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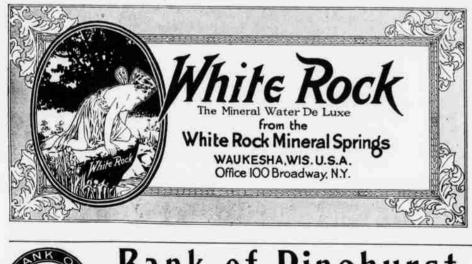
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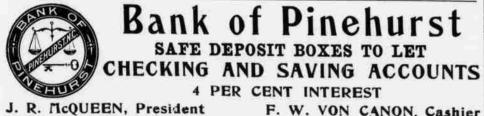
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Butler acres once and for all just what | imitating the third rate boarding houses varieties of Long Staple cotton were most in the commercial towns the rest of us conducive to raising the mortgages in the had followed our fancy, our material and

SANDHILL ESTATES definite, like the report of a civil engineer. But these matters are never the result of mathematics. Any more than the choosing of a wife is. Or a horse. Or a painting. This, says the connesseur, suits me. If you want to know why, you must read what I have read, dow hat I have done, see what I have seen. I know. Just as a man knows how to ride a bycicle. Any fellow would agree he knew the ways of the woods and the opportunities of the country, to see him build a house. There isn't a dwelling in the whole region more becoming in design, more harmoni-THIS is the way I came ous with the landscape or more in keeping to meet Mr. Guy S. with the conception we strive to attain of Meloy, who is the expert an architecture suggestive of the history for the United States and character and traditions of the counupon the matter of the try. It is a log house, built of poles cut culture of cotton. May- on the spot and plastered with native be I am wrong. It may earth, with a high shingled roof such as be the breeding and the we have often admired in Devonshire, varieties of cotton. I built to stay during the time of good was running into the Butlers to borrow a Queen Ann. It is a country house, built ham, or a drink, and invite myself to din- by a country man out of his native stock, ner. And there he was, planning on be- comfortable, sensible and remarkably half of Uncle Sam to determine upon the effective and beautiful. If instead of



THE BUTLER HOMESTEAD IS IN HARMONY WITH THE COUNTRY

their infant growth.

I ought not to have been surprised. Long before he ever heard of Pinehurst or Moore County Mr. Butler was a familiar of the Department of Agriculture, and a close student with them of all matters pertaining to the culture of cotton. His very being in the neighborhood is ap rimary tribute to it. For many years he was in charge of a great plantation in Durango, now prey to the vagaries of presidential candidates in the hectic Mexican primaries.

Searching for a more placid if less interesting territory in which to pitch his rough, and planted in peach trees and tent in the open and to follow out the life cotton and corn and hog pastures. We he had mastered, he and Mrs. Butler came were concerned that day, last April, in into the Sandhills and selected a headland the cotton tests. Pure seed of every varieoverlooking a long valley and a distant ty of long staple were planted in alterview of Carthage for their home.

I suppose it would be of the greatest interest to know exactly why a man of the to us, called the hedge row method-close world and an expert in matters bucolic | together as one might plant peas. And in and pastoral should have chosen this place the fullness of time the cotton was careabove all others in the United States. I fully gathered and separated, each variety

Sandhills, and just how best to conduct the obvious, we would have a neighborhood of such dwellings, distinctive and attractive as any in the world.

It is built wait a wing, in the corner of which Mrs. Butler's guiding genius is apparent in a flower garden, and trellis and rustic arbor and the essential foreground for any inhabitable place. Shade trees and perennial shrubs in their infancy surrounding a lawn running to the outlook over the widing valley give promise of delightful surroundings to come.

We went out to look at the farm. There are fifty acres or more in cultivation which Mr. Butler has cleared from the nate rows between his peach trees. The planting was done in a method unknown F. W. VON CANON, Cashier wish I had it for you in black and white, by itself, and weighed and tested for