

**Plow Handle Talks.**

**Cash Without Cotton.**

Messrs. Editors: I did not know that there was a demand for potato slips. I had just fed about what I had left over. Could have furnished about thirty bushels.

I think I can sell what hay (peavine) I have on hand at \$1.00 without advertising. Have only about 500 bales to let go, and some 400 bushels of corn. I sold last year \$1,686 worth of corn, hay and oats without hauling it off to market.

I usually plant old oats, say from two to three years old. I had rather plant old seed than new.

T. C. SHERWOOD.

Marion Co., S. C.

**Do We Want Big Ears or Big Yields?**

Messrs. Editors: I have only been reading your paper since January 1st, having followed Professor Massey to it from The Practical Farmer. I like the paper in every way; in fact, I consider it one of the very best. It is clean, practical, and wholesome.

By the way, have you noticed that a certain farm paper is offering cash prizes for the twelve biggest ears of corn? Nothing is said about yield per acre. I have seen fields that would not have averaged over fifteen bushels of shelled corn per acre that would have furnished a dozen very fine ears from some favored spot. Such prize contests make me awfully tired; more so than the talk about "humiliating" corn.

JOHN B. LEWIS.

Norfolk Co., Va.

**How to Sow Millet With Grain Drill.**

Messrs. Editors: For the benefit of Jas. F. Weir, whose inquiry I note in your paper, I will say that millet seed may be sown very nicely with the fertilizer attachment of an ordinary grain drill in the following manner: If he wishes to sow one-half bushel of millet per acre, regulate the drill to sow 200 pounds fertilizer per acre; then thoroughly mix one-half bushel of seed with nine pecks of acid phosphate, put it in fertilizer box of drill and go ahead. If he wishes to sow three pecks of seed per acre, mix that amount with eight pecks of phosphate, always remembering that it takes approximately eleven pecks of phosphate to weigh 200 pounds.

Do not mix seed and fertilizer until ready to sow, and do not use a fertilizer with more than 2 or 3 per cent of potash in it or the seed will be injured. Probably dry sand could be used instead of phosphate. I have often sowed turnip seed in this way with the best of results, mixing three pounds of turnip seed with 200 pounds of acid phosphate for an acre. Have also used the common 2-8-2 mixture in this way with good results.

JOHN B. LEWIS.

Norfolk Co., Va.

**Mixing Rosin and Strychnine for Hawks.**

Messrs. Editors: Replying to an inquiry from the Uraha Poultry Farm, I will say that ordinary fresh pine rosin may be obtained in a few minutes by "bleeding" a pine tree. Mix a half-teaspoonful of this turpentine with ten cents worth of strychnine. Catch each biddie of the brood hawks are bothering, blow under throat, and put a drop in the place you blow down or feathers away, then close up on it. It lasts, and one chick will be the last one for that hawk.

S. L. ROSE.

Duplin Co., N. C.

**Cultivation of Tobacco.**

Messrs. Editors: Some of our tobacco farmers ought to tell something in The Progressive Farmer about how they cultivate their tobacco as well as corn and cotton. There are lots of farmers in The Progressive Farmer territory that never planted or saw a field of cotton. Tobacco is them oney crop of a good many farmers.

I plant my tobacco, check and work it both ways, running the cultivator. By this way it saves hoe work and labor.

I broadcast my manure over the land, especially on the thin spots, to bring them up, and I find this to be a good plan, as it helps the land more. Where one has not got a manure sureader it pays to cut the manure up fine with sharp grubbing hoes.

S. P. POOL.

Granville Co., N. C.

**Use Shropshire Ram With Native Ewes.**

Messrs. Editors: A reader at Newberry, S. C., has purchased some native ewes and wishes advice as to what breed of ram he should get to mate with them.

We recommend the Shropshire to cross on native ewes, as rams of that breed are very prepotent, are hardy and are generally well woolled, therefore are very apt to get strong, stocky, heavy woolled lambs.

A. L. FRENCH.

**To Get Rid of Sweet Gum Roots.**

Messrs. Editors: I noticed in your valuable paper that Mr. W. H. Harris asked how to get rid of sweet gum roots. I have had some experience in that line. Pile anything around the tree or sapling sufficient to make a fire to burn the bark all off the tree next to the ground. He will find that few will sprout. This can be done at any time of the year.

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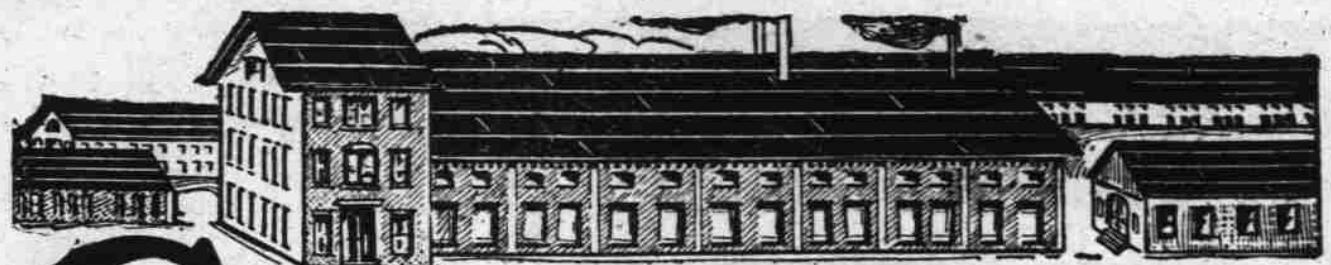
**MANY SINGLE ISSUES WORTH \$5.**

Messrs. Editors: I have never been so enthusiastic as at present with farming, though raised practically in the corn patch and cotton field. I am putting The Progressive Farmer's advice concerning preparation and cultivation of crops into practice, and I am not hoping, but expecting, good results. I do honestly believe that many single issues are worth \$5 to any practical farmer. I have planted the same number of acres to corn, cotton and peanuts as last year, but I expect to treble the quantity. Of course, I shall not credit all the increase to the teachings of The Progressive Farmer, as the land is in better condition than it was last year; but it is only fair to say at least one-third must be credited to the information derived from the reading of your paper.

Yours respectfully,

W. M. BATEMAN.

Washington, N. C.



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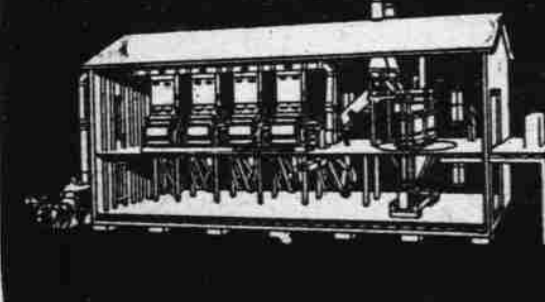
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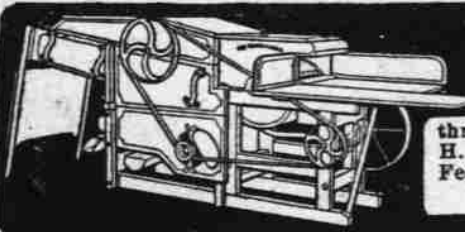


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