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More and Better Farm Implements as a Guidepost to "\$500 More a Year."

STOP running your brain with one-horse power! Western farmers are running theirs with three- to four-horse power.

And stop doing work, and stop hiring other men to do work that horses and mules ought to do, and would do, at half the cost of human labor. Western farmers know better, and we must learn better.

You will remember that in our first inquiry into why we are not getting that extra \$500 a year that the Northern and Western farmer is getting, we discovered that the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa farmer uses exactly five times as much farm implements and machinery (with more than four times as much horse-power) as the average North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia farmer; and after all is said, this is unquestionably the main reason why he earns more than three times as much a year as we do.

We must have more and better implements: there can be no argument here. The only question is as to which are worth most and which will pay best, and upon this point we have brought together in this issue perhaps the most notable symposium of practical experiences by practical Southern farmers ever yet printed. To us, at least, all the articles have been positively inspiring, and we hope every reader will find them so. See how Mr. French has cleared \$357 on his riding cultivator; see how Mr. Stribling has quit hoeing corn entirely, and hoes cotton only once (simply to get a stand); see how wisely A. C. F. uses the harrow instead of the plow in cultivation; observe how "Rustic" makes corn; read Mr. Scott on the manure spreader, Mr. Troutman on the wheel hoe; notice the universal praise of the weeder, the cultivator, the rake, mowing machine, etc.—oh, well, if you begin reading you will read the whole story, for it all means money in your pocket if it leads you to getting the better tools that you need—not all at once, of course, but just as rapidly as your means and experience will permit.



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Our Handicap.

SUPPOSE you should take a little dull hatchet and try to race cutting wood with a rival who has a big, sharp, keen-cutting axe?

Wouldn't it be foolish?

And yet it would not be more foolish than it is for us to try to compete with Western farmers making crops so long as they use three times as good tools as we use.

We are using the old dull, hacking hatchet; they are using the new, bright, deep-cutting axe—and no wonder we are getting beat.

But now at last we are learning better, and since we are learning better, we are going also to do better.

Our Coming Poultry Special.

OUR next issue is scheduled as a "Fruit and Vegetable Special," and March 4th will be our "Poultry Special." By the time this issue reaches the readers' hands next week's paper will have been practically made up; but there is still time for you to write us a letter and help us with our poultry issue.

The matter we need most and are always glad to get is practical experience from the people who are really doing the things they write about. We do not care for talks about the greatness of the

poultry industry, or for long essays on the superiority of pure-bred fowls over scrubs, or anything like this; these things are already known.

What we do want is for you to tell us what better poultry has done for you, how you have made money out of the business, what houses and fixtures and methods have proved best in your experience, and especially what devices or arrangements of your own have been successful.

Let us hear from every poultry raiser who can tell us any of these things, and let's make a Special which will really help every reader to raise more poultry and better poultry and to make more money doing it.

A Thought for the Week.

I WILL say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races—that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this, that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race. I do not perceive that because the white man is to have the superior position, the negro should be denied everything.—Abraham Lincoln, in Lincoln-Douglas debate, September 18, 1858.