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Install Lights and Waterworks and Do Painting Now

YOU want to paint your house, put in waterworks and install a modern lighting system, and you should not delay because prices have advanced. They have probably advanced less than prices of cotton and tobacco, and by waiting you may have less surplus money than now, pay more pounds of cotton or tobacco than you would now have to pay, and cheat yourself and your family out of the happiness these comforts would give you in the meantime.

Of the three improvements, we would let paint come first. With record prices for cotton and tobacco and the greatest material prosperity the South has ever enjoyed, now is the time to make ours "a land of painted farm houses." Paint is cheap, and its



A WILSON COUNTY, N. C., FARM HOME WITH PAINT, LIGHTS AND WATERWORKS—RESIDENCE OF L. P. WOODARD—(SEE PAGE 22)

use adds immeasurably to the looks of a farm. Moreover, it is a splendid form of insurance against decay, which, in the long run, is actually responsible for greater losses than is fire.

Finally, there are tens of thousands of Southern farm homes whose owners are well able to equip them with better lights than they now have. And, after paint and waterworks, we know of

nothing that is a greater convenience, no material thing that promises a greater measure of solid comfort and happiness, than an up-to-date lighting system.

With the house painted, the next step is the installation of waterworks. Running water in every farm home in the South is a Progressive Farmer ideal, and it is one we expect to keep striving for until it is attained. There are waterworks systems varying in completeness, from a hand pump and a barrel for a tank with running water in the kitchen only to a gasoline engine and pneumatic pressure tank, with hot and cold water, bath-room and sewage disposal system. These of course vary correspondingly in cost, from \$25 or \$30 for the simplest to several hundred dollars for the most complete. These different systems are discussed at length elsewhere in this issue, and our advice is to study the plans and then put in such a system as best fits your needs and your purse.

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So let us right now, before the money is spent for something perhaps less needed, paint our homes and other buildings, and install waterworks and lights if we can possibly do so. Equipping the farm home with such conveniences adds as few things can to the creation of a real home—a place where mother and the boys and girls will be satisfied and happy. Money spent for these things is one of the best investments we can make, and there may never be a better time than right now for making it.