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GET THE GRASS BEFORE IT GETS YOU



"CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CLOVERDALE"
Can You Beat It? Dairy Cows on Farm of Tracy & Lester, Orange, Texas, Knee-deep in Oats and Vetch on Christmas Day, 1914

THIS week we are stressing the importance of rapid, early cultivation—killing the grass and weeds before they get a start. Certainly no work is more important at this season, and certainly none offers greater returns for the time and labor expended than that which enables us to get ahead of the grass before it gets ahead of us.

The one implement, as all our articles this week agree, that will do this work most rapidly, effectively and economically is the harrow, used at the right time. The use of the harrow at the right time means not only its use just as the grass and weeds are emerging, but its successful use here presupposes its liberal use in the preparation of the seed bed. For, as we have repeatedly pointed out, the crop that is seeded in poorly prepared land, land that is a mass of hard clods and unrotted vegetable matter, begins with a handicap that no methods of cultivation, however efficient, can ever wholly overcome.

Granted that preparation has been thorough and that the soil is reasonably mellow and friable because of a fair humus supply, the rapid, thorough work that a section harrow run diagonally across the corn and cotton rows will do is astonishing to those who have never seen it employed in this way. A two-

section harrow can cover from twelve to twenty acres a day, doing work no less effective and far more inexpensively than the old two and four-times-to-the-row way. On the lighter sandy soils of the Gulf and Atlantic Coastal Plain sections work equally effective may be done with the weeder. On stiffer soils, however, the weeder is of little use, and the section harrow has the additional advantage of being useful in other ways, as well as in cultivation.

Don't be afraid that the harrow will destroy the stand; or, if you are, try a small area any way. The result will be the fastest and cheapest cultivation you ever saw, and the section harrow enthusiasts will add another convert to their ranks. We don't mean to say that an occasional plant will not be uprooted or injured; but with corn these will be very few indeed, and with cotton the loss will be insignificant and the thinning will be a benefit.

Let us repeat here what we have said many times before—that good farming consists almost entirely of getting big yields at small cost. In doing this you will certainly find the harrow and weeder among your most useful allies.

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