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YOUR YOUNG CORN AND HOW TO TREAT IT.

Mr French Tells How Good Crops Are Made On Sunny Home Farm—Smoothing Harrows and Sulky Cultivators—Cultivate Shallow And Keep Everlastingly At It.

We have said and we repeat it: the proper cultivation of the soil for the growing of any crop begins with the plowing.

This applies with especial force to the cultivation of the corn crop. No after-cultivation can make up for poor, slovenly plowing. The corn plant—and especially in the South—requires a deep well pulverized soil. This thorough working of the soil, in our judgment, should be performed principally by the use of the plow, since no other tool we have will pulverize the soil to so great a depth with the same use of horse-power.

This is the reason why we plow our corn land twice,—first in the early winter, so the action of the frost may aid in the pulverizing of the upper portion of the freshly plowed soil. Then on reworking this land just before planting time, this mellow portion of the soil is turned in, and other cloddy portions brought to the surface, where they may be thoroughly broken up by our surface cultivators and harrows. In this manner we secure a seed bed ten to twelve inches in depth, thoroughly pulverized to the very bottom, and if this soil be fairly filled with humus we have a good start toward a fine corn crop. The two-horse corn planters do the finest of work on these well pulverized soils, working 15 to 20 acres per day.

WHAT THE SMOOTHING HARROW DOES.

We always have our corn land freshly worked just before planting. Then with three or four days after planting the cultivation proper of the corn crop begins by the use of the ten or fifteen foot smoothing harrow. We are writing this at the noon hour, and our three-horse team has worked 11 acres of land since 7 o'clock; will have 23 or 24 acres as smooth as a town man's garden before night. As soon as we have had a shower we will cross the fields with this same tool and once again when the corn plants are about two inches high. By this treatment our land will be perfectly clean and in an ideal condition for the plants to make their best growth.

NEXT THE SULKY CULTIVATOR AND THEN THE WEEDER AGAIN.

If the land doesn't become packed by a heavy rain we will probably use a weeder a couple of times before starting the ten-tooth sulky cultivator. Our soil is a rather heavy clay and while working the corn the first time with the cultivator we will set the shovels to run about four inches deep. The machine will be equipped with the dirt guards for the protection of the plants, and the shovels will be held within two inches of the row on each side, so the fine dirt sifting under the guards will lap, covering the entire space between and around the corn plants.

The weeder will probably come into use again within four or five days, depending upon the condition of the weather. We never use a weeder or harrow on our clay soil when the land or plants are damp, and after the plants appear above ground we don't care to begin weeding or harrowing until the sun has warmed the plants up well; then they will not break as easily as they will when harrowed while cold.

AFTER FIRST CULTIVATION, ONLY 2½ INCHES DEEP.

After the first cultivation, our

cultivator is never allowed to cut more than 2½ inches deep, and we work the land just as often as we can get over it. We never wait for a rain but keep right on cultivating. We keep the work going with the sulky as long as we can get over the corn, then go once or twice with the walking cultivator, and I have often wondered if this shallow cultivation could not be kept up with profit until the corn is in the milk stage. In fact with one of the best crops of corn we ever raised (90 bushels per acre on 12 acres) we did follow this practice, and, the season being very dry, I believe we were paid for the entire work. The corn land when treated in this way is in elegant condition for the following grass, clover, rye, or wheat crops. Our seed corn patch will be treated in the above manner this spring, provided we have no hard storms to blow the plants down.

I expect my readers will become tired of my everlasting harping on the value of the corn crop for the South, but I cannot help it, "the truth will out."—A. L. French, Byrdville, Va., in Progressive Farmer.

WESTFIELD.

Westfield, May 23.—The health in this vicinity is good at present. The farmers in this section are very busy.

Mr. Ralph Nunn and Miss Bessie Simmons were bound in the holy bonds of matrimony last Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Miss Willie has the mumps. But we hope she will soon recover.

Messrs. J. H. Tilley and Walter George called to see Misses Ethel and Fannie Sunday evening. Go again, boys, they were glad to see you.

I think Mr. Willie Cardwell and Miss Louvie Pell will soon jump the broom.

Don't think Miss Ethel visits Miss Willie so often since she took the mumps.

MAMA'S ONLY GIRL.

PINE HALL.

Pine Hall, May 25.—I guess there will not be much tobacco planted in this section.

Pine Hall is building up right sharply. They are putting up a new brick mill, etc.

Measles have about died out in this section.

Guess Misses Beulah and Maud Neal is grinning some this week as their best fellows called Sunday.

Guess the people of Hamburg have jolly times on Saturday evenings playing marbles.

Oh, I think there will be a wedding over the river soon as Mr. J. R. goes over that way right often.

Think Mr. W. A. Glidewell will stop raising tobacco as he has quit chewing.

Some of the boys near Pine Hall was in the wreck at Martinsville recently, but not seriously hurt.

Mr. Charlie Shropshire left a few days since for Martinsville.

Miss Minnie Neal, of this place, went to Madison Saturday shopping.

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WORTH KNOWING.

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That they are the original and genuine porous plasters upon whose reputation imitators trade.

That Alcock's Plasters never fail to perform their remedial work quickly and effectually.

That for Weak Back, Rheumatism, Colds, Lung Trouble, Kidney Difficulties, Strains and all Local Pains they are invaluable.

That when you buy Alcock's Plasters you obtain the best plasters made.

COUNTING UP PROFITS AND LOSS ON THE FARM.

Capt. Chas. Petty Gives Some Practical Suggestions On Farm Accounting And the Advantages Of Hired Hands Over Tenants.

Too much figuring and counting the cost of animals, poultry and farm products will lead the lazy or despondent farmer to believe that it is cheaper to buy supplies that raise them on the farm. A humorous wag used to sit down and prove to farmers, when they were selling chickens at 10 to 25 cents, that it was a losing business to raise chickens. They ought to buy them. The figures were on his side, but the facts were on the other side.

The farmer who counts the whole price received for his products as net profit is about as far out of the way as the pessimist who sees nothing but want ahead. Let us raise a shout for the clear-headed, hopeful, cheerful farmer, who acts as though he knew the last year of his life was ahead of him. When they come to town they have a broad smile and cheerful words and their buoyant spirits and unbounded energy are an inspiration to every one. We have such farmers and their number is increasing every year. Let us take courage and be thankful. Victory will come to these Piedmont farmers of the two Carolinas one of these days. It will be the more decisive because long delayed.

ESTIMATING COST OF A CROP.

It is right and proper, however, for all farmers to make a careful estimate of the cost of a crop. This is difficult to do where the father, mother and children do all the work. In the first place food, clothing and stock feed come from the farm and that is often a large item. Some farmers have hoed crops paying one-third to the hands for all work except plowing. Others furnish horse-power, tools and seed and give one-half. Then the renter who furnishes everything either pays to the landlord a part of the crop or standing rent. In one of these ways land is rented and there is little difference in profits to the landlord. To get at the expense of a crop, take the hand that works his landlord's stock and receives one-half. Not counting anything for rent the expense account will stand about as follows:

EXPENSE OF LANDLORD.

Use of tenant's house.....	\$15.00
Firewood.....	15.00
Use of mule.....	20.00
Feed for mule.....	40.00
Seed for planting.....	6.00
Tools and wagon.....	15.00
Total expense.....	\$111.00

INCOME.

10 bales of cotton.....	\$500.00
Seed from same.....	65.00
150 bushels corn.....	105.00
1,500 bundles fodder.....	20.00
10 bushels peas.....	10.00
Total.....	\$700.00
Deduct 2½ tons of guano, \$55, and ginning and bagging, \$18.....	73.00
	\$627.00

The farmer would receive one-half of this amount, or \$313.50.

Deduct expenses as above (\$111.00), and he will have left for that one crop \$202.50, as an offset for rent and his superintendence.

In the above statement it is supposed that the land is good, the seasons favorable and the tenant a good worker. Put the crop at six bales of cotton and 75 bushels of corn and the landlord would get about \$110 for rent and his own supervision.—Chas. Petty, in Progressive Farmer.

ITEMS FROM MADISON.

New Town Officials Sworn In—Mrs. R. D. Reid Better—R. P. Webster To Erect New House.

Madison, May 25.—Mayor C. O. McMichael and the new Board of town Commissioners took the oath of office and assumed control of affairs. Mayor McMichael, after being sworn in, addressed the Board and citizens assembled, outlining the plans of his administration and asking the aid of all citizens in preserving law and order, and for the material development of the town. H. T. Pratt was elected Chief of Police; the fee system was abolished, and he was placed on a salary of \$35.00 per month. S. F. Webster was elected assistant policeman. The board voted to issue the bonds for street improvements as voted in the election.

The County Commissioners held a call meeting Monday. Architect Frank P. Milburn, of Washington, was present and together with the Commissioners made an inspection of the "Falls" and other branches with the view of devising a plan to furnish, at the lowest cost for the best results, a water system which will supply both the jail and court house.

The contractors on the new court house at Wentworth are having a hard time of it on account of lack of water. The Wentworth wells are unreliable and plans are on foot to put in a ram at the shower bath near Lake Lucile, and pipe water to the village.

Mrs. Reuben D. Reid, who was so seriously ill last week that Mr. Reid was hurriedly called from Stokes court, is reported very much improved and on the way to recovery.

We learn with pleasure that Miss Mary Griffith, a Madison girl, has led her class in the examinations at Lynchburg Christian College. Miss Mary is a charming young lady and a hard student and deserves all the honors awarded her.

Miss Mary Lewellyn returned from Stoneville Wednesday accompanied by her friend, Miss Seymour.

Mr. R. P. Webster is having lumber placed on his lot on Hunter street preparatory to erecting his new dwelling.—Madison Herald.

GENIUS RECOGNIZED.

An Exhibition Of Inventions Not Yet On the Market, At the Jamestown Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., May 24.—A most interesting feature of the Jamestown Exposition, on Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, which opened April 26, and will close November 30, is the "section for inventions," in which inventors are invited to display their inventions and demonstrate their value to visitors.

The invitation is open to all, and every facility is offered in the way of floor space, tables and shelves, advertising cards and labels, electric current, gas, lights, etc. A modest fee of from ten to not more than thirty dollars, except in very special cases, is charged for such space and service. The service includes, as well as the general care of models, explanations to visitors, and the return of the exhibit at the close of the Exposition.

Awards will be made of gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas. That inventors are alive to this unparalleled opportunity for making public their creations, is shown by the fact that within four weeks after the first notice was sent out by the Bureau of Inventions of the Jamestown Exposition, applications have been made

for more than five thousand square feet, and new applications are now coming at the rate of a hundred a day.

The inventors are not the only ones who will profit by this display, for the exhibition cannot fail to be one of interest and material benefit to the public at large. Never before has such an opportunity been presented at any exposition, and now that the first step has been made in this direction, such exhibitions of inventions will no doubt become a part of all future expositions.

SOME PATRICK COUNTY NEWS.

Death Of Mrs. Noell—Dr. Cummings Also Dead—A Marriage—Some Other Notes.

Stuart, Va., May 25.—The remains of Mrs. Belle Noell, widow of the late W. T. Noell, who died at Roanoke Tuesday from an operation for appendicitis, were buried here by the side of her husband and two little children in the family burying ground at the old home of Dr. Jas. T. Noell, deceased, now the residence of Mrs. Bertha Noell. Mrs. Noell was a sister of our townsman, Mr. W. W. Moir, Sr., and moved from this place some years ago.

Dr. W. R. Cummings died at his home near Stella on the 20th inst. Dr. Cummings had been in ill health for some time. He was regarded as an able minister of the Baptist church and a good physician. He was married some two or three times, and has seventeen children. He was seventy odd years of age.

The session of the 1906-7 of the Stuart High School closed Friday. The school board and patrons can compliment themselves on retaining for another year the services of Prof. B. M. Cox, as principal, and Miss Sydney Penn as his assistant.

Misses Mamie Gilbert, Carolyne Staples, Mr. R. L. George, Miss Elva Shockley, Mr. Robt. Massey and Miss Margaret Tatum, chaperoned by Mr and Mrs. Walter Smith, were among the Stuart people who attended the association at Big Creek, near Francisco, last Saturday and Sunday. They were so elegantly entertained at the hospitable home of Rev. R. W. George, that they all seem anxious to take the trip again.

No compromise has as yet been made between the Stuart Orchard Company and the burnt district sufferers who lost considerable property from the fire.

Miss Carrie, the pretty and attractive 19-year-old daughter of Mr. T. C. McNichols, who moved here from Bethesda, O., was quietly married to Mr. J. K. Patterson, a prominent business man of Bethesda, O., at the Methodist parsonage Monday night by Rev. L. L. Banks.

On Saturday, the 18th, death entered the home of Mr. Rufus Martin, near Liberty Church, and bore the spirit of his devoted wife, Rosa, to the great beyond, returning to God who giveth and taketh away. Mrs. Martin was about 40 years of age and leaves some nine or ten children.—Stuart Enterprise.

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To The People Of Stokes County.

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the Republican ticket for Sheriff's office in 1908, subject to the will of the convention.

Yours very respectfully,
D. A. SIMMONS.

WALNUT COVE COAL MINES.

Will Be Thoroughly Developed By Northern Company—The Juniors To Have Flag Raising, Etc—Some Personals.

Walnut Cove, May 27.—A company, composed of several northern men, is again preparing to begin operations for the development of the coal mine situated near Walnut Cove. The company apparently means to make a thorough investigation as to the quantity and quality of the coal as they are already placing machinery for that purpose. It is learned that Mr. W. T. Brown, of Winston, is associated with the company.

Messrs. R. W. Hedgecock & Sons are turning out brick at a rapid rate now. The weather recently has been ideal and they are running two machines, each having a capacity of about 60,000 per day.

The remains of Mr. Samuel Hill were brought through here Friday from Bluefield, W. Va., where he had been living for several years. The deceased formerly resided in Surry county and the remains were being carried to Pilot Mountain. Mr. Hill was 80 years of age.

Mr. E. C. Willis, who has been teaching the past winter in the eastern part of the State, was here yesterday on the way to his home near Germantown.

Miss Annie Kate Jones returned Thursday from Greensboro, where she has been attending the G. F. College. She was accompanied home by her friend and class mate, Miss Maud Kramer, of Elizabeth City.

Miss Claudia Rierson returned to her home here Friday. She has been attending school at Littleton Female College.

Mr. R. R. Rogers, cashier of the bank here, attended the meeting of the State Bankers' Association at Winston, the past week.

Miss Bertha Dalton, of Dalton, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones the past week.

Our merchants are experiencing quite a lull in trade this week. The farmers are at home at work.

The lodge of the J. O. U. A. M. here is preparing for a flag raising, etc., on July 4th. The governor will probably be present and a big time is promised. Particulars will be given a little later.

WESTFIELD.

Westfield, May 21.—Mrs. Albert Hill, of Winston-Salem, came up Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tilley.

Miss Loline Payne is visiting relatives at Claudville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ayers, of Stuart R. F. D., spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ayers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ashburn.

Miss Hulda Marshall, accompanied by Mr. Bishop Nichols, of White Plains, spent Saturday night at this place.

Messrs. Vance Joyce and J. T. Poindexter, of Winston, spent Wednesday night in town.

A number of our people attended the Association at Big Creek Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Will Hall, of Mt. Airy, was in our midst one day recently.

Miss Gladys Dobyas, of Claudville, is visiting relatives at Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, of Spray, spent Saturday night and Sunday night with their uncle, Mr. E. Y. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dobyas, of Claudville, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday and attended the Association at Big Creek.

Misses Hallie Aldred and Maud Johnson, of Mt. Airy, visited their aunt, Mrs. C. T. Christian, at this place, last week.

Dr. J. T. Smith leaves this afternoon for Gibsonville, where he will conduct a series of meetings.