

PROFITS OF FARMING IN VIRGINIA

From the Southern Planter.

MR. EDITOR.—I am among those who believe that farming, conducted with care and attention, combined with a moderate share of skill, may be made as profitable in Virginia as elsewhere. In support of this opinion I will give you my experience, in the way of expenses and profits for the last three years. In the latter part of 1841 I purchased 207 acres of land about 145 of which was arable and the balance in wood. I began by adopting the system then mostly practised in my neighborhood, viz: 1st. corn; 2d. wheat; 3d. pasture. I will here remark, that when I commenced this rotation my stock, except my mules and a few milch cows, were kept on my wood-land, which is low and moist, and of sparse growth of trees, produced grass sufficient for them during the summer. After pursuing this rotation three years, I remodelled my fields, making four instead of three, viz: 1st. corn on fallow; 2d. corn; 3d. wheat; 4th pasture. Both of the above rotations are severe on land, nor would I advise any one to pursue either, unless he can give one entire field each year a good dressing of some kind of manure. I am now about entering on a five field rotation, with which clover and plaster will be liberally used, having heretofore been prevented, except very partially, from their use, in consequence of not having a sufficient number of fields, to profit by those very fertilizing agents. My fields as they now stand contain 30, 55, 40, 50 acres. The manure raised on the place is nearly all that the land has received to improve it. Having each year two fields in wheat and one in corn, the growth of which is generally heavy, gives a large amount of material to be converted into manure. This, together with every thing else that can be scraped up, is added to the heap, and by the month of August we have on hand a large quantity (for so small a farm) of that indispensable article. It is put on the field that is fallowed for wheat after the land has been well ploughed. At seeding time it is spread and ploughed under with a shallow furrow, the wheat sowed about one bushel to the acre, and is put in with cultivators, and the harrow again goes over and finishes. Below I give you my expenses for outfit.

207 acres of land, at \$23 per acre,	\$5,175
Improvements, buildings, &c. about	1,300
Labor—4 men between 30 and 45 years old, at \$400 each,	1,600
2 women, 35 and 58 years, at \$150 each; 1 boy 10 years, at \$300,	600
4 mules (3 of them aged), at \$50 each,	200
2 yoke oxen, at \$40 per yoke,	80
Wheat thresher \$150, wheat fan \$30, corn sheller \$28,	208
Wagon and ox cart, made at home, except wheels and smith's work,	100
Ploughs, harness, &c. for 4 mules,	55
Hand utensils for 7 hands,	15
Cattle, sheep and hogs,	150
	\$9,436

Expenses for 1847. 1848. 1849.	
Taxes on land, &c. &c. about	\$ 00 \$8 09 \$8 00
Doctor's bill, 1 visit to field hand,	3 00 0 00 0 00
Two bushels clover seed bought at \$5	10 00 0 00 0 00
8 bbls plaster at \$1,	8 80 0 00 0 00
Groceries, &c. for 7 field hands, supposed,	10 00 10 00 10 00
Decrease in value of mules at 10 per ct. on cost, 200,	20 00 20 00 20 00
Wear of machines at 10 per cent on cost \$208,	20 80 20 80 20 80
Wear of ploughs, harness, hand implements, at one-third of their cost each year, \$50,	16 66 16 66 16 66
	146 46 124 46 125 46

Sales of crops, &c. 1847. 1848. 1849.	
Corn, nett proceeds, as appears by account of sales of my Commission merchant,	848 84 194 03 182 44
4 bus sold for seed,	5 00 0 00 0 00
Wheat, as appears by account of sales, 733 55 891 47 949 23	
8 bus., remnant of seed sold 1848, at \$1,	0 00 0 00 0 00
6 bushels sold at \$2 50 in 1858,	0 00 15 00 0 00
Pork sold,	55 00 97 50 0 00
1 yoke young oxen, sold 1849, at \$45,	0 00 0 00 45 00
Food for 8 young negroes at \$7 each,	56 00 56 00 56 00
Family support dr'n from farm, its laboring hands and teams,	300 00 300 00 300 00
Wool is sold each year, no acct kept of the amount, say \$15,	15 00 15 00 15 00
Increased value of cattle, sheep and hogs during three years, over and above what has been sold, carried to 1849, \$90,	0 00 0 00 90 00
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Am't. sales	\$2103 39	\$1577 00	\$1436 67
Deduct expenses,	146 46	125 46	125 46
Nett proceeds,	1956 93	1451 54	1312 21
Profit,	\$20 57	\$15 33	\$15 97

If there is no mistake in my "copying" the account stands thus, 1847, \$20 57; 1848, \$15 33; 1849, \$15 97 per cent on the capital of \$9,436—or an average for the three years of \$16 32 on every \$100.

In making my estimate of expenses it will be seen that I say nothing about meat (raised on the farm) and bread eaten by the field hands, nor grain consumed by teams and other stock; nor the wheat

seeded each year; nor the fodder, shucks, straw, &c. &c., which if charged on one side would be credited on the other side, and the result would be precisely the same.—They would considerably increase the sum total of products, but my object is simply to give the nett profits in the shortest way. I have charged nothing for repairs of buildings, all of which are new, besides one of my men is a carpenter, who does every thing of that sort that is required on the place. My family, for whose support I charge three hundred dollars, consist of my wife and self, two servants and a pair of carriage horses. The allowance is under the mark. During the above three years there have neither been adding or withdrawing from my force; they are the same, having had no death of laborer, mule or ox during the time.

I have said nothing of decrease in value of the grown servants, because the young ones increase in value more than the old ones decrease.

There are two heavy drawbacks to my showing as high a rate of profit on farming as many others ought, and probably would, were they to publish their operations. The first of which is, the very high price paid for my land, (\$31 23 per acre, including buildings,) compared with other land sales, there having as far as I recollect, no farm sold in the county for more than twenty dollars per acre since I purchased. On the other hand, a number of good farms has sold in my neighborhood for fifteen, twelve, ten, and as low as \$8 per acre; the owners of which would not, probably, acknowledge their lands inferior to mine. I by no means wish to be understood as saying that I paid too much for my land, on the contrary, I have always believed I bought at a fair price. I only wished to present the difference in price between mine and other lands sold on the Potomac.

The second drawback is the very small quantity of land cultivated each year in corn, compared with the force employed, as it must be obvious to any farmer that with four mules and seven hands twice the quantity (about 85) acres could be cultivated. Hence the very small quantity of that grain sold each year: the consumption on the farm requiring more than half that is made.

As I am a stranger to you, as well as the farming community, I herewith enclose the account of sales furnished by my commission merchant. There is no mystery, nor has there been any extraordinary exertion put forth by any one to produce the above results. My success has mainly depended on what may be said in six words: thorough draining, heavy manuring, and cultivation.

Yours, JOHN PARKER.
Windsor, King George, Dec. 10, 1849.

SANDS' SARSAPARILLA
IN QUART BOTTLES
for Purifying the Blood

AND FOR THE CURE OF
SCROFULA
RHEUMATISM
STUBBORN ULCERS
DYSPEPSIA
SALT RHEUM
FEVER SORES

CURE OF
LIVER COMPLAINT
BRONCHITIS
CONSUMPTION
FEMALE COMPLAINTS
LOSS OF APPETITE
DEBILITY &c.

THE PROPRIETORS have spent much time in bringing this preparation of SARSAPARILLA to its present state of perfection, and the experience of fourteen years has furnished them the most ample opportunity to study, in their various forms, the diseases for which it is recommended, and to adapt it exactly to their relief and cure. Patients who wish a REALLY GOOD Medicine are invited to give it a trial, and satisfy themselves of its superiority, and the invaluable property it possesses of arresting and curing disease. The bottle has been enlarged to hold ONE QUART, and in its present improved form may safely claim to be the BEST and CHEAPEST Medicine of the age. Its progress to the fame it has attained may be traced by a long line of facts and cures, that stand as landmarks and beacons for the invalid, pointing the way to the haven of health.

The following is from Col. S. G. Taylor, a gentleman of high standing and extensive acquaintance in the Southern States, and lately appointed Consul to New Granada:

Messrs. A. B. & D. SANDS—
GENTLEMEN.—Having used, and witnessed the effects of your excellent preparation of SARSAPARILLA on different persons in various parts of the Southern States, viz. Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico, I feel much pleasure in stating the high opinion entertained of its great medicinal value. In my own case it acted almost like a charm, removing speedily the enervated state of the system, and exciting, in the most agreeable manner, a tonic and invigorating influence.

Your SARSAPARILLA is highly approved and extensively used by the U. States army in Mexico, and my cousin, GEN. ZACHARY TAYLOR, has for the past five years been in the habit of using it, and recommends the same. He and myself adopted the article at the same time, and it is now considered an almost indispensable requisite in the army. In conclusion I would say, that the better it is known the more highly it will be prized, and I trust that its health-restoring virtues will make it generally known throughout the length and breadth of our widely-extending country.

Yours very respectfully,
S. G. TAYLOR,
U. S. Consul to New Granada.

REMARKABLE CURE OF SCROFULA.
Southport, Conn. January 1, 1848.

Messrs. SANDS—Gentlemen.—Sympathy for the afflicted induces me to inform you of the remarkable cure effected by your SARSAPARILLA in the case of my wife. She was severely afflicted with the Scrofula on different parts of the body. A large swelling of the neck was greatly enlarged, and her limbs much swollen. After suffering over a year, and finding no relief from the various remedies used, she at last attacked one leg, and below the knee suppurated. Her physician advised it should be laid open, which was done, but without any permanent benefit. In this situation we heard of, and were induced to use SANDS' SARSAPARILLA. The first bottle produced a decided and favorable effect, relieving her more than any prescription she had ever taken; and before she had used six bottles, the sore on the leg was healed, and she was enabled to walk and remain restored. It is now over a year since the cure was effected, and her health remains good, showing the disease was thoroughly eradicated from the system. Our neighbors are all knowing to these facts, and thank SANDS' SARSAPARILLA a great blessing to the age.

Yours with respect,
N. W. HARRIS.

Extract from a letter received from Mr. N. W. Harris, a gentleman well known in Louisiana county, Va.—“I have cured a negro boy of mine with your SARSAPARILLA, who was attacked with Scrofula, and cured of a scrofulous family. Yours truly,
“Fredericks Hall, Va., July 17, 1848.”
N. W. HARRIS.”

The following testimony from Rev. John Grigg, late Rector of the Church of the Crucifixion in this city, commands itself to the attention of the afflicted. Numerous certificates of cures of various diseases effected by this medicine are almost daily received.

Messrs. SANDS—A member of my family has taken your valuable SARSAPARILLA for a severe scrofulous affection, &c. with the most beneficial effect resulting from its use. It gives me very great pleasure to record my testimony in behalf of its virtue and efficacy, hoping that others may be induced to make a trial of it.

New York, May 10, 1848.

Messrs. A. B. & D. SANDS—
GENTLEMEN.—Feelings of gratitude induce me to make a public acknowledgment of the benefit I have derived from the use of your SARSAPARILLA. I have for several years been afflicted with scrofulous swellings in my head, which at times would either enlarge and discharge at my throat, nose, and ears, and at other times out in different parts of my face and head. These continued until my throat, face, and head were almost completely covered, and for a long time I was so hoarse that I was unable to speak above a whisper. During this time I had several attacks of pleurisy and other diseases. I consulted different physicians, and tried various remedies, but received no benefit until I commenced using your SARSAPARILLA. I am now well, the sores are all healed, and I attribute the result entirely to the effects of your valuable medicine.

Yours, with respect and gratitude,
PIEBE CAHOON.

Being personally acquainted with the person above named, I believe her statement to be correct.

JAMES M. D. CARR, Justice of the Peace.

PREPARED AND SOLD, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, BY
A. B. & D. SANDS, DRUGGISTS AND CHEMISTS,
100 FULTON ST., CORNER OF WILLIAM, NEW YORK.

Sold also by Druggists generally throughout the United States and Canada.
Price \$1 per bottle; six bottles for \$5.

For sale in Fayetteville by Saml. J. Hinsdale.

NEW GOODS.

J. M. WILLIAMS,

(Opposite Bank of Cape Fear.)

Keeps constantly on hand,
Brown, loaf, crushed, and refined Sugar,
Coffee, Sack and Alum Salt,
Sweets and English Iron,
Cut Nails, Trace Chains,
Saddles, Bridles, and Colicars,
Window Glass, 5 x 10 and 10 x 12,
Blacksmiths' Tools in sets,
Castings, Hardware and Cutlery,
Shoes, Hats and Caps.

A varied assortment of Staple

DRY GOODS,

Together with almost every article to be found in the market, suited to the demands of both town and country.

The above Goods will be sold CHEAP for cash, or exchanged for country produce.

Dec. 15, 1849.

BOOKBINDERY.

R. W. Hardie,

has resumed the bookbinding business at the new store next door to Mr. Busby's Jeweler, where he will receive and execute binding in any style desired.

To Colonels of Regiments.

By the act of Legislature of 1848, it was made the duty of Colonels to receive and execute a certificate of exemption. We have supplied several regiments with blank certificates, and will keep a supply on hand at the Carolina Office. 75 cents per quire.

NEW GOODS.

Our Fall and Winter Stock of

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES, HARDWARE, &c.,

Has now come to hand and is ready for sale. Our stock is large and well worthy the attention of those wishing to purchase. We will barter for any kind of country produce.

November 3, 1849. 558-4f

COOK & TAYLOR.

HOTCHKISS'

VERTICAL WATER WHEEL.

There are several hundred of these wheels in operation in different counties in North Carolina. For proof of their great advantage over the common flutter wheel, or any other wheels now in use for saw mills, we confidently refer to those who have applied them to their mills. We can recommend them particularly for their superiority in cases of a low head of water, or back water.

We still keep a supply of Wheels, suitable for different heads of water, in Wilmington, Newbern, Washington, Edenton, and Fayetteville. The wheels may also be had of E. A. Brevard, Lincolnton, and Uriah Wells, Petersburg, Va.

Persons wishing to obtain the right to use the wheels, will be served on application to D. McNeill & Co., Fayetteville, N. C.

D. McNeill,
A. A. McKEITHAN,
J. J. McALISTER.

January 19, 1850.

IN STORE,

2000 Lbs. pure and No. 1 WHITE LEAD,
50 kegs Nails, assorted, 44, to 20d.,
10 hhds. Porto Rico Sugar,
20 bags prime Rio and Laguaira Coffee,
20 hhds. prime new crop Molasses,
50 bbls. Superfine and X M. Flour,
10,000 lbs. choice Bacon.
For sale by
COOK & JOHNSON.
April 6, 1850. 550-3f

FOR RENT,

That desirable country residence, 2 miles from town, lately occupied by R. A. Stuart.

April 6. 550-1f Apply to M. McKINNON.

NEW GOODS.

We are receiving on stock of Spring and Summer

GOODS.

J. & T. WADDILL.
March 30, 1850. 579-1f

NOTICE.

Taken up and committed to the Jail of Moore county, N. C., on the 24th of September, 1849, a negro boy who calls his name EZEKIEL, and says that he belongs to James McKay of Brunswick county, N. C. Said negro is black, 5 feet 10 inches high. The owner of said negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

A. C. CURRY, Jailor.

Oct. 13, 1849. 555-4f

HATS

AND CAPS?

The Subscriber having resumed business at his old stand on the northeast corner of Market Square, is just receiving his Fall and Winter stock of the LATEST and MOST FASHIONABLE style of HATS.

He has also a large assortment of his own manufacturing, with a full supply of Military Caps. Also, a large assortment of Hat and Cap Trimmings, which he will keep continually on hand, and at prices to suit customers.

DAVID GEE.

37-1 will pay the highest prices in cash for Fur Skins of every kind, the ensuing winter.

Fayetteville, Sept. 23, 1849. 555-4f

BUSINESS AGENT.

The undersigned will attend to such business as the procuring of discounts, renewal of Notes, procuring of northern Checks at either of the Banks in this place, and drawing of Payments. He will also attend to the collection and establishment of Claims against the United States, for soldier's services in the Mexican war, or any other business of that nature. He will also draw up any instrument of writing where a penman is required, and do any other writing whatever.

Apply at the office of the Plank Road Company, under the Fayetteville Hotel.

Refers to any of the merchants in Fayetteville.

JNO. M. ROSE.

Sept. 8, 1849. 550-4f

NEW GOODS.

I HAVE received my SPRING AND SUMMER

DRY GOODS.

Hardware and Cutlery, Panama, Palu-leaf, Fur and Wool Hats; Letter, Cap, and Wrapping Paper; Umbrellas, Parasols, &c. &c.

All of which are offered at LOW PRICES for Cash, or on time for undoubted paper.

JOHN D. STARR.
March 23, 1850. 575-6w

BLANKS

Of all kinds for sale at this Office.

PREVENTION & CURE OF CONSUMPTION.

A treatise on the prevention and cure of consumption, by the water treatment—a valuable work by John Shaw. C. D. Only one copy, for sale, at the Carolina Office. Price 50 cts.

JOHN D. STARR.

PLEASE LOOK AT THIS.

We don't want to press our customers too hard, but all open accounts older than 1st of January, 1849, must be closed. If you have no money, please call and give your notes.

JOHN D. STARR.

RECTIFIED RYE WHISKEY.

We have received, and will keep constantly on hand, a prime article of PURE RYE WHISKEY, from the Distillery of Dr. Francis Williams, of Davis county. We sell this liquor as we receive it, pure and unadulterated. Hotel and Bar keepers may depend on getting the pure article at our warehouse.

JOHN D. STARR.

March 30, 1850. 579-4f

\$25 REWARD.

A man by name Alexander Johnson broke and absconded from the Jail of Moore county on the 10th inst. The subscriber will give a reward of twenty-five dollars for the apprehension and delivery of said Johnson to him at Carthage, Moore county, or fifteen dollars for his arrest and confinement in any jail in North Carolina where he can obtain possession of him again. Said Johnson is about 45 years of age, 6 feet high, round shoulders, light hair, and intemperate. He is well known in Moore and a portion of the upper part of Cumberland county by the name of Big-Fighting Alexander Johnson, and no doubt will range considerable in Cumberland, where game is plenty, as he is a great hunter.

A. C. CURRY, Jailor.

Sept. 20, 1849. 553-4f

SPRING & SUMMER

GOODS.

AREY & SHEMWELL

Would announce to their patrons and the public generally, that they have just received their stock of spring and summer

GOODS.

Embracing almost every kind usually kept in the DRY GOODS LINE, to which they most respectfully call the attention of purchasers.

They return thanks for the liberal patronage heretofore received, and a continuance of the same is solicited of course.

37-1 North-west corner Market Square, Green st.

March 23, 1850.

A. M. CAMPBELL,

AUCTIONEER,

AND

Commission Merchant,

LAND

FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers for sale one of the most valuable tracts of land that has ever been offered to the public. The tract contains 1263 acres of Pine land, well adapted to the culture of corn, &c. There are on the land 26,000 turpentine boxes, 10,000 first year's, 13,000 second or third year's, and 3,000 cut this year. There is also a new Saw and Grist Mill on the premises, and two good dwelling houses, with all necessary out-houses, all new and in good order.

This land yields turpentine more abundantly than any I know of in Cumberland county. Last year I gathered, with two hands, 500 barrels.

Those wishing to engage in the lumber and turpentine business, would do well to call on the subscriber on the premises, six miles above Fayetteville, as I am determined to sell, and a bargain may be had. I will convince any person of the fact who will give me a call. Terms accommodating.

WILLIAM R. BOLTON.
July 26, 1850. 570-1f

TIN WARE,

At Wholesale and Retail.

F. T. WARD, will carry on the Tinning business, as heretofore, at the old stand, where he will promptly and faithfully execute all work in his line.

Jobbing of all kinds done with dispatch.

F. T. WARD, Agt.

March 17, 1849.

DR. LEIDY'S

SARSAPARILLA LOOZ PILLS.

AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS!!
THE ENVY OF ALL PILL MANUFACTURERS
Because they are safer, better and more efficacious than any others; and because the public will take no others if they can obtain them.

500,000 Boxes have been sold annually for the last five years.

YOUNG AND OLD, MALE AND FEMALE, can always take them with equal safety, without fear.

IF PILLS BE NECESSARY for purging and clearing the Stomach and Bowels, and purifying the Blood and fluids of the body, take no others—for no other pills produce those combined effects, or contain SARSAPARILLA in them.

EAT, DRINK AND LIVE AS USUAL, and pursue your usual occupation whilst taking them, without fear of taking cold, during all kinds of weather.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS are warranted that more genuine certificates (from physicians, Clergymen, Members of Congress and respectable citizens) can be produced of their efficacy than of any others, and

TEN DOLLARS will be forfeited in every instance where One Box will not do more good than Two Boxes of any others.

FORTY PILLS ARE IN A BOX!! and sold at TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A BOX, with directions and much wholesome advice accompanying each box.

They have no taste or unpleasant smell, Free from dust or power of any kind, Do not irritate the Stomach or Bowels, Produce no sickness, vomiting or bad feelings, THEY ARE GOOD AT ALL TIMES, And adapted to most diseases common to mankind.

DR. N. B. LEIDY, THE PROPRIETOR AND MANUFACTURER,

is a regular Druggist, Chemist and Physician, of fifteen years experience in Philadelphia; Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; Member of different Medical Institutions of Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore, &c., and associate and corresponding member of several Medical Institutions of London and Paris.

Principal Depot, Dr. Leidy's Dispensary, No. 114 North FOURTH ST., Philadelphia—and sold wholesale and retail by S. J. Hinsdale, Fayetteville; R. E. Williams, Waynesboro; Williams & Haywood, Raleigh; F. Gallagher, Washington; and by all Druggists and Storekeepers in the United States.

November 24, 1849. 574-1f

JOHN D. WILLIAMS,

COMMISSION & FORWARDING

MERCHANT,

Fayetteville, N. C.

Feb. 23, 1850.

NOTICE.

At December Term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland county, general Letters of Administration of the Estate of Alexander C. Simpson, deceased, were granted for the Subscriber. All persons indebted to the Estate are notified to make on early payment.—Those holding claims are requested to present them to the Subscriber at this place.

J. G. SHEPHERD, Adm'r.

Fayetteville, Dec. 15, 1849. 564-4f

MERCHANTS'

STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

Fayetteville and Wilmington.