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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENT.

October bids us good-bye to-night. This is the last of five issues of The Progressive Farmer for this good month and through the forward windows we are already peering into November, thinking of what the month will bring us and of the things we want to do. The suggestions for November farming by Mr. Parker are right on time in this issue and will speak for themselves. We have been thinking of Judge Bennett's saying that every all-round farmer should have as many crops growing in winter as summer. It was in last week's paper, you know. Didn't it strike you, too?

About testing lint cotton—have you decided to make some investigation for yourself and not wait for the Government to do everything? There is an idea pretty widespread that lint gains in weight by "ripening," but does it? Is it anything more than an idea? Have repeated scientific tests proven that it does, and how much? In this connection you will find yourself entertainingly engaged by Mr. Sutcliffe's short article on page 3, in which he tells of some tests he made forty years ago, showing a 10 per cent gain, nearly—an item of profit by no means to be despised.

Your bees—do you keep any? If their scant stores of honey make the bee-gums lift lightly at this season of the year, lend these industrious little workers a helping hand and help them put away something to feed on in winter. You are storing away good things for your horses, cows, pigs, and chickens this winter—help your little bees, too. Mr. Womble tells you how in a good article on page 14. Did you read the other day about the lady up near Winston somewhere who sold \$1,000 worth of honey this year?

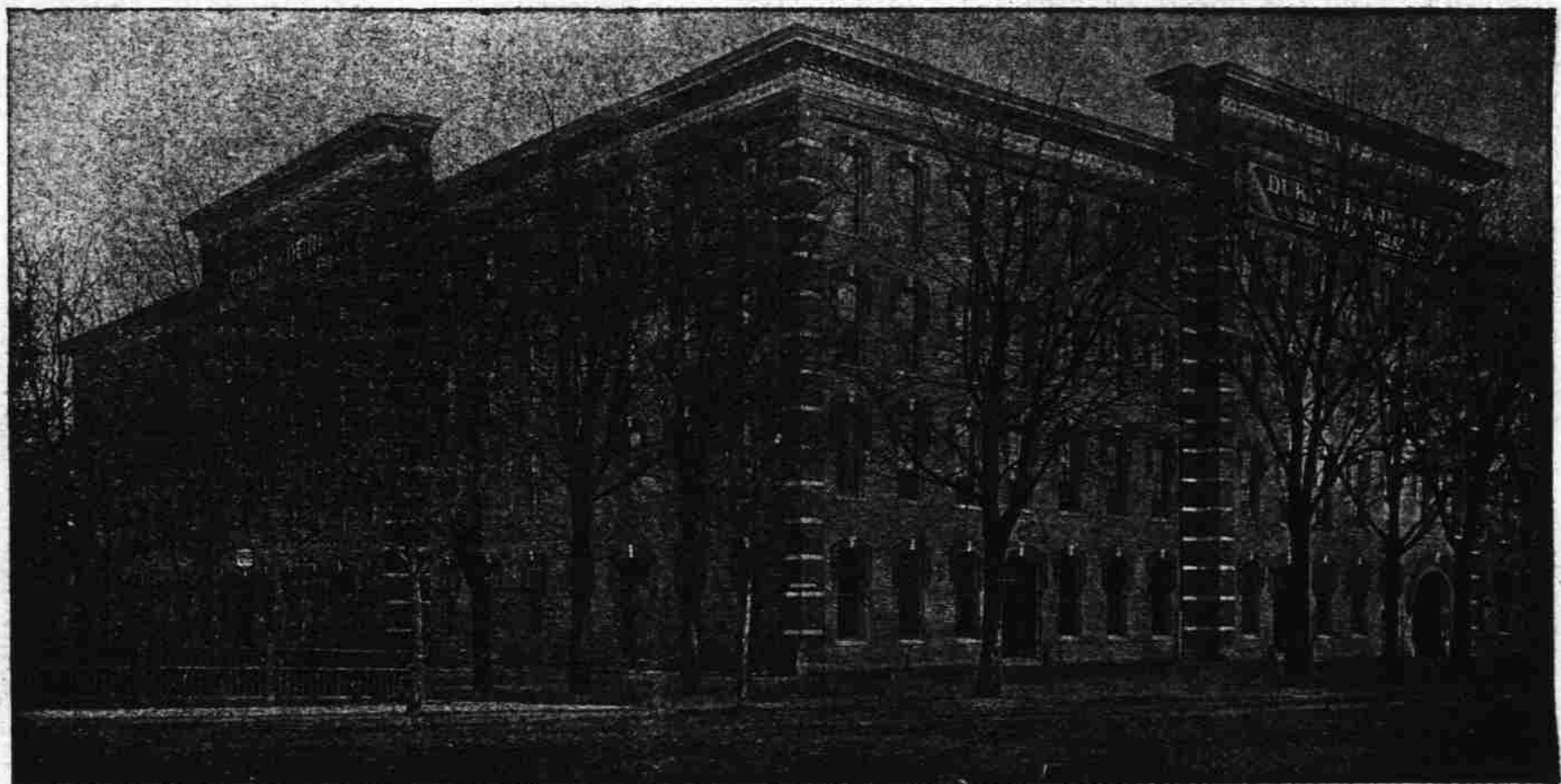
How can a farm girl make money for herself? We've just mentioned the lady who made a lot on her bees. And in this issue Mr. Charles M. Scherer tells about other ways. He lays especial stress on the poultry business for girls, and we think Uncle Jo has hinted more than once that girls could make a success of raising poultry as a business. One of the discouraging things sometimes is the loss of one's chickens by disease of one kind and another. Right here Uncle Jo comes to the front with a strong article telling how easy it is to cure chickens before they get sick. Learn what good things make your chickens strong and thrifty and what bad things hurt and weaken them, then hold fast to the good ones and remedy the bad ones before your flock gets sick.

National Government May Outlaw the Tobacco Trust!



THE GERM OF THE TOBACCO TRUST.

Mr. Washington Duke at the cabin in which he and his sons began the manufacture of smoking tobacco in 1865 by beating it out with a flail and sifting by hand—the germ of an industry which now encircles the globe.



PRESENT MAIN FACTORY OF W. DUKE SONS & CO., DURHAM.

This factory is one of the strongholds of the present American Tobacco Company, and manufactures more tobacco than any other one plant in America. From this factory was shipped the \$7,000 worth of cigarettes and tobacco seized by the United States Government in Norfolk last week.

At last relief seems to be in sight for our tobacco farmers. The American Tobacco Company, which has so long ruled the tobacco world with the ruthlessness of a Czar, is now to feel the "big stick" of an aroused National Government. Not only has the Department of Justice instituted proceedings looking to the complete dissolution of the Tobacco Trust on account of its violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, but the Attorney-General last week astounded not only the Trust itself but the entire country as well by producing a weapon of attack so covered with the dust of what Mr. Cleveland would call "innocuous desuetude" that few people were aware of its existence. Yet, there it is in Section 6 of the Sherman Law—the plain mandate of the law under which the Government in Norfolk, Va., last week seized \$7,000 worth of trust-made goods—and now compels the American Tobacco Company to come into court and show cause why similar seizures shall not continue until it conforms to the laws of the land. Mr. Roosevelt himself is actively interested in these movements. With the active co-operation of the tobacco growers, the Trust may now at last be outlawed and competition in tobacco markets restored.

The latest news from the cotton crop, you will find gathered together on page 4.

You will be sure to get flagged down anyhow by our second page this week. Prof. Massey has

spread himself, and never in better style, on a variety of topics that are now interesting our readers. Aunt Mary, too, is at her best contriving a good time for the young people—a Hallowe'en party this time, not a wedding—that is, not yet. The date of Hallowe'en, you know, is October 31.