

## "I Never Have to Replant Since I Bought a Corn Planter."

**Mr. Ross Also Finds That the Mower Enables Him to Get More Hay From the Same Land, and the Reaper More Wheat—With a Two-Horse Hay Rake He Can Do a Day's Work in an Hour.**

**M**Y EXPERIENCE with farm machinery is very limited as my supply is not very extensive. I only have a drill, reaper and binder, mowing machine, rake, corn planter, and riding cultivator, and I find that they are all good and do good work.

### Buy an 8-Hoe Drill.

The drill was the first piece I bought, and I now see that I made a mistake there in that I bought a 6-hoe instead of an 8-hoe drill. I use it for a good many things. I sow all my grain with it and my peas, always getting them regular and the right amount of seed per acre. I also drill fertilizer when I want it broadcast and find it to be a great labor-saver and considerably faster than plowing it in.

### Reaper Saves Every Head of Wheat.

The next thing was my reaper and binder, and I find it to be a perfect success, saving nearly every head of wheat; and always since I bought it, I have let my wheat remain standing until it gets fully ripe, thereby adding much value to the grain. I consider the reaper and binder one of the best and greatest labor-saving implements.

### "I Never Have to Re-Plant Corn."

The next was the corn planter. I find that to be a very paying little machine, for the corn comes up better planted with a planter than any other way I ever planted. I never have to re-plant since I began to use the planter; and another good thing

about it, the crows never pull it up. I find that I have less pulled up than any of my neighbors that plant with the hoe.

### Riding Cultivator is Good Everywhere.

My next purchase was the riding cultivator. I use that for so many things I hardly know where to begin, but I like it especially for cultivating my land after it is broken, preparing my seed bed. I put 2-inch plows on it and I find it does better work than a harrow. It is good every where you want to make a fine seed bed. It is the best for cultivating anything that is planted in straight rows.

### Mowing Machine and the Rake.

Next came the mowing machine. That is the best, for I can put it in many places. It is one of the finest and greatest labor-savers I have. I find that I get a lot more hay from the same land than I did before I began using the mower. I also keep my weeds cut—a thing I never did when I had to do it by hand.

The rake is a tool I can't see how any one can rake peavines without. I can take two horses and do a day's work for a man in one hour and do it better than it can be done in any other way.

### Get a Washing Machine Too.

I have two washing machines and think both are good—the 1900 and the Easy. I. G. ROSS. Stokes Co., N. C.

## Good Tools and Fences Will Pay for Themselves.

**Don't Try to Buy Everything at Once, But Get What You Need Most and Make Each Implement Pay Its Way.**

Messrs. Editors: The worst drawback that we Southern farmers have is little "bitty" mustang ponies and mules and small plows to match.

Get some big mules or horses and good big plows and put two horses or mules to one plow and do business. Some one will say that he can't afford it, that he can't buy the implements, or can't make enough to pay for them. That is true with the outfit you have been using, but not so with the improved outfit. It will pay for itself and more besides, and it will make your thoughts broaden in the same proportion as your furrows broaden.

What we have got to do is to let horse and mule power take the place of so much human labor. The time is here when it is a necessity to use the labor-saving implements, when one man that uses his brain can get on a double-row planter with two good mules and plant two rows at a time, doing the work, you might say, of eight hands to put the land in the same good condition. Then when the corn is up, he gets on his cultivator and does the work of two hands and more (because he does it better).

"Oh," but some will say, "I haven't got the stumps out of my land." Well, how long can you say that if you don't commence to take them out? I think that no better time could be spent on the farm than getting your land in shape for the improved tools.

When you see a man begin to

invest something for improved implements, instead of lending his

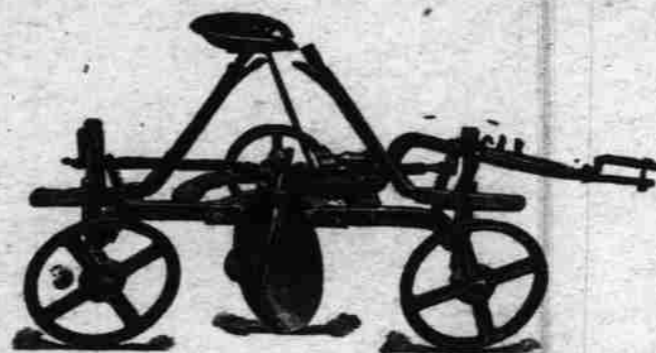
money at 10 per cent as many do, and tell you that they are not able to pay for them, you are going to see something doing "down south in Dixie." We are on the line of improvement now. Thirty years ago we split rails and built fences; now we use wire, both barbed and netting. When I first thought of building such a fence I thought it would bankrupt me. I counted up the miles of fence at so much a rod and backed down right now, seeing I could not do it. But after awhile I

bought forty rods of wire netting, and I liked that so well, and it did not break me, I tried eighty rods. That came out all right, and the next year I bought 340 rods, and this year 300 rods. Now I feel like my fencing days are over. It is the same way about buying improved implements. Don't try to get it all at once, but buy a tool at a time, and soon you will have what you need and won't know how you got them. R. P. WRIGHT.

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