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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENT.

One of the most thrilling chapters in the history of America is that which deals with the amazing advancement of the South during the past twenty years—advancement in manufacturing, in trade, in internal improvements, in population, in agriculture, in education, and in wealth. And in this story of the South's advancement which was so splendidly told in the June number of the World's Work, in a collection of special articles, there was nothing more striking than the marvelous revival of its agricultural potency. The germ thought, the core around which the story-fabric is wrapped, is found in the wonderful fact that the increase of the South's agricultural productiveness has been five times as rapid as the increase in population! How great a revival indeed this has been may be more clearly apprehended by a reading of the article on second page by Mr. Poe, which we have printed while he is absent on an extended Southern trip. No reader of The Progressive Farmer should fail to get the brighter and larger outlook which a reading of this article will be sure to give him.

And now as to pulling fodder. Too soon to worry about that, you say? No, it isn't. It's a losing business, and it is not too soon to consider how you may save it in some more profitable manner than the expensive old-fashioned way of "pulling" it. There's a better way which will be told next week, but for this week your attention is directed to the article on page 9, by Dr. Tait Butler, entitled Does Fodder Pulling Pay?

On the same page Prof. Massey gives his second article—and a most interesting one it is—on the subject of Rotation for a Cotton Farm,

There is not a farm in the Piedmont section of North or South Carolina that cannot, by proper farming with a good rotation of crops, be made to produce 50 bushels of corn per acre, one bale of cotton per acre, and two tons per acre of peavine hay.

(See Prof. Massey's article on page 9.)

dealing with our past bad habits in the treatment that has sapped the strength from both our highlands and lowlands.

The Institute appointments and notes about farmers' organizations



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'Mid the Murmuring Firs and Pines.

It is time now for the farmer to plan a little vacation after the crops are laid by. It will "add years to his life and life to his years." A fishing and camping trip beside one of Dr. Van Dyke's "little rivers" appeals to many. And the farmer's wife—if no one else gets a vacation, let the whole family work together for the purpose of giving her one. She needs it most of all.

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with items fresh from the field you will find on page 4, and under Plow Handle Talks on page 5. And you will not skip, if you please, a piece we copied on page 3 from a valued exchange about the business of getting mother earth to "come across" with her biggest crops—if we may use a bit of slang.

Ever see a Georgia collard? You'll not soon forget the sight if you ever see a patch of Georgia collards in all their glory. Who would have thought that they were coming to be now a

much-sought after money crop? Mr. Merriam tells about them on page 10—the whole simple and easy story of how to grow them.

How you should treat your poultry in hot weather is a subject upon which Uncle Jo writes this week with his accustomed fondness for clean, strong, healthy, and good-laying hens. Heed his teachings and get more eggs, money, and satisfaction from your flock. This is followed on page 11 by an article on Vetch in which hundreds of progressive

farmers are now becoming interested.

The Rural Letter Carriers' meeting at Durham is reported on page 13, and an urgent call by Mr. S. B. Adams to the tobacco growers to organize at once, also finds a place on this page.

The school interests? Haven't forgot them either. It is school-planning time right now. Hence we have printed for you on pages 14 and 15 two splendid articles on how to

The Western farmers feed their corn stalks with the fodder to their stock and ship hay to Southern farmers who throw away their corn stalks.—J. M. Beatty, in Smithfield Herald.

(Does pulling fodder pay? See Page 9.)

make your school more efficient and an argument for local taxation for better schools.

And there are many shorter articles, clear and straight to the point, that are just as good, so far as they go, as the larger ones, if not better.