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## HOW MUCH OF YOUR LAND ARE YOU RENTING TO SHEEP?

Here is a beautiful picture photographed on a Southern farm that has had sheep on it for fifty years—probably longer. And sheep are still there. They furnish four distinct sources of gain to the farmer who loves to care for them and who at sunset finds it such an inspiring delight to go down to the pasture and see them scatter out in the flyless twilight to their grazing on the dewy grass. What these four sources of gain are you will find by reading Mr. R. W. Scott's article on page 10, for it is on his splendid "Melville Farm," in Alamance county, that this scene was caught by the photographer's camera. Is there not a place for the sheep in your farming? If, so invite a flock of them to come and rent some land from you—some land that is now loafing on your hands. So great a soil-enricher is a flock of sheep that the old Roman poet said of them long ago that they tread the farmer's fields with golden hoofs. Though this would be enough, yet they do more—they enrich the farmer who gives them prudent care. Study your farm and your farming, and see if you are not losing money by not having under your wise husbandry the animal that has hoofs of gold.

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### IN HARNESS AGAIN.

After nearly twelve weeks' absence, seeing Europe for myself and for our great **Progressive Farmer** Family, I am once more in my regular work, and the old harness is beginning to feel perfectly natural again. So much of my time has been taken up by business matters since my return, however, that I have had little time for helping in the making of this issue; and its excellence is due to our two W. F. M.'s—W. F. Marshall and W. F. Massey—and Associate Editor Scherer, who have conducted the paper with such admirable efficiency during my trip abroad. But that was to have been expected.

For the many expressions of interest in my foreign letters on the part of our readers, I am very grateful. One or two more articles not yet published will complete the series, and I hope that some of the ideas in force among our kinsmen across the sea will be helpful to our Southland and its farmers.

After all, the United States is the only country in the world in which any well-regulated American could be happy to live. With our wide area, as yet so sparsely populated, our great natural resources, our splendid ideals of government, and, even more, our high standards of life and morals, together with our freedom from the fettering hands of dead men and dead systems

whether in politics or theology—with these advantages, I repeat, the United States must sooner or later become the acknowledged leader among all the nations of the world.

We need only to educate our people to the efficiency and thrift of the Germans, for example, and to avoid the wastefulness of land and mine and forest which have heretofore constituted our chief national disgrace.

My chiefest wish is that the South of all sections should most quickly learn this twofold lesson, and thereby make itself the foremost section of what must sooner or later become the foremost nation of God's earth.

To work again toward this end, I am once more in harness, and with the earnest support of the hundred thousand Southern farmers who will read these words, we can do much. Let us set ourselves to the task.

CLARENCE H. POE,  
Editor and Manager.

The following of a crop of crimson clover with corn or cotton will not banish the clover bacetria if there is plenty of organic matter in the soil, and the cropping is not too long continued before clover is again sown on the land. About a barrel of soil will do scattered over an acre to inoculate it and more will do no harm.