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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENT.

There's a good deal in this issue about cotton, but not a line too much, we hope. To make cotton, begin the year before, says Mr. Hobbs, in his article on third page. Deep breaking of your soil in the fall as a beginning point for a bigger yield to the acre next year is clearly and helpfully discussed by Prof. W. F. Massey and Dr. S. A. Knapp. Our readers are certainly fortunate to have before them in a single issue articles from two such authorities as these. Along with these articles should be read those by Messrs. Goodman and French (page 14) on conserving the hilly lands.

After your cotton is made—shall the mastery of it pass from the producer the moment the ginners clamp the iron hoops around it? The farmer may break his land well and fertilize it and plant good seed and cultivate faithfully and gather wisely, and at each step add to the increase of his fields; but why has he been powerless over his product from the moment when the finished bale tumbled out of the cotton press? The lack of organization. That is why we are devoting the whole of page 2 to this topic. We hope the calls on that page will fall upon many listening and ready ears.

The ever live topic of live stock is not overlooked. Mr. A. M. Worden, a large stockman of Tennessee, sets forth on page 3 the value of live stock for improving the land, while Mr. French, of Sunny Home, tells why the time is ripe to banish the scrub from your herd for once and all.

Add to these Uncle Jo's "October Work in the Poultry Yard" and you have, we feel sure, the full worth of your money in to-day's Progressive Farmer, to say nothing of numerous other excellent features that we haven't even mentioned.

"Hold your cotton in the seed. The lint will gain in weight and quality. A few years ago I picked 3,200 pounds of cotton October 1st, not ginning till March 1st. After paying 1-15 for toll, I got two bales weighing 545 and 575 pounds, and sold for one cent a pound above the market."—J. A. W.

In Charge of Virginia and North Carolina Demonstration Work.



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Our farmers have heard much of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work so successfully prosecuted during the past two or three years by the National Department of Agriculture and allied organizations—undoubtedly the most successful plan ever inaugurated for the immediate uplift of farming conditions. The general movement is under the direction of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, whose magnificent address in The Progressive Farmer a month ago is still stirring thousands of our readers to thought and action. In Virginia a year ago work was begun under the efficient direction of Mr. T. O. Sandy, and now North Carolina starts with Mr. T. B. Parker in control. Two better men for their duties could not be found in our territory. They are practical, wide-awake, successful farmers, men of long experience in varied lines of farming; they are men distinguished alike for agricultural knowledge and for robust common sense, and for sterling and unquestioned character no less than for intellectual ability. Under their management the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work in North Carolina and Virginia cannot fail to be of lasting and immeasurable benefit to the entire farming population of each Commonwealth, and we congratulate our readers upon its auspicious beginning.

TO THE MAN WHO HASN'T HELPED US.

Dear Mr. Subscriber: Have YOU ever sent us any new subscribers at all?

If you haven't you are exactly the man we are after this week. We have appealed to our old friends time and again, they always rally to us, and we are hearing from them now by every mail, night or day, and in numbers good to see—and we have a letter going to many of them right now.

In this article it is our desire to stir up those readers who have never helped us at all.

If you are one of these, may we not count on you for a club this time—one subscriber, two, three, or four, or a dozen?

They are easy to get, and the work, as we have so often pointed out, will help your neighbors and your neighborhood, will mean a community you will be prouder of living in—and all for a few minutes' time in getting easy new subscribers for us.

Try it.

We most earnestly request that each and every member of The Progressive Farmer Family will try to send us at least one new trial subscriber.

It will be a far better and more gratifying proof of loyalty than if we get twice as many subscribers from only one-tenth of our list.

Our appeal now is especially to the man who hasn't helped us.

Will you do your part?

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P. O. State

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