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TO GET THE FULL BENEFIT.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, has recently written a very interesting article on cotton and cotton manufacturing, which was elicited by the discussion of a textile school...

One of the reasons doubtless, to which he does not refer, however, why they can now sell cotton at 6 cents a pound without being bankrupted...

Our people have kept ahead by spending the necessary money to know more about cotton production than any other people in the world.

After exhausting our efforts to reduce the cost of cotton production to a minimum, why not make some effort to increase its value?

Shipped as raw cotton in bales the Southern crop is worth about \$300,000,000.

Therefore it may be seen that it is an easy reach of the State of North Carolina to make its cotton worth as much as the crop of the entire South if the latter is sold in a raw state.

William Entwistle, of Rockingham, stated in a speech made before the legislative committee on education that the average value of the manufactured cotton from North Carolina cotton mills was already in his estimation 20 cents per pound or upwards.

PROMOTE THE MORE ECONOMIC PRODUCTION OF COTTON.

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But there is a way of avoiding this and yet starting mills, of which the progressive city of Charlotte has furnished a striking illustration in her half-dozen or more co-operative mills, every one of which, so far as we know, has been a success and has been operated without going into debt.

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AFRAID OF THE TEST.

It is quite evident from the persistent opposition of the expansion Senators to permitting any vote being taken on resolutions pending in the Senate defining the attitude of this country as to our future policy in the Philippines, that they are afraid to submit their case to that test.

As a great change as that proposed with reference to the election of senators has taken place with respect to the election of President and Vice-President, it is in that case the people were able to take the matter into their own hands.

When they obstinately object to permitting such resolutions to be voted upon they inconsistently put themselves in the attitude which they charge the opponents of ratification of taking, in obstructing action and defeating the will of the majority.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The derby hat manufacturers have formed a combination to regulate the output. From the crown of the head to the soles of the feet no part of the American anatomy can be allowed to shirk its tribute to the Trusts—Philadelphia Record, Dem.

Frenchmen are beginning to cry for Napoleon V. It is hard to tell what sort of government Napoleon V. would give, but there would be a little risk in asserting that it would be better than the mockery that France calls the Republic.

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RATHER MATTER OF FACT.

He Believed in Giving the Woman He Married a Good Time. He is a young man whose unbounded assurance has ever been his chief characteristic.

When he proceeded to talk to the practical old gentleman about marrying his daughter, he was evidently prepared for the usual question: "Do you think you can support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

"Well, I could, but I don't propose to. After she marries me she's not going to practice three hours a day on any piano, nor cook dinners, nor take back talk from market people.

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