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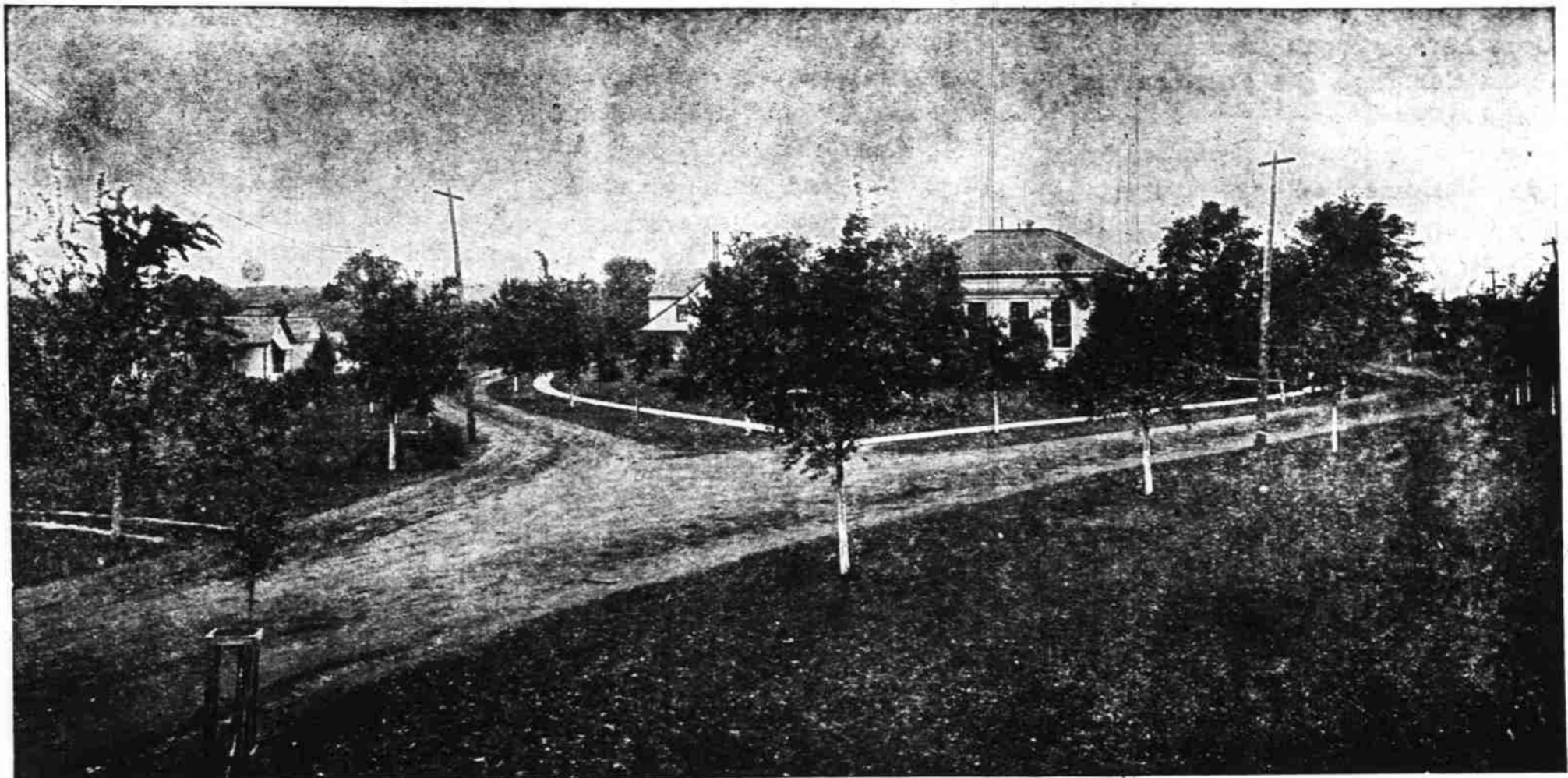
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## A Campaign for More Beautiful Country Homes.

*Earnestly as The Progressive Farmer believes in more bountiful farm crops, it believes no less earnestly in more beautiful farm homes. No one, in fact, should ever wish to make money merely for money's sake; and we should strive to make larger profits simply that we may make larger lives. Well-planned, well furnished and well-painted houses, with their beauty brightened by the witchery of grove and lawn and shrub and vine and flower, ought to be one of the most immediate results of the greater prosperity that our Southern farmers are now enjoying. In her excellent series of articles, "The Farm Home Beautiful," which Mrs. Grimes has been furnishing The Progressive Farmer we have a wealth of counsel and suggestion bearing on this subject, which we hope is finding flower and fruitage in many a touch of added grace to each of the more than 20,000 homes now represented in The Progressive Farmer's family. And both men and women should join in this work.*



Courtesy American Fruit and Nut Journal, Petersburg, Va.

An Attractive Country Home.

### THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENTS.

This is no special crop number of The Progressive Farmer, yet the large number of important things clamoring for print compel us to wear our twenty-page costume right on.

To begin with, here is the picture on this page which so eloquently supplements Mrs. Grimes's "Farm Home Beautiful" papers—a picture about which hangs enough of the spell of modern country life to make us pause and admire—and resolve to beautify our own homes more and more in the future. A little effort in this direction will work wonders toward keeping the boys and girls on the farm.

On page 2 we ask the attention of our readers to nature's demand for the preservative of our mountain forests—a matter of tremendous importance, upon which action cannot be taken too soon. Other timely articles, brief and pointed, on this page also, will reward attentive perusal.

Another of Mr. French's perennially sunny Stock Talks is a feature of page 3. While complaint is rife about the scarcity of farm labor, it is no small thing to find a good substitute. On this same page Mr. J. H. Parker claims that twenty geese are equal to one hoe-hand in the cotton field and that they yield a good profit besides. And you will notice that he wasn't satisfied to leave the subject without giving a book-keeper's statement showing the actual dollars and cents of it.

On page 4 the "Jottings" of Mr. A. J. Moyer have the flavor of the Ben Franklin sort of common-sense in every paragraph. Very sensible and timely, too, is the article by W. W. H. telling so convincingly why pure-bred costs and ought to bring more than grade stock. The reader will do well to look forward to another article of like tenor soon to appear from the pen of Mr. H. F. Coleman, of Tennessee.

Did you have any idea that you could raise on poor sandy upland a rice crop four times as profitable as cotton? Mr. H. B. Howard has done this

in Sampson County, and on page 5 tells a most interesting story of his work. Note, also, that he says the rice he grew was far better—that is, sweeter and more nutritious—than the store-bought article with which we are all so well acquainted. On this page also is another story of the kind that never fails to interest—the story by Mr. H. M. Daniel of his "Last Year's Farming"—how he planned his farming campaign and how near he came to winning out with it.

Those readers for whom a query column has a charm will find "Uncle Jo's" poultry talk on page 6 just the thing they like, for it is taken up by practical answers to some practical poultry questions.

On page 7 Mr. Franklin Sherman, Jr., our State Entomologist, calls the attention of fruit-growers and bee-keepers to some particulars in which he and they may prove mutually helpful by co-operating. The matter of fighting pests is of constantly increasing importance to these two classes of our readers.

In the Home Circle, page 8, a new feature will be noted—"Two Minute Health Talks for Progressive Farmer Readers." We urge our readers to read and heed every one of this series which will contain about a dozen talks. They are short, practical, straight to the point, and will guide you away from many ailments.

Being the first number of the month, this issue contains, on page 11, "Suggestions for April Farm Work," by our Dr. Butler and Mr. Parker. With out-of-door work now going on in dead earnest, these suggestions are unusually full and helpful. If you must skip anything in this issue, skip something else, but study these suggestions for April work.

A unique challenge is thrown at his fellow-farmers, on page 12, by Mr. T. H. Raney, an enthusiast on the subject of raising tomatoes. Read his interesting article—it is not long—and if you are a cotton farmer, decide for yourself whether you can stand and "take a dare" like Mr. Raney's.

On page 12 and 13 are some strong and fervent

papers by Messrs. B. N. Sykes, E. J. Ragsdale, and J. O. W. Gravely on tobacco and the tremendous importance of organization to tobacco growers. Although these could not be squeezed into our Tobacco Special, they were far too important to be omitted altogether.

In harmony with this glorious season, the Farm Home Beautiful article deals this week with flowers—the out-of-doors kind. It will be followed by two or three others. Mrs. Grimes is at her best in these flower talks, which blossom like a garden with fine suggestions.

All our regular departments are up to their usual standard, and while as we said at the outset, this is not a special number, we have tried to make it "just as good."

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