



From the American Cotton Planter.

PLANTATION WORK FOR MARCH

March is the beginning of Spring in the cotton States, and the corn crop should now be planted as early and as rapidly as the weather and a proper preparation of the land will permit.

If you have spent the month of February in the proper preparation of your corn land, in plowing it up deep and close, and you have a little manure, such as cotton seed or guano, to put on it, you need have no apprehensions, if you get your corn planted by the 15th or 20th of March; no other planting is so likely, as yours, or so certain of producing a fine crop of corn.

Planters differ very materially, and even under very similar circumstances, as to the spacing and distancing of the corn rows on the land, and the hills or stalks of corn on the rows. We do not here propose to detain our readers with our individual mode of doing this work, which we have written so often; but this we will say, that it is a matter of the first importance, after the proper preparation of the soil, to so arrange your rows by leveling, distancing and spacing the stalks on the rows, that at the most luxuriant period of the corn's growth, while it is in the bearing stage, the land should be just even full; if too thick, and a greater quantity of the proper elements of the grain be needed than can be furnished by the soil, the whole crop suffers; and if, on the other hand, your stalks occupy so much as 20, 25 or 30 superficial square feet, as we frequently see, the crop, however flattering, does not more than pay expenses, and but poorly compensates the labor.

This is a subject too little cared for by our Southern planters; few think of measuring, or estimating, or even giving a thought as to the quantity of soluble fertility, or plant food their land may possess per acre; hence so little system and rule in regulating the stalks of corn or cotton on the land. Every planter should know, with a very good degree of certainty, the capacity of every acre of land he cultivates. If you have land containing sufficient soluble food for 40 bushels of corn per acre, and you very thoughtlessly or carelessly plant it, so as to gather 20 bushels or less, either by putting too many or too few stalks per acre, your interest suffers, and the failure is attributed to bad seasons. Deep, deep plowing, the thorough preparation of the land, is the first important object; the proper arrangement of the rows on the land, and the hills or stalks on the rows, is the next essential; and when this is the case, our word for it, the seasons will hit exactly right for a fine crop, nine years out of ten. We hope the planter, who doubts this, will endeavor to disprove it by experiment.

Much of the preparation, in the way of plowing and bedding the land for cotton, is to be done this month. Do not allow yourself—because some one or more of your neighbors say they are done bedding and have commenced planting cotton by the 20th of March—to be hurried into a slight and half performance of this absolutely essential work, by which any thing like a certain and full yield of the land is to be obtained. Bear this in mind, because it is an axiom in successful cotton culture that the preparation season, if understandingly and properly employed, is the most important season during all the culture of the crop—12 inches, if you have the team and plow to perform the work, and in this furrow 12 inches deeper, with a subsoil plow. Such work will secure a good and heavy crop on any character of land, and under any ordinary vicissitude of season. Indeed, it is the only work that can be relied upon for a crop on any land.

Mr. A. says, "I dare not plow my sandy land but 6 inches deep, because it is too loose already; and to loosen it up 18 to 24 inches, will render it a barren bank of loose, sterile sand." Mr. B. says, "On my oak and hickory clayish land, I dare not mix the clay with the soil, because that will certainly impoverish the whole." Mr. C. says, "On my calcareous land, it will not do to turn up the lime with the soil; such will rust the cotton and fire the corn."

and friable soil; this is the direct effect of deep plowing on all land. By the subsoiling, as deep again, you relieve the growing crop from all surplus moisture at a wet time, and in a drought you furnish the sure means for sufficient moisture; first, you facilitate the dip of the roots of corn and cotton down into the earth; second, in the same way, you facilitate the capillary attraction that is always going on between a loose, pulverized surface and the moisture below. There is no plant more benefited by subsoiling in our climate, and on our lands, than the cotton plant. Much rain and surplus moisture injures cotton, at all stages of its growth; deep plowing and subsoiling, in preparing the lands, counteracts the effects of too much rain and moisture at the surface.

CURE FOR A FOUNDER.—The Ohio Cultivator gives the following recipe for curing the founder—more correctly speaking, the water-founder: Bleed the horse from the neck as long as he can stand up; then make him swallow one pint of salt; anoint well around the edges of his hoofs with spirits of turpentine; keep him from drinking too much water, and he will be well in a few hours. The writer says: "The above recipe cured a valuable horse for me, last spring, after trying nearly every other remedy without success. The six dollars paid for the back numbers of the Cultivator has saved me a horse worth upwards of \$100—otherwise he must have died."

MISCELLANY

HOW TO AVOID THE FIRST CROSS WORD

In the Southern Ladies' Companion for June, a happy wife thus imparts the secret of her happiness: "In the first place, it is important that you should marry the man that you love. Without love, the first, second and third cross word will be apt to come; aye, and sour looks, sneers, and altercations too. Marry the man you love, and after you are married do not consider that your husband has nothing to do but to dance attendance on you. But consider that he has the business that is necessary for your welfare on his hands, and that if he neglects to attend to it strictly he will become involved, and perhaps come to beggary. In the next place, consider well what is your duty, and endeavor to do it to the very letter. Base indeed must be the man that will be unkind or indifferent to a wife, when he knows that she does her duty. In the next place, confine yourself in your expenditures to your husband's income. It must be a very great cross indeed to a man to have an extravagant wife. When your husband comes home, weary with the business of the day, have everything as neat and comfortable as you can. Let his repast be as good and well served up as you can, without being extravagant. Greet him with a smile. If he is full of conversation, endeavor to be so too. If he is not disposed to talk, do not annoy him with a constant chat about indifferent things, but endeavor to engage him in conversation by talking about things that will interest him. If you do not succeed, do not sit down moping in doggerly silence, as if you had been slighted, and think, because your husband does not talk to you, that he has ceased to love you; but attend to your own business, and when your husband speaks to you, answer him kindly, and let him see that you are in a good humor. If your domestic affairs perplex you, and you are out of humor when he comes in, do not frown on him, nor answer him sharply. Let him see that you are kind and affectionate to him, though your feelings may be harrowed up by other matters. Should your husband speak harshly to you, do not answer him in the same way, but speak kindly to him, and ask him in what way you have offended him, (if you do not know,) and endeavor to do so no more. I am convinced that nine-tenths of husbands will assume a pleasing look, and be as attentive as ever. True indeed is the proverb, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." If you have children, govern them strictly, yet kindly; do not let your husband have that on his hands. Let him see that you can have order in your house without scolding, while he is present. Never oppose your husband's will. You may give him your opinion on anything you may think proper; but never set up your way, and contend for it to go so. A woman was not made to govern, but to be a helpmate for her husband. If your husband appears cold and indifferent to you, do not upbraid him with a want of affection for you; but be as affectionate to him as ever, and even more so. If you have a husband that has a common share of human kindness about him, (and I hope none of the fair readers of the "Companion" will be so unfortunate as to get one that is not,) he will soon lose all his coldness, and be the same he was the day he pledged lasting love and fidelity to you at the sacred altar.

DRUCKER & SOMMERS

At their new establishment, a few doors South of Kerr's Hotel, off R. at Wholesale and Retail, at the lowest Cash prices, all and every article in their line.

Dry-Goods, Ready-Made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Guns, Pistols

And a great many other articles too numerous to mention, to all of which they invite the attention of the public, and their friends in general. Their well known low prices, as well as their very extensive variety of Goods, is admired by all who have heretofore patronized them. Therefore it is useless for them to say any more.

Wait For THE WAGON!

Why is it Jenkins & Taylor sell Stoves so cheap? Because they buy them from the Manufacturers.

JENKINS & TAYLOR

WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Charlotte and vicinity, that they have removed from their Old Stand, to one better and more commodious, as follows: West of Elms & Spratt's Grocery Store, where they have now on exhibition, just received from the North, one of the most

EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENTS OF STOVES

Ever offered in North Carolina, among which will be found the celebrated

Iron Witch Cooking Stove!

Which has gained such a famous reputation in the Southern Country for the last eighteen months. This Stove we warrant superior to any Cooking Stove now in use. It is simple in its arrangements, consumes less fuel, and does more work in a given time, than any other Stove now in use. We will put one beside any other Stove of the same size in the United States, and if it does not do more work in any given time, we will forfeit the price of the Stove, and quit selling and go our death for the better one.

All Kinds of Parlour and Box STOVES.

We have, and constantly keep an extensive and varied stock of Tin, and Sheet Iron, Japan and Britannia Ware, Brass Kettles, Cast Iron Banners, Steads, Hot Racks, Cradles, &c.

ALL KINDS OF JOB WORK

Attended to with dispatch. N. B.—We will tell you why we head our advertisement "Wait for the Wagon,"—it is because we have three wagons constantly traveling through the country with Stoves.

A GREAT VARIETY OF STOVES! WHERE?

MOORE & BYERLY'S,

Who are disposed to sell on the most accommodating terms. Their supply consists of COOKING, PARLOUR AND OFFICE STOVES of different kinds. Call and examine their supply. They also have on hand a Tin, Japan & Britannia Ware, which they would like to dispose of for cash or Country Produce. They also inform the public generally that they are now prepared to execute all Job Work in their line. ALL ORDERS, therefore, for Roofing, Gutting or Store Pipe, will be punctually attended to and on the shortest notice.

A LUCKY EDITOR.—A Lafayette (Indiana) Editor says he had a "fuss" with a woman, and got the last word.

WHY SOL JENKINS STOPPED DRINKING.

Sol Jenkins was fond of a dram, and at any time Sol would work for hours around the taverns and depots for a glass or two of the particular, when no money could induce him to work for wages. The freight agent often found Sol a useful character in separating and delivering merchandise at the depot. About a month after Dan Rice's Circus and Museum were exhibited at De Kalb a barrel was found at the depot marked "Professor Lawpig, Cincinnati." By some oversight it had not been shipped as directed. When the agent observed "pure spirits" marked upon the head he had some misgivings about Sol's having had some anterior knowledge of the matter, and what increased the suspicion was that the barrel had become partly empty. Now, to slip it in its present condition would not only involve the Company in a loss, but subject the agent to reprimand from the Directors of the Illinois Central. Sol looked very grave when the subject of the barrel was mentioned, assuring the agent that he knew nothing of the matter. At last the agent thought it expedient to open the barrel and discover if anything of value was contained in it. Sol happened to be around at this moment he was requested to knock in one of the heads, when lo! he beheld a dead boa constrictor that died at Maurice, a few miles west of De Kalb, about a month previous, while being exhibited by Dan Rice & Co. Sol's appearance can better be imagined than described. He suddenly turned paler than the lifeless body of the monster snake. Then there was a sudden upheaving of his innards; the agent at once smelt a nice—and being somewhat of a wag, and having some of the weakness of human nature in him, advised Sol to go over to the tavern and take a glass of whiskey, as he did not appear to be well. Sol has not been known to take a drop since the awful disclosure. Once he stepped up at the bar, but as the glass met his lips some one standing near said, "snake." Sol left without the drink, and was soon seen under a shed endeavoring to throw aside all the taste of his snakeship.

THE IRISH HIGHWAYMAN.—Pat's finances having become low, he borrowed an old pistol and turned out highwayman. Seeing a jolly old farmer come jogging along, Pat concluded there was a good chance to possess himself of some of the requisites he so much stood in need of. Presenting his old pistol, he demanded the farmer "to stand and deliver."

The poor fellow forked over fifty dollars, but finding Pat somewhat of a greenhorn, begged a five to take him home, a distance of a half mile. The request was complied with, accompanied with the most patronizing air. The old farmer was a knowing one. Eying the pistol, he asked Pat if he would sell it.

"Is it to sell the pistol! Sowl, and it's that same thing I'll be after doing! What will ye be after giving for it?"

"I'll give you a five dollar bill for it!"

"Done! It's a bargain!"

The moment the farmer got the weapon he ordered Pat to shell out, and threatened to blow his brains out if he refused.

Pat looked at him with a comical look, and buttoning his britches pocket, sung out: "Blow away, old boy! Use a bit of powder's in it."

It is said the farmer told the last part of the story but once, and that was by the purest accident.

CHARLOTTE HOTEL,

J. B. KERR, Proprietor.

EVERY accommodation afforded the patrons of the CHARLOTTE HOTEL.

At this Hotel is kept the Stage Office for Bland & Baxter's daily line of Stages from Charlotte via Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton to Asheville, N. C.

Also by the line of Tri-weekly Stages from Charlotte via Monroe, N. C. and Lancaster, S. C. to Camden, S. C.

Patrons of the Charlotte Hotel conveyed to and from the depot free of charge. J. B. KERR.

Jan. 8, 1856.—3m

CARROLL HOUSE,

Chester, S. C.

THIS large and splendid three-story building, on the east side of Chester Depot, is now open for the accommodation of persons traveling by the cars or otherwise.

The Proprietor is well aware that nothing short of a well-kept House will induce a custom to his establishment, and he has accordingly very solutions of patronage, by refining those thousand-and-one promises which have been made only to be broken by many of his illustrious predecessors. He confidently hopes that he will be able to give every one the satisfaction and accommodation as will send him on his way rejoicing.

Chester, S. C., Feb. 26, 1855.—4f

RAILROAD HOTEL,

CHESTER, S. C.

By J. R. NICHOLSON.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that his house, known as the "Rail Road Hotel," opposite the Chester Depot, is still open for the reception of regular and transient boarders and the travelling public; and that he is making every exertion to deserve and secure a continuance of the kind and liberal patronage which has hitherto favored him.

He flatters himself that every needed arrangement has been made to promote the comfort of all who stop with him; his rooms are airy and well-furnished, his servants are attentive and obedient, and his table constantly supplied with the best of the season, so that his friends will not want any attention necessary to make their sojourn pleasant and agreeable.

His tables are furnished with good hostlers and an abundance of provender, and he is prepared at a moment's notice to supply his customers with private conveyances of every sort, to any part of the surrounding country.

He desires to return his acknowledgments to the public for past favors, and solicits for the future an equally liberal share of patronage.

Aug. 20, 1854. 5-f

AMERICAN HOTEL,

COLUMBIA, S. C.

THE friends of this establishment, and the public at large, are respectfully informed that this HOTEL will be continued and kept open for the reception of all who may feel disposed to patronize it.

ENCOURAGE THIS KNOCKING.

THE undersigned begs leave to return his thanks to those who favored him with a call during the year, and he would respectfully inform the public that he has removed to the Machine Shop formerly occupied by Messrs. George & Whisman, adjoining Mr. J. Rudisill's Steam Planning Mills, where he is prepared to execute all work in his line as cheap and as good as can be done in the State.

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Interfering Shoes \$1 25, common ditto \$1, cast-steel toes, or steel plate, \$2 S. J. PERRY.

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IT PAYS WELL NOW-A-DAYS TO LOOK ROUND AND FIND THE Cheapest Place to buy Goods, as much money can be saved, particularly when you have the Cash.

WE have just received one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods we have ever brought to this market. We have a large stock of

DRY-GOODS,

Lady's Cloaks, Ready-Made Clothing, of all kinds, very cheap.

Boots & Shoes, Hardware, Groceries,

and some more of them very cheap. Negro BLANKETS.

And we are determined to sell our Goods as low as any house in Carolina. All we ask is an examination of our Goods and Prices. And as we take great pleasure in showing our Goods, call and see before buying.

BROWN, BRAWLEY & CO. Oct. 9, 1855. 11 f

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A Boston clergyman, meeting with one of his congregation who recently came into possession of quite a handsome property by the death of his brother, inquired how he was getting along with the settlement of the estate. "Oh," said he, "I am having a dreadful time: what with getting out letters of administration, and attending probate court, and settling claims, I sometimes almost wish he hadn't died."

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