the needless perplexities which distract the conscience, is to keep hold of the good we have, and earnestly endeavor to increase the store.—A. P. Stanley.

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What Love Does With Worries.

You have seen the river in midsummer, when the water was low, fretting against every stick and pebble. Then you have seen the same river in the springtime, when filled to overflowing with melting snows and brimming springs, easily lift great logs and bear them on its bosom.

So with the life in which the stream of love is but shallow—it is fretted by every petty worry, every little trial. But when the stream of love is full, fed by the inexhaustible springs of God's love, the same heart lifts its burdens lightly with a song and goes on its way unhindered and unfretted. Do not be contented with the shadows, when the brimming river may be yours.—New Century Teacher.

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Worship will not serve as a substitute for work. Praying will not serve for practice nor singing for spirituality.—N. C. Baptist.

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Sorrow is only one of the lower notes in the oratorio of our blessedness.—A. J. Gordon.

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1st. WITH BOILING WATER. Add boiling water, and let it boil THREE MINUTES ONLY. Add a little cold water and set aside five minutes to settle. Serve promptly.

2d. WITH COLD WATER. Add your cold water to the paste and bring it to a boil. Then set aside, add a little cold water, and in five minutes it's ready to serve.

3 (Don't boil it too long. Don't let it stand more than ten minutes before serving. DON'T use water that has been boiled before.)

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