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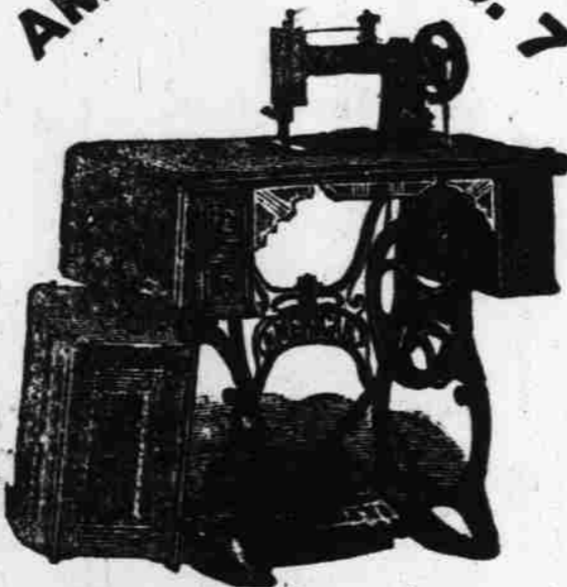
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At Oxford, Md., a company ships oysters in the shell abroad. To keep them fresh, the shells are securely locked with wire, for the American oyster, like the American tourist, is apt to keep his mouth open too wide, when he goes abroad.

The "melancholy days" of November are almost unknown in this region. The skies are soft and blue, the air mild and balmy and the sunshine bright and warm. Although the grass is brown, the evergreen of the pines and the rich red of the oaks give a beauty to the landscape never seen at this time of the year in a less favored clime.

The North Carolina Teacher for November has several interesting articles. Elementary Studies in Insects, by Prof. G. F. Atkinson of the University of North Carolina should meet with special attention of teachers and parents also. We heartily commend all efforts to teach children (and grown people) that the study of common things about us is interesting and profitable.

Northern physicians are often perplexed because they do not know of good places in the South which they can recommend to their patients, who need a change of climate. There is a growing prejudice against sending people to Florida, particularly those with lung and throat diseases. To as many doctors as are known to us personally, as eminent and reliable in their profession we are sending the PINE KNOT. We receive no pay for doing so, nor do we ask any. But it is our earnest desire that the merits of Southern Pines as a health resort should be known to the right persons.

## WHERE ARE OUR CANNERIES?

California fruit canners find it impossible to supply the Eastern demand for their goods, though they run both night and day.—Exchange.

It is a Christian duty for the South, and especially North Carolina, to relieve these California brethren of a portion of their burden. California canners ought not to work so hard. If they are not careful they will break down. Where are our canneries? Fruits grow here in profusion and of wonderful flavor and quality. Our people pay no attention to their culture, and do not even take the trouble to save those nature provides. There ought to be a hundred enterprises of this sort in North Carolina alone. We have every advantage

that California has for this industry, and one overwhelming advantage which she has not, viz: nearness to Northern and Eastern markets. Why do not some of our canny Scots here in Moore County seize this opportunity?

## A LAND OF PLENTY.

The attention of the people of the North and West has lately been attracted to the South, but the speculative booms set afloat at Birmingham, Anniston, Chattanooga and Atlanta have for the moment overshadowed the more permanent interests as represented in the agricultural districts, and of which so little is known. Take North Carolina, in a zone that has a just claim to be called temperate, we find every variety of timber, from the hemlock and spruce of the far North, to the magnolia and palmetto of the tropics. All the grains from buckwheat to rice. All saccharine products from maple sugar to the sugar of the cane. All the minerals from the diamond to iron and coal. All the altitudes from a mile and a quarter up among the clouds, to the savannahs of the Atlantic coast, and a record on the census reports, of products that fills more of the blanks than any other State in the Union—American Agriculturist.

## WE GIVE IT UP.

The wages of laborers in California are much higher than in either Georgia or Massachusetts, and yet the same tariff is in operation there. But if high wages are due to the tariff, why are the wages lower in the State of Massachusetts, which is more given to manufacturing, than in California which is not given to manufacturing at all? Does not this constitute a demonstration that high wages are not due to high tariff?—Augusta (Ga.) Gazette.

## FALLOWING.

The very best work you can do from now till Christmas, after building your cattle sheds is to fallow. Plow up all the land you expect to cultivate next year. By so doing you give all the vegetable matter time to rot, ready for plant food next summer. You turn the top soil under and protect it from the winter, and turn your subsoil up to the snows and freezes of winter, which will thoroughly pulverize it and take all the sourness out of it. Besides these advantages, you put your next spring work at least one month ahead. You do your heavy work in the fall with your team and next spring they are in better condition to make the crop; and your land broken in the fall is in so much better condition in the spring to receive seed. Just put one, two, three plows, according to the size of your farm and keep them at it. Keep one cart or wagon all the while hauling straw in the lot and stables, and our word for it, you will never regret it.—Scotland Neck Democrat.