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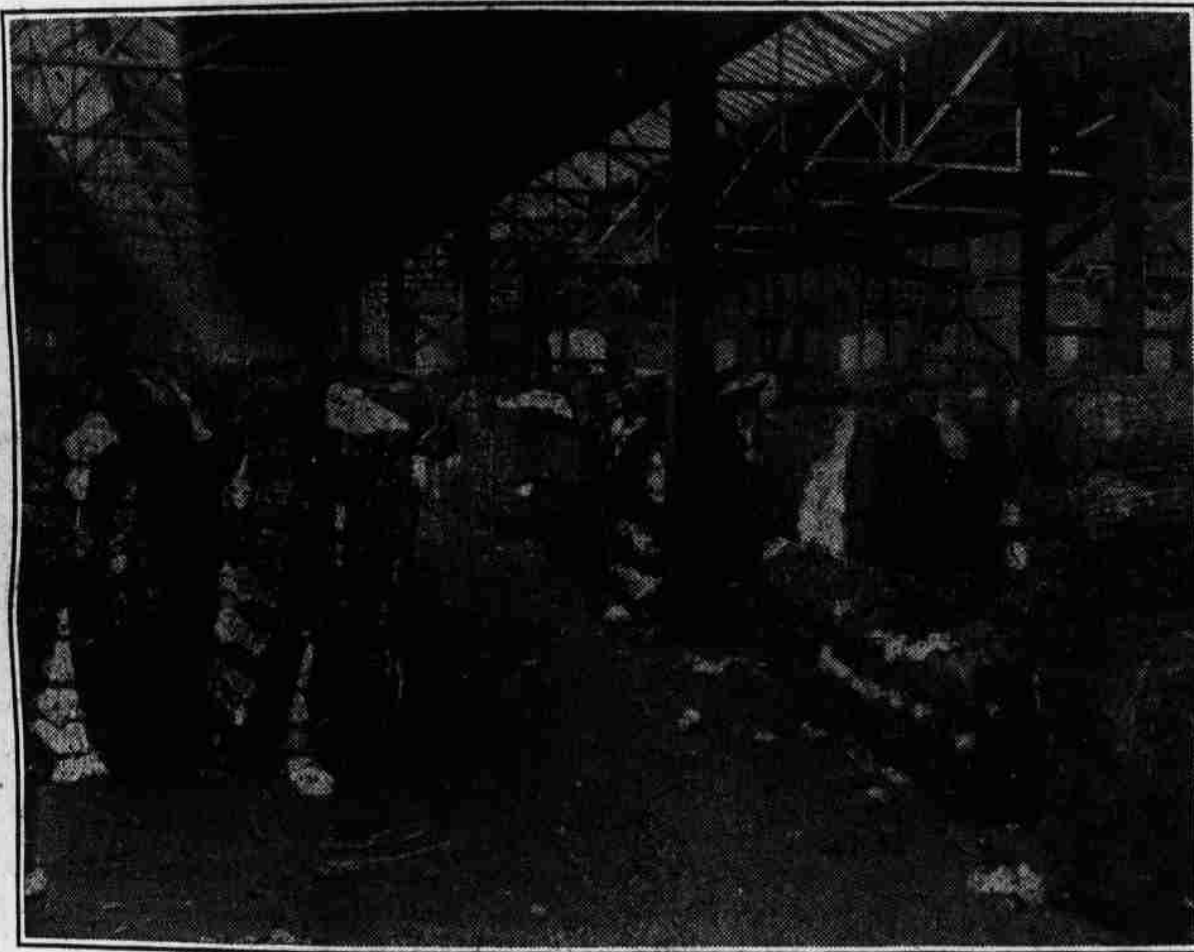
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Better Baling For the South's 1910 Cotton Crop



Shipment of Cotton from New Orleans.



Shipment of Cotton from Egypt.

HOW AMERICAN COTTON LOOKS IN LIVERPOOL AS COMPARED WITH COTTON FROM INDIA AND EGYPT.

THESE two photographs made in Liverpool strikingly illustrate the careless and disgraceful manner in which our Southern cotton reaches the English market (the writer has seen our ragged Southern bales hauled over Liverpool streets in just this plight) as compared with the thoroughly neat and satisfactory packing of cotton from other parts of the world, not only Egypt but India and South Africa as well. The unsightly and ragged condition of our cotton causes the English manufacturer to prefer Asiatic or African cotton when he can get it.

Right now is the time for our Southern farmers to decide that our 1910 cotton crop shall be better baled than any other crop has ever been. King Cotton is no longer poor, he's rich, and he deserves better clothing than the ragged garments of humiliation he wore in 1893-4-5-6. Moreover, it will pay. A buyer is always willing to give a higher price for any product on earth when it looks thoroughly neat and attractive. Consciously or unconsciously, intentionally or unintentionally, the cotton buyer will pay more for the well-bound bale, and we fully believe that the farmer will get from \$1.50 to \$5 for every \$1 he spends for better baling.

For one thing, then, brother farmers, let's decide on better baling for our 1910 cotton. And then let's decide to get this tare matter settled. It will be remembered that *The Progressive Farmer and Gazette* last fall carried on a vigorous crusade for 6 per cent tare on cotton. This agitation was felt for good in many sections, but from one or two communities we have had complaints that buyers refused to buy cotton with 6 per cent tare, and these correspondents seem inclined to blame us for the

trouble. These correspondents are answered in this week's *Progressive Farmer and Gazette* in which we point out two things: (1) The 6 per cent tare is right, but if a farmer is willing to be run over by buyers who object to it, if he is not willing to stand up for his rights, why, it is not our fault; we cannot help it. (2) Wherever buyers assume such an attitude, however, the farmers should organize through the Farmers Union or otherwise for self protection and enforce their rights. And it is none too early to begin this work if results are to be had this season.

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