

North Carolina Tobacco—How it is Raised and Manufactured.

Mr. S. Thaxton, of Durham, N. C., says that the tobacco business in North Carolina is now in a fair condition. The people dwell in peace and a commendable degree of industry prevails. Mr. Thaxton says that the tobacco seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, is sown in December. By mid-April plants are produced, and these are transplanted to hills. The crop matures and is gathered from the latter part of August until the middle of October. A bed ten feet square will produce plants enough to fill hills of from six to ten acres. After the crop is gathered the ground is fertilized, tobacco being very destructive to natural fertility. The fertilizer allows the same ground to be planted with tobacco year after year. The crop gathered is stowed at first, as the manufacturers, as a rule, deal with tobacco that has been in store two years. The leaves are first sorted, and the best qualities kept for the general market. The inferior quality is kept for those who want to smoke cheaply. The leaf is ground by machinery and is then scattered on a large enclosed flat surface. While in this condition it is flavored. No poisons or unhealthy drugs are used in this process, but the flavoring is kept a trade secret. The factory where the tobacco is ground and flavored has work houses where the freight boxes and the bags are made, and the tobacco firmly packed in the bags by machinery. Then needle-women run a double thread through the tops of the bags and tie the ends with great rapidity, boys and girls afterwards pasting on the trade marks and revenue stamps in such a way as to make the opening of the bag result in tearing them, thereby showing that the stamps have been used. Mr. Thaxton said threading of the string through the bags is a delicate and difficult work, and it seems impossible to invent a machine by which it can be done. The members of the white and black races work side by side, under the same rules and for the same pay, and are subject to the same overseers. Social distinctions assert themselves outside, but at work all are treated and paid alike. There is a fair profit in the tobacco business. No tax would be better than any, but a policy that will not change the tax would be better than the contrary course now prevailing.

Old Maids and Old Bachelors.

Old maids are useful. They can cook, sew and take care of children, nurse sick people and generally play the piano. Old bachelors are useless. They do not even know how to drive nails or split wood.

Old maids are amiable. If one wants anything done that requires patience and kindness of heart, a single lady is sure to be the one to do it.

Old bachelors are ill-natured. They snub children, despise babies and hate young mothers, and are always so busily employed in seeing that other people take good care of them that they have not a moment to give any one else.

Old maids can make a home of one little room, and cook delicious meals for one over the gas-jet in cunning little tin kettles, besides making all their wardrobes. Old bachelors need an army of tailors, waiters, cooks, distant relatives and hotel landlords to keep them comfortable. When old maids are ill they tie up their heads in pocket-handkerchiefs, take homoeopathic pellets out of two bottles, alternately, and get well again. When bachelors are ill they go to bed and send for four doctors; have a consultation; a mantle-piece full of black bottles; all the amiable married men who belong to the club to sit up with them at night; besides, a hired nurse; they telegraph to their relations; and do their best to impress the world with the idea that they are dying.

When an old maid travels she takes a sandwich, piece of pound-cake, a bottle of lemonade in a hand-basket, and lunches comfortably in the carriage. When an old bachelor travels he orders a dinner in course at the station, and raves because he has not time to eat it before the "fifteen minutes for refreshments" are over.

Old maids drink weak tea and it cures their headaches. Old bachelors drink strong liquor,

which gives them headaches. Old maids are modest; they think their youth is over and their beauty gone. If, after a while, some autumnal love them, they take it as a sort of miracle, and hope people will not laugh at them for "marrying so late in life."

Old bachelors believe that all women are in love with them, and that they must carefully guard themselves from traps laid to inveigle them into matrimony. They also fondly cherish the belief that, should they eventually become married men, the world expects them to exhibit great taste in women by their choice, and that the "other fellows" will laugh if their portion be not tender youth and beauty; also, that when they marry many women will expire of jealousy.—*Rural New Yorker.*

Trial and Conviction of Cox at Atlanta.
The trial of Col. Cox at Atlanta, Ga., for shooting Col. R. A. Alston, was concluded on Wednesday last by the conviction of Cox. Telegraphic dispatches say:

"The Jury in the Cox case were out all Tuesday night and came in at a quarter to 4 on Wednesday afternoon and announced that they had agreed upon a verdict, which was read as follows: 'We, the Jury, find the prisoner guilty, and recommend that he be punished by imprisonment for life.'"

Cox received the verdict with calmness and stoicism, having evidently nerved himself for the worst. His wife, on hearing the words so fatal to her hopes, sat for a moment trembling and then rushed for the open window near by for the purpose of throwing herself to the ground below. She was wild with grief. As she reached the window she was caught by Cox, who held her fast. She threw her arms around his neck and clung to him wildly, exclaiming: "Oh, my God! Oh, my poor darling! Her shrieks were heart-rending, and the occupants of the crowded room could not restrain their tears of pity. Cox used all his power to calm her and finally soothed her grief until only her deep moans broke upon the solemn stillness.

Judge Hillyer sentenced Cox to be confined in the Penitentiary or such other place as the Governor may direct, at hard labor for and during his natural life.

Gen. Gartrell gave notice that the defence would make a motion for a new trial and praying a writ of *superseas*. The execution of the sentence, therefore, was stayed twenty days.

This sentence is virtually the extreme of the law in Georgia, as the law passed with Alston's aid at the last session of the Legislature, giving Jurors the right to recommend the life imprisonment in all cases of murder as they see fit, in effect abolishes the death penalty. Cox is the first man convicted of murder who received the benefit of that law. The verdict is received with general approval."

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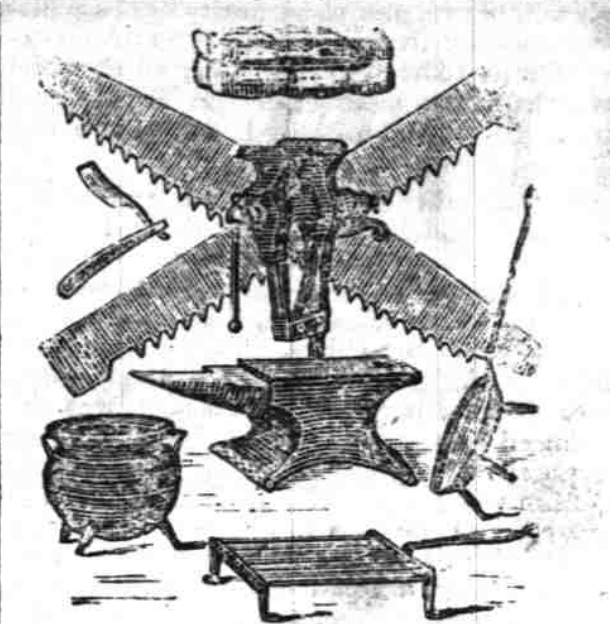
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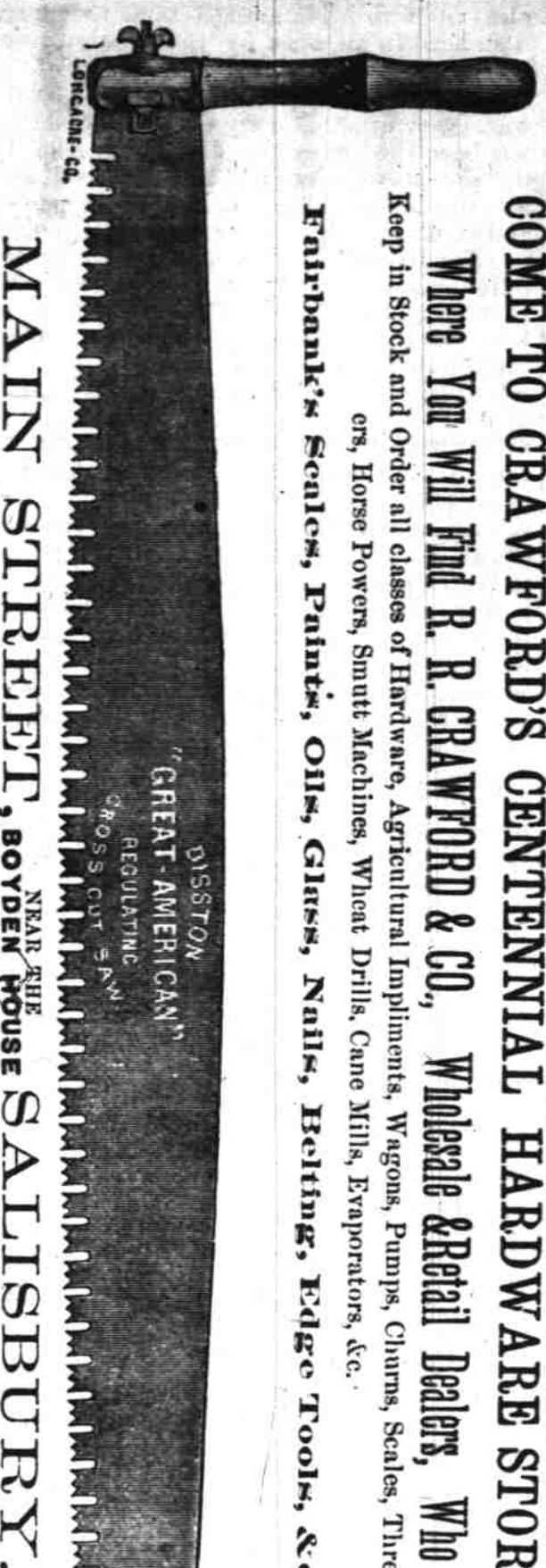
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