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How to Grow More and Better Cotton

<p>PREPARE FINE, FIRM SEED-BED: FERTILIZE ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEEDS</p>	<p>USE WELL-BRED, ADAPTED VARIETIES AND TEST FOR GERMINATION— PLANT WHEN GROUND IS WARM, USING AMPLE SEED</p>
<p>HARROW BEFORE COTTON IS UP, AND CULTIVATE FREQUENTLY TO NEARLY PICKING TIME</p>	<p>DUST WITH CALCIUM ARSENATE WHEN 10 PER CENT OF SQUARES ARE PUNCTURED</p>

SEARS-ROEBUCK AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION

Cotton farming experts agree that more and better cotton on fewer acres is one of the best ways to increase the profit in growing this crop, says the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. Yield and production costs are like a teeter-board. As the yield goes up, the cost comes down.

Fine, firm seed bed is a first essential for a large yield per acre. Using land in sweet clover, or second or third year alfalfa, or some other legume, plowing early and deep, and thorough working to pulverize and settle the ground complete the initial step.

Fertilizer must be applied according to local needs. Many successful growers use 600 to 800 pounds per acre of a complete fertilizer and later a side dressing of 100 to 300 pounds of nitrate of soda to speed growth and put the plant in the lead in the race with the weevil. Free application of barnyard manure to land intended for cotton will help.

Using well-bred, adapted seed that has been tested for germination, and planting an ample amount as soon as the ground has become warm are necessary requirements for a full stand and a large yield. A bushel or more of seed per acre should be used to give the young plants enough push to break through the ground and to leave a full number of strong, vigorous plants after the weak ones have perished. The seed should be planted deep enough so it will come up without rain, but not be sealed in the ground by a beating shower. "Skips" make no cotton themselves and do not help adjoining plants to make more.

Harrowing the ground before the crop is up, frequent cultivation until it is nearly ready to pick, and removal of all weeds will enable the plant to make the most of its opportunity during the growing season. Every small weed will take away enough plant food to make a boll.

Dusting for weevil with calcium arsenate should be started as soon as 10 per cent of the squares have been punctured. Owing to the cost, it will not pay to start sooner. Repeat the dusting twice at intervals of four days to bring the weevils under control, and dust again when they seem to be getting numerous once more.

No royal road to the production of a high yield of cotton per acre has yet been mapped, the Foundation adds. While extra effort is required at every stage, it is sure to bring a proportionate reward. Farmers who have succeeded in growing from one to three bales of cotton per acre have reduced their production costs to 5 to 10 cents a pound compared with an average cost of 15 to 20 cents a pound for the entire belt.

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Western Union and Postal Enter Into Important Contracts With A. T. & T. Co.

The simultaneous transmission of telephone and telegraph messages over the same wires, on a nationwide scale, will be the result of far-reaching arrangements recently consummated between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and two telegraph companies; the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation. A series of non-exclusive contracts entered into with each of these telegraph companies will insure the development of electrical communications along lines made possible by the latest devices and methods developed by the Bell System research experts. By these arrangements the users of electrical communications will receive the benefit of many advantages but the telephone and telegraph companies will maintain complete independence of each other.

One of the new contracts makes the long distance telephone lines available for the transmission of telegraph messages handled by these two telegraph companies.

Further economies in the utilization of telegraph lines will be made possible under another of the contracts which provides that the telegraph companies may lease apparatus developed in the Bell Telephone Laboratories, by which a single pair of telegraph wires may be made, under certain conditions, to serve as several telegraph channels.

Still another of this series of contracts permits the two telegraph companies the use of the telephone company's telephoto system for the transmission of facsimile messages between cities in which stations for the transmission of pictures by wire are maintained.

Under these contracts the telegraph companies also have the use of certain developments which have been worked out by telephone engineers that are of particular practical value to the telegraph business. In addition to the devices for increasing the message capacity of telegraph lines and for the simultaneous transmission of telegraph messages over telephone lines without interfering with the use of the latter for telephone purposes, the Bell Telephone Laboratories have worked out improvements which have been applied to submarine telegraph cables, resulting in a large increase in the capacity of the ocean cables.

NEW CIRCUITS FOR PORTLAND

Because of the increased number of Long Distance telephone calls out of Portland, Me., three additional direct circuits to New York have been installed, making in all a total of seven such direct circuits. An average of about 2,000 toll calls a day is now made in Portland, of which about 35% go to Boston.

The people of this country complete over 3,000,000 telephone toll conversations daily.

A British chemist says that in the future much of our food supply will be obtained from wood. Some of it tastes that way already.

"A man has a right to control his wife," says a judge. But then, she might have a good "right" herself.

203 INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS CALL

Total of \$215.65 Donated in County To Date For Red Cross Work

Rutherfordton, Dec. 12.—Two hundred and three people have contributed to the annual Red Cross Roll Call a total of \$215.65 to date, according to the treasurer, Miss Virginia Grayson. This is, however, still short of the county's quota. Those contributing are as follows:

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No. 109, South, Arr. 10:30 a. m.	
No. 21, South, Arr. 12:18 p. m.	
No. 22, North, Arr. 4:21 p. m.	
Southern	
No. 113, South, Arr. 6:20 a. m.	
No. 36, North, Arr. 10:09 a. m.	
No. 35, South, Arr. 5:35 p. m.	
No. 114, North, Arr. 8:56 p. m.	
Clichfield	
No. 37, North, Arr. 10:45 a. m.	
No. 38, South, Arr. 4:48 p. m.	
No. 110, North, Arr. 11:20 a. m.	

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