

AGRICULTURAL.

What Can Be Done on a 30-Acre Farm.

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Mr. H. W. GARDY:—Your letter requesting me to write an article for May number of Southern Farm received. You ask the best way to cultivate a thirty-acre farm. I would plant say, five acres in cotton, five acres in corn, five acres in wheat, five acres in oats, five acres in clover and grass, five acres in fruits and vegetables.

Now in order to run this farm I should want to keep not less than four milk cows, ten head of sheep, ten head of goats, one sow and offspring, two good strong brood mares, plenty of poultry and bees enough to supply the family in honey—and last, but not least a fish pond. In one short piece I cannot write specially of all these things, but my farm, as above laid off, is out of the channel. I will give some reason for it. In the first place, I wish to state what I think is the true key to Southern agriculture: Animal life and vegetable life must go together, and in natural proportion. The prime object of farming is to make a living, not merely to keep soul and body together but to live upon the good things which God, in His wisdom, has provided in the great house of nature for us to subsist upon. So if we undertake to till the earth without regard to a variety, both in the animal and vegetable kingdoms, our farming is unnatural, and we do ourselves great injury, both in physical and moral sense, and treat our Creator as having made many things in vain. Ask our Southern farmer what he works so hard in the blazing sun for, and he answers—"to make a living." One more question and we shall have it—what does "to make a living" mean? How many farmers could give us an intelligent answer to this simple, yet the most vital of all questions, pertaining to our business? After much study, I give the following answer:

To make a living means to appropriate to our use, the blessings of nature in their natural order, and proportions, in the given climate in which we live, growing a money crop, or surplus, to exchange with those of other climates for foreign necessities.

I think the above will be found true nature, whose law we must follow in agriculture, as farming is pre-eminently a natural science.

Now, the great trouble in all our Southern farming has been—our system is an unnatural one! We have made all our figures to find the dollar, and none to learn how to live, and have consequently missed both. My little thirty-acre farm, (I mean 30 acres in cultivation) is intended to correct this unnatural system, and show that every farmer who is able to own 50 or 100 acres ought to live like a king, and be substantially independent of all the world, though he lives 50 miles from market. Four milk cows, besides their increase, two horses, besides other animals, will make, if properly fed and shelled, an enormous amount of good manure during twelve months, and this can be doubled—yes, quadrupled, by supplying the lot and stalls, hog pen, etc., with good bedding of some coarse vegetable matter, woods earth, muck, etc. The first work of the farmer, and his work ever after is to make manure, and the cow is his guano factory. With a few dollars' worth of chemicals he can manure his five acres in cotton, and his five acres in corn heavily in the drill, with a rich compost far better than guano, and can easily make a heavy bale of cotton and from 30 to 50 bushels of corn to the acre. On low lands, by this plan, 30 to 100 bushels of corn can be easily made to the acre. After the corn and cotton are manured in the drill, fully three-fourths of the year's manure will be left to spread broadcast on 10 acres to be sown in wheat and oats, reserving enough for the garden. This broadcast manuring with a few extra sacks of phosphate will bring the crop up to 20 or 30 bushels per acre, and the oats to 30 or 75. I neglected in the above to allow the five acres in clover and grass its share of the compost, but there will soon be enough for all, besides, by continuing this plan, and rotating the crops, the land will soon be made rich enough to bring fine clover and grasses, five acres of which moved and stored away, together with an abundance of straw and fodder corn, which can be grown on a portion of the wheat and oat stubble, will be amply sufficient to feed all stock so far as "ruffians" is concerned, and the balance of feed necessary for winter will come from wheat bran, cotton seed, ground oats, and the root crop from a portion of the five acres set apart for fruits and vegetables. This is to be supplemented by fall and spring grazing, soiling, and a good Bermuda grass pasture, the latter not included in the thirty acres, but indispensable in the Southern States for summer grazing. The cow is not only the farmer's guano factory, but she is more, she is the backbone of the farm.

The surplus milk from my four cows will almost raise the calves and pigs, while the surplus butter will buy all the needed farm implements, pay for all repairs, etc., one year with another including the purchase of a wagon and a buggy occasionally. Feed her well, and treat her kindly and she will feed you and help to supply your table with pork and beef, furnish lard for your biscuit, and make everything which comes to table savory and wholesome—in a word—the cow is king!

Talk about King Cotton—the cow is king, or is destined to be in the near future, while cotton will take its place in the secondary rank, as an effect or product of King Cow.

I take two brood mares for this little farm because under the present state of things in the South, the broad mare

is to be encouraged; she can and will stop the great leak which the Kentucky and Tennessee mule has kicked out of our financial bottom. The mares can do all the farm work and receive good treatment, besides her colt contributions to our little farm.

As to the hogs, sheep, goats and poultry. I cannot at this time write, but they all have no little part in my natural system of living. Suffice it to say now that from all the sources our table can be supplied with fresh meats almost every day in the year in place of the western salt hog, and this can be done too at a small cost.—Southern Farm.

Farming in Mecklenburg County.

It is a beautiful country about Charlotte, and the farmers are a thrifty class. I rode out to the Wadsworth farm to see a sample of what a Southern farmer can do when he turns his attention to agriculture. There are 320 acres in all, and of these 224 are in grass, the varieties being clover, orchard grass, timothy and lucerne. Timothy and clover are sowed together on the lowland, and cut two crops per year. The lucerne is a sort of clover, and can be cut as many as four times per year. It stands any sort of weather, and by harrowing and top-dressing a field will stand fifteen or twenty years without re-seeding. This grass has a root which sometimes strikes into the soil twelve or fifteen feet.

Oats are here seeded in September and cut in June. Five bushels of seed are used to the acre, and the yields on this farm for several years past have been 125 bushels to the acre. Wheat has run as high as forty-five bushels to the acre, but that is way above the average. There is a five-acre vineyard on the farm, containing twenty-two varieties of grapes. No account of the sales of grapes was kept last year, but \$50 worth of wine was made and disposed of. The orchard has several varieties of apples, and pears and plums are always a good crop. Mr. Wadsworth has experimented with cabbage to the point where he cleared \$100 per acre. He feels confident that his profit can be maintained up to twenty acres. The profit on the farm last year was \$20 per acre, or \$3,400, and this figure can be relied upon except in unusually bad seasons.

When the farmer of North Carolina applies himself and calls intelligence to his aid he will make money. He can't help it. He has a climate unsurpassed in the world and the soil will respond ten-fold for extra care given it.—M. Quail.

While the cities of the North are piling up the cash, the country there is in bad condition. New York State sends commissioners into one half her counties every year to value lands for taxation. Assessor Wood having just visited half of the State, says in all counties they found a general depreciation of farm lands, and that the farms are growing less and less valuable, and nobody can see any prospect of improvement. Most of these farms are under mortgage and the outlook is that soon the old land owner will be merely the tenant of the money lender. The reason given for this state of affairs is that the East cannot compete with the West in grain-growing. There is but little grain grown in New York now; potatoes bring no price; butter in the dairy districts sells for fourteen cents and other products equally low. The cities, however, thrive apace.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Do thriving cities make a prosperous country?

Extraordinary Bone Scratching.

Herbert Sperry, Tremont, Ill., had erysipelas in both legs. Confined to the house six weeks. He said: "When I was able to get on my legs, I had an itching sensation that nearly ran me crazy. I scratched them raw to the bones. Tried everything without relief. I was tormented in this way for two years. I then found the 'LARKER'S EXTRACT OF FLAX' (Papillon) 'Sixty cents at the drug store, used it, and it has cured me sound and well.'"

Clark's Flax Soap has no equal for Bath and Toilet. Soap \$1.00. Soap 35 cents. For sale at John H. Ennis Drug Store.

A northern fellow thinks he has discovered a perpetual motion, and his machine runs for hours. It consists of one large wheel containing cylindrical spokes in which iron balls roll from center to circumference and back again. The present is truly an age of wonderful discoveries, and we shall expect ere long to hear that somebody has found the north pole and is having it made into walking sticks.

Clark's Extract of Flax Cough Cure.

It is a sure cure for Whooping Cough. It stops the whoop, and permits the child to catch its breath. It is entirely harmless. Good for any cough of childhood, or old age. It heals the bronchi and lungs, and stops the cough. For Winter or Bronchial Cough this syrup is the best ever discovered. Only one size, large bottle. Price \$1.00, at John H. Ennis' drug store. Clark's Flax Soap makes the Skin smooth, soft and white. Price 25 cents.

Aller Thordike Rice gave but \$3,000 for the North American review a few years ago. It now pays a net profit of \$30,000 a year, and Mr. Rice refused \$300,000 for it a short time before his death.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by Klutz & Co., N.Y.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE

Tax-Payers and Mortgagees.

By virtue of authority vested in me by law, I will sell for cash, to satisfy taxes, at the Court House door in Salisbury, on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1889, the lands of the persons in the following list, to wit:

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP.

Caroline Allison	1884	acre	lot	am't
Judy Brown	"	"	"	27
L F Canup	"	"	"	28
Ananias Ellis	"	"	"	3.08
Malinda Graham	"	"	"	58
Ed Henderson	"	"	"	1
Ed Erwin	"	"	"	36
Wesley Jones	"	"	"	1
Martha Murphy	"	"	"	22
Prince Steele	"	"	"	1
Catherine Bolen, heirs	'85	20 1/2	"	85
J H Earnheart	"	"	"	1
J Stewart	"	"	"	1
George Hess	"	"	"	1
S J M Brown	'86	1	"	3.56
C M Atwell	"	"	"	1
Catherine Bolen, heirs	'87	20 1/2	"	1.95
George Hess	"	"	"	1
C M Atwell	'87	1	"	1.90
Catherine Bolen, heirs	"	"	"	1
George Hess	"	"	"	1
Mrs J M Brown	"	"	"	1
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