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THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

This week's Progressive Farmer is not the Cotton Special, as we had intended to make it. Useful as our Specials are, we know that our readers must have variety, and in this week's paper are a number of pressing articles which could not be postponed for two weeks, as would have been the case according to our original plans. The Cotton Special, therefore goes over until March 14th.

An article which could not wait, for example, is Mr. J. O. W. Gravely's striking message to tobacco growers on page 2. It is a convincing and forceful argument that he makes against increasing the tobacco acreage this year, and it ought to be taken to heart by every tobacco farmer who is not already hopelessly committed to a bigger crop for 1907. The only effective way of keeping the acreage within bounds, as Mr. Gravely points out, is by thorough organization of the tobacco growers, and we are glad that he will discuss this matter in other letters soon to appear in The Progressive Farmer.

Again, the interest excited by our Alfalfa Special is still keen, and more than one reader has inquired for the methods by which Mr. J. B. Davis won his conspicuous success in growing the crop. It will be seen from his letter on page 3 that Mr. Davis began by making failures as signal as was his final success. And there is inspiration in the conclusion which he draws, that with proper effort and perseverance, "anyone can grow alfalfa."

Mr. Kivett's letter on onion growing is another which has been delayed on account of our Specials, and which deserves immediate attention.

On page 4, State Entomologist Sherman tells in the briefest and most practical fashion just what the wayfaring farmer needs to know about spraying apples and peaches. With these simple and explicit directions it should be easy for any of our readers to get for themselves the great benefits that are to be had from this method of protection against disease and insect pests.

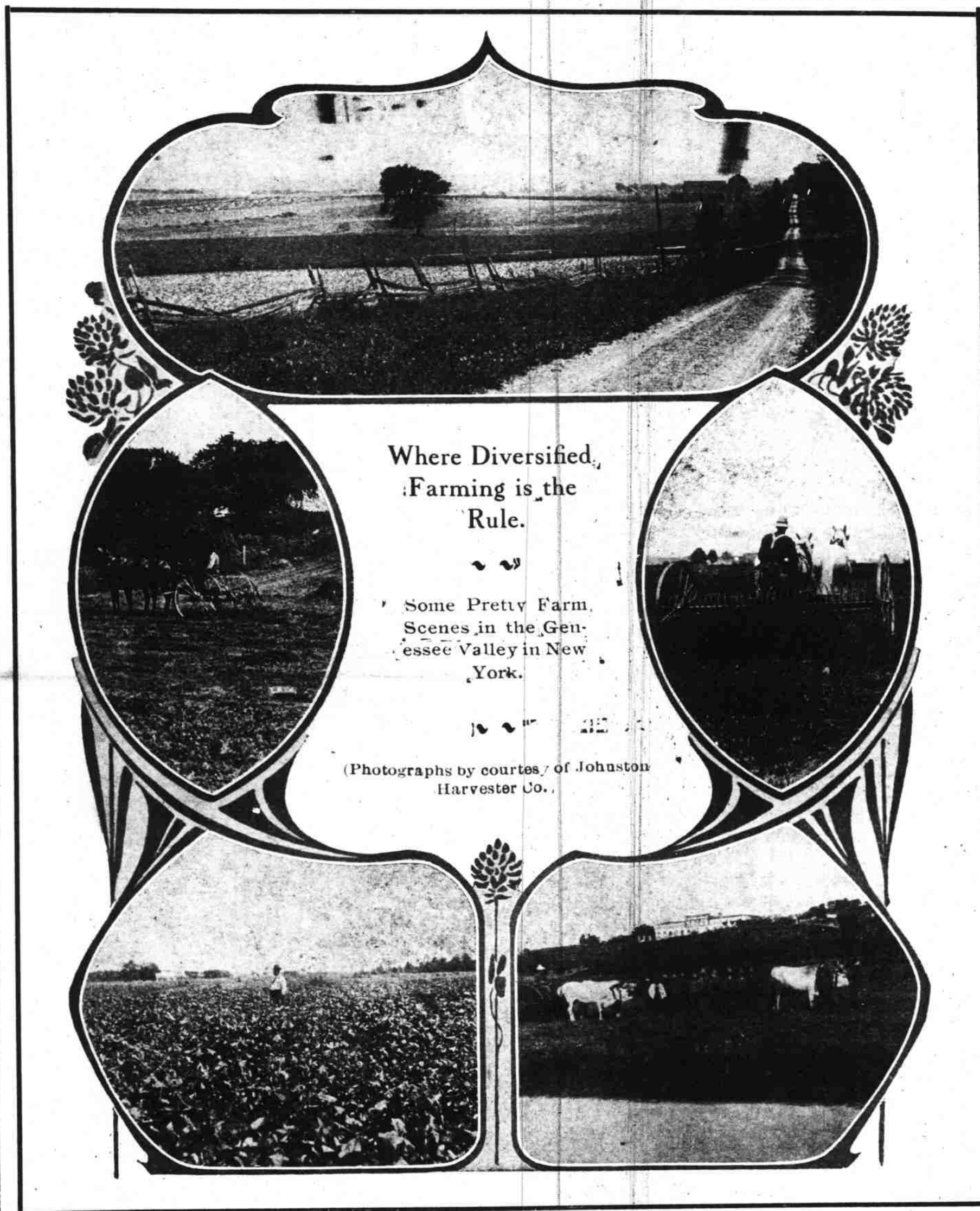
Two other noteworthy features lately missed

from our columns appear in this number. In the first place, we have again made arrangements for our weekly review of the markets by a Norfolk authority, a man whose everyday business it is to keep up with the prices of vegetables, truck and other farm products, and therefore who is admirably equipped for handling this department of our paper. On page 17, another one of Mr. Brimley's delightful wild life series finds a place, and what he has to say about "The Woodpecker Family" cannot fail to interest both young and old. Charles Cotton Moore, too, is with us again, although he gives his time and attention this time to the old man, instead of writing to Mrs. Farmer.

In our regular departments, Mr. French writes of range-bred horses, Uncle Jo tells how to manage the tiny biddies in cold, wet weather, Mrs.

Grimes gives some useful suggestions about finishing the walls of the house, and in the "March Farm Work," contributed by our Mr. Parker and Dr. Butler, we have the usual array of suggestions combining timeliness with practicability in a degree rarely equaled by farm writers. Mr. Cree's letter on "Early Broilers," delayed from our Poultry Special, is no less useful at this time, and we hope to number him among our regular correspondents.

And next week the Cotton Special! Although postponed a week, it will be well worth waiting for. All the articles promised for it last week have been received, and in addition to these, other articles have been received from some of the most progressive cotton farmers in the Carolinas. Big as was the hit made by our beautiful Corn Special, we think we can promise that our Cotton Special will be equally good.



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Farming is the  
Rule.

Some Pretty Farm  
Scenes in the Genesee  
Valley in New  
York.

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