

### Cotton Seed Selection.

Select Plants of the Type and Variety You Desire, and Plant Seed From These in a Special Seed Patch—In Three Years' Time You Will Make 25 Per Cent More Cotton Without One Lick of Extra Work.

Messrs. Editors: The first thing in selecting cotton seed for planting purposes is to have a breeding patch where the land has been thoroughly prepared, well planted, rapidly cultivated and well fertilized. Plants for breeding purposes should have plenty of distance in the row and drill, and plenty of plant food. The same laws of nature hold true in producing a good individual in plant life as in animal life; and no one would think of starving or crowding to death an animal that was being raised for breeding purposes.

#### A Good Variety Saves Several Years' Work.

In breeding up cotton we must first decide what our object is whether prolificacy, big boll, earliness of maturity, length and strength of fiber, or all of these together as nearly as possible. When we have decided what we want we must then look about and find the variety that most nearly fills our bill, for we can save several years' hard work by taking up a good cotton that some other man has been at work on for a number of years.

The best type of short cotton, in my opinion, is a prolific, big boll early variety that will yield a high percentage of lint and with good strong fiber about one and one-eighth inches in length. This is about as long a fiber as we can get and retain the other qualities desired.

#### Why We Want the Early Big Boll Variety.

We want a prolific cotton above all things, for we want to make all that is possible per acre, and, too it costs just as much to cultivate an acre that makes only one-half bale as it does one that makes a bale. Then we want the large boll, because it is much easier to pick, if we pick it ourselves, or much easier hired gathered, should we have to hire it done. We want the high percentage of lint because lint is of more value than seed, and we must not lose sight of the length of fiber, as one-eighth of an inch makes it worth from one to one and one-half cents more per pound than cotton one inch or less in length. We want early maturing varieties in order that our crops will be made as early as possible. Some times a drought in late summer will catch slow maturing cotton when the early cotton has its crop made. Then where the boll weevil is we have to make early cotton or none.

#### When Selection Should Begin.

Selection should begin when the cotton first starts to limbing and fruiting. To get a prolific variety the joints on both limb and stem should be short and the whole stalk have a blocky appearance. It must begin to fruit early and very rapidly. The only way to know good individual plants is by making a careful study of them.

When we have made this selection of good stalks and early fruiting, we should mark each stalk by tying a string on it, or in some other way. After the cotton opens we should then go through and sample the lint on each stalk selected and where the lint is what we want, and the bolls large enough, tie a paper bag on it so the general pickers will pass it by, or pick the selections first.

Plant your breeding patch the following year with these selections and your whole crop the second year from

a breeding patch. Continue this and you have your whole crop from specially selected seed every three years. This will give you better seed than you can buy anywhere at any price, for the man who selects seed in this way has none for sale except from his general crop, but he can always dispose of these at a high price.

Planting seed should be sacked from the gin in sacks not holding over four bushels, and put in a dry place for the winter. If left in bulk they are liable to heat, and if not ruined entirely, are damaged so that they will produce weak plants. When you have a few special selections from individual stalks to plant in your breeding patch you can drop in the lint and it will come up as good stand as if it was ginned.

If a man were to adopt these methods of seed selection, he could do as others have done—increase his crop one-fourth in three or four years, and just think what it would mean to the South if it were generally practiced! J. W. WILLIS. Bulloch Co., Ga.

#### NATIONAL GINNERS' REPORT.

2,564,000 Bales of Cotton Ginned Up to September 25—Condition 60.2.

The report of the National Cotton Ginner's Association, issued last week gives the condition of cotton as 60.2 and indicates that 2,564,000 bales had been ginned up to the 25th of September.

States.	Condition.	Ginned to Sept. 25.
Alabama .....	62	215,000
Arkansas .....	57	60,000
Florida .....	68	12,000
Georgia .....	69	531,000
Louisiana .....	40	73,000
Mississippi .....	60	101,000
North Carolina .....	69	82,000
Oklahoma .....	55	90,000
South Carolina .....	69	249,000
Tennessee .....	55	12,000
Texas .....	55	1,172,000
Totals .....	60.2	2,564,000

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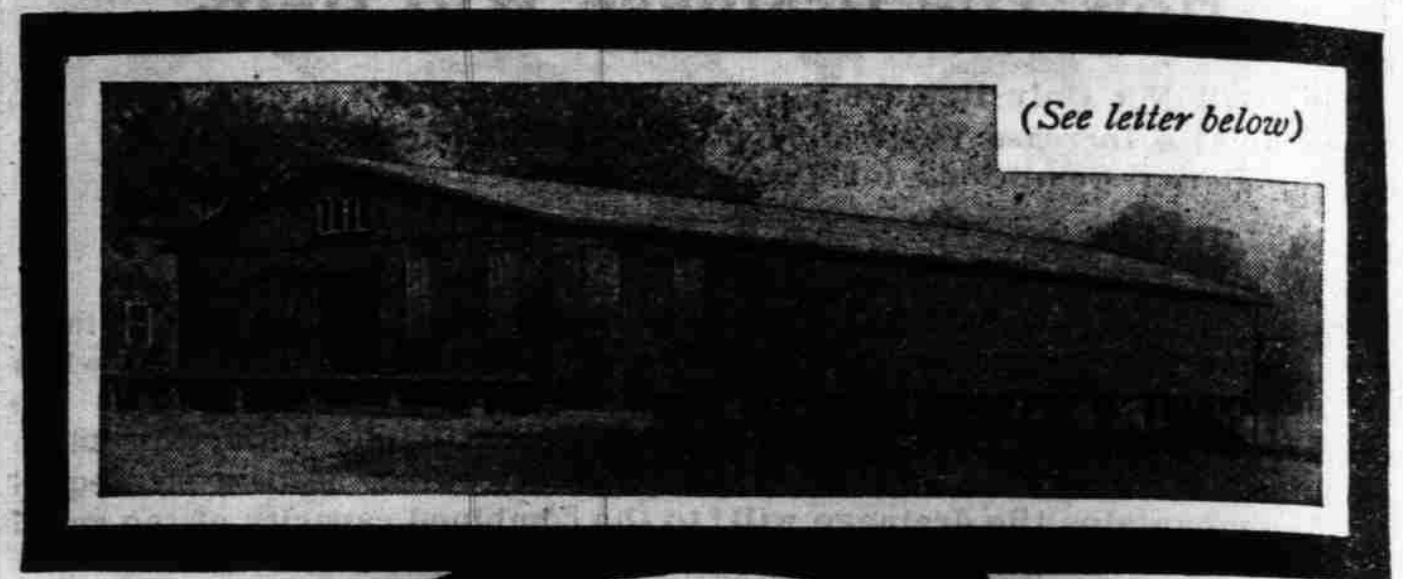
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