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Alfalfa—Get Ready Now to Have a Field Like This.

Ross Bros., of Kansas, in their booklet, "Alfalfa," say: "The Kansas farmer needs to raise more Alfalfa for his land's sake. Alfalfa gives him heavy yields secured from soil many feet below that reached by other crops, and leaves the surface soil richer, in better tilth, and ready to yield much more abundantly when planted to other crops. * * * If the first attempt fails, try again, and again if necessary, and final success will well repay for all the expenditure. * * * IT'S PROFITABLE! GET STARTED!! DO IT NOW!!!" If in Kansas where there are over 600,000 acres already set in Alfalfa, the farmers need to grow more of it, how about our farmers in the Carolinas and Virginia? How about YOU? If you intend sowing Alfalfa this spring the last touches of the preparation of the land should now be added so as to give the soil time to settle before seeding. Do not sow it on freshly plowed land. If your land has not already been broken, it is probably now too late to begin. But you can now begin getting ready to sow Alfalfa next fall. Break the land deep NOW. Manure well with lot or stable manure, lime and sow to peas or soy beans. This is the finest preparation known for Alfalfa. Experiment on a small scale until you succeed; then enlarge.

T. B. PARKER.

THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENT.

The four features promised last week would alone make this number of The Progressive Farmer notable—Mr. T. J. W. Broom's letter on how to make cotton without hand-hoeing, "Johnnie Southerner's" strong article on corn growing, Mr. Gover's plan for killing wire grass, and Mr. Lane's letter telling not only how to make more corn per acre, but how to manufacture it into beef, butter, eggs, and poultry and so get \$1 to \$1.50 a bushel for it instead of fifty cents.

Our "Cotton Special" last week has won golden opinions, many of our readers vowing that it is the best number we have ever printed (by the way, don't forget to file it away), but there was nothing in it better than Mr. Broom's letter this week. He tells how he started out by making fun of the idea of making cotton with weeders and cultivators instead of goose-neck hoes, and how his own experience has showed him its marvelous economy and general superiority. Given proper tools, he declares, "a boy and a mule will destroy as much grass in a day as a dozen hoe hands." And besides, it is to be remembered that it is comparatively easy to get the boy and the mule, while the task of finding a dozen hoe hands nowadays is enough to turn one's hair gray. Read Mr. Broom's letter, and if you are wise enough to profit by his example, get busy at once and order the needed tools.

"We have not been breaking our land deep

enough, and we have been cultivating our crops too deep"—this is the fundamental, bed-rock fact that our progressive Yadkin farmer emphasizes on page 2—a fact so all-important that the average farmer ought to say it over six times a day, before and after meals, with an extra dose on getting up in the morning. But there are a great many other facts included that would alone make it worth while to read what Johnnie Southerner says. For one thing, you will see from his letter that you can do away with hand-hoeing in the corn-field even more easily than in the cotton field. The time has come on farm as in factory when hand labor must give way to the furthest possible extent to machinery—else there is no profit.

On this page our Mr. Parker again reminds the reader that there is work to be done now if success is to be won with alfalfa either by fall or spring sowing, and on another page we are printing other suggestions on the same subject.

We are not unmindful of the fact that peanuts are one of the important money crops in a considerable part of The Progressive Farmer's territory, and sometime we expect to print a Peanut Special. Meanwhile we extend a hearty invitation to peanut growers to write, on any subject bearing on the cultivation or marketing of the crop; and on page 6 we are printing a strong appeal from Secretary Stephenson urging peanut growers to combine and build warehouses for storing the goobers. Read his plan.

Mr. H. M. Johnson's article, "General Plans for a Cotton Crop," unavoidably crowded out last week, appears on page 13; and on page 12 your "Uncle Jo" tells you just why Southern eggs bring two cents less than Northern and Western eggs, and how you can prevent this heavy loss which

now eats so largely into poultry profits. While speaking of corn, we should not overlook Mr. Parker's excellent suggestions about neighborhood or county contests with prizes for the largest yields; nor should Mr. A. D. Reynolds's thoughtful paper on mountain grazing problems escape attention. And finally, both young and old should read on page 17 about our delightful neighbors who are moving now—some that are moving away and many others that are coming to take their places. Needless to say, these charming neighbors are the birds, and you will be interested in what Mr. Brimley says about them.

As for next week's paper, that will be a "Tobacco Special," but we have more to say of it in another column.

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