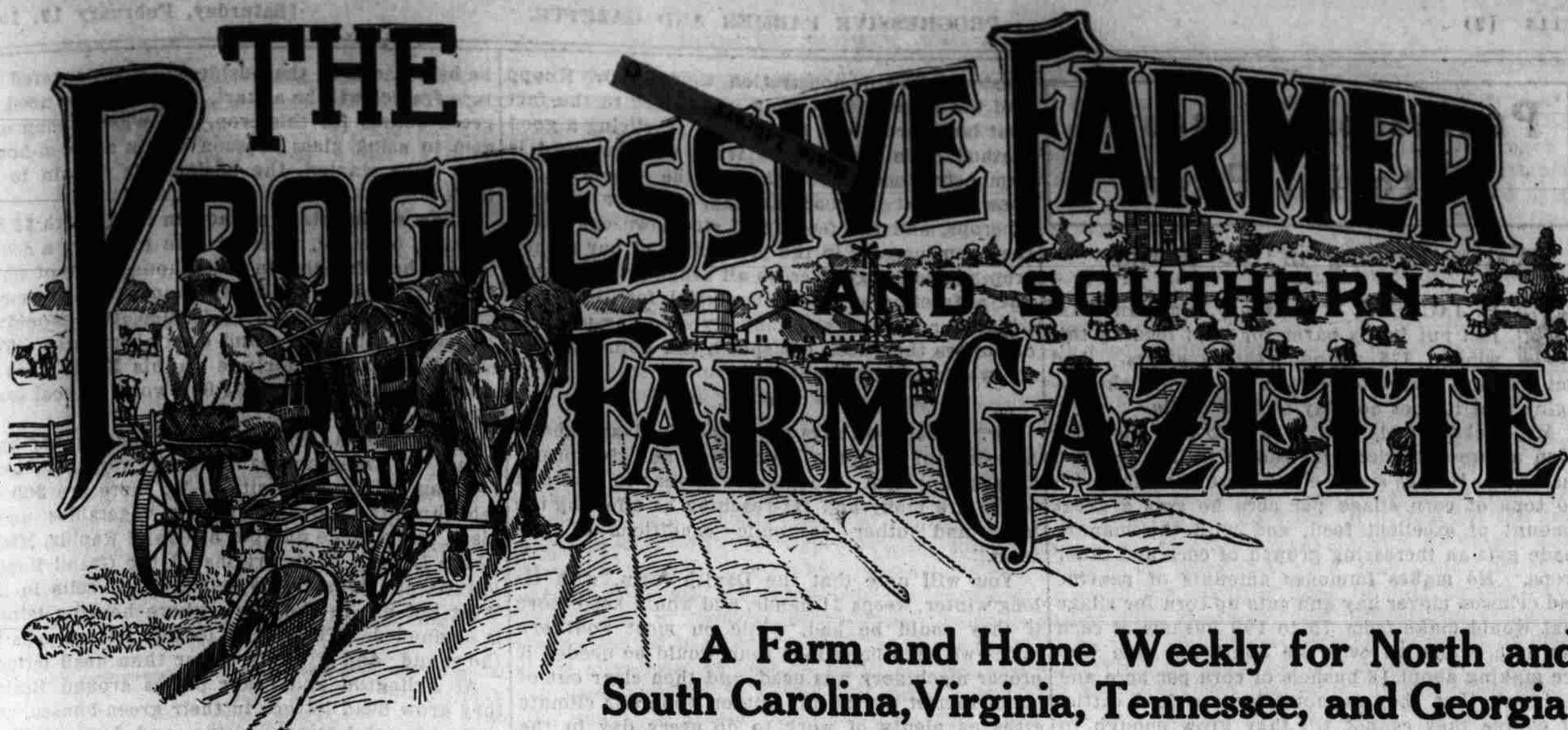


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THE MODERN WAY—GOOD WORK EASILY DONE



HUMAN labor has been so cheap here in the South, that we have depended too largely on it in the past, and now, when it becomes scarcer and higher in price, we find ourselves in many cases without labor and without the work stock and machinery to take its place.

Of course, there is but one thing for us to do: We must get more work stock, and more machinery. The price of human labor is not likely to go down to the old scale, and there is no reason why we should wish it to do so. Cheap labor has never yet made any country rich. It takes intelligent labor to do that; and intelligent labor is not going to be content to work with out-of-date equipment.

Good farm equipment does not mean in every case, or even in most cases just now, such an outfit as the one shown here, though such outfits are going to soon become so common all over the South as to cease to attract attention. We believe it does mean for every general farmer, however, a good pair of mules or horses, good plows, good harrows, planters, cultivators, etc., of his own, and easy access to such modern necessities as the grain binder, corn harvester, pea thresher, and corn shedder. Then the manure spreader, the gasoline engine, the cream separator, spraying outfits, home water-works, are soon going to be regarded as essential on every well furnished farm.

The one-mule plow and the single sweep are going to give place to more modern implements—that is certain. When these pass there will also pass the farmer who goes along in the same old way year after year, working his body hard but letting his mind remain idle. The man who handles up-to-date farm machinery, must be a man who has a trained mind and who makes his mind do much of his work; for, after all, the most essential part of any farm's equipment is a trained and active brain in the head of the man who manages that farm.