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HOME AND FARM.

{"He that by the plow would thrive,
Himself must either hold or drive."}

The Production of Cotton.

Cotton is raised in seventy-five counties of the State. The nine counties—Wake, Johnson, Wayne, Wilson, Edgecombe, Nash, Franklin, Halifax and Northampton—produce 155,000 bales, or about 43 per cent. The average of the whole State it one bale to 2½ acres, while the average in the nine counties named is 2.15. making the average in the other counties very nearly three acres to the bale. Wake, as in number of bales, stands highest on the yield per acre, the average being one bale to 1⅞ acres. Not one county east of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, lying off the road, will average with these nine. Pitt comes the nearest, and reports 14 366 bales, Lenoir next, 8,144, and Greene, 8,000. The yield in Greene is 2¼ acres to the bale. Edgecombe stands next to Wake in number of bales, 26 170 being produced. The average to each county, of the nine, is upwards of 17,000 bales. The statistics show that this belt of counties comprises the best cotton growing region of the State. Whether it is owing to the nature of the soil or other causes is left to Prof. Kerr or some agricultural expert to explain.

First Working of Cotton.

Light stiring of the earth about young plants makes them grow off better, but deep plowing, before the roots have struck down well in the soil, disturbs and injures them. If rains have fallen and crust formed since cotton was planted, "run around" it as soon as it is up. A light harrow is the very best implement for the work it breaks the dirt and will kill young weeds and grass. All the teeth, but the one nearest the cotton, should be made like small coulters.

In a week or ten days after the crop has been gone over let the hoes follow and chop out. Use a wider hoe than that employed in subsequent hoeings to give ample room between the hills, and thereby avoid bruising and consequent "sore shins."

If the plants are healthy and strong and the seasons favorable, bring as near to a final stand as in your judgment can be done without danger of losing a "stand." The sooner all competing stalks are gotten out of the way the better."

If the cotton will not bear bringing near a stand at this first working run over very rapidly, so as to get back a second time as quickly as possible. Bringing to a final stand at the earliest moment is extremely important with a cotton crop. If the soil is hard the second ploughing may be deep and thorough, but all subsequent ones should be light.

Farm and Workshop Notes.

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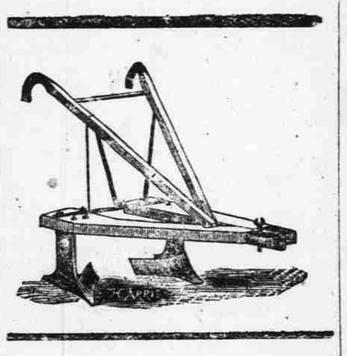

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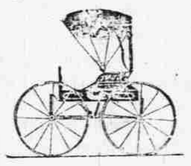

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We have just erected a refrigerator in which we keep our beer before bottling, and thereby retain the gas, which makes it as pure as the draught beer. It will keep in the heat of the Summer longer than any other beer that is bottled.

We keep from the finest and purest Liquors to the cheapest in Wilson, which will be sold either by retail or wholesale. All orders for beer or liquors from a distance will receive our prompt attention.

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