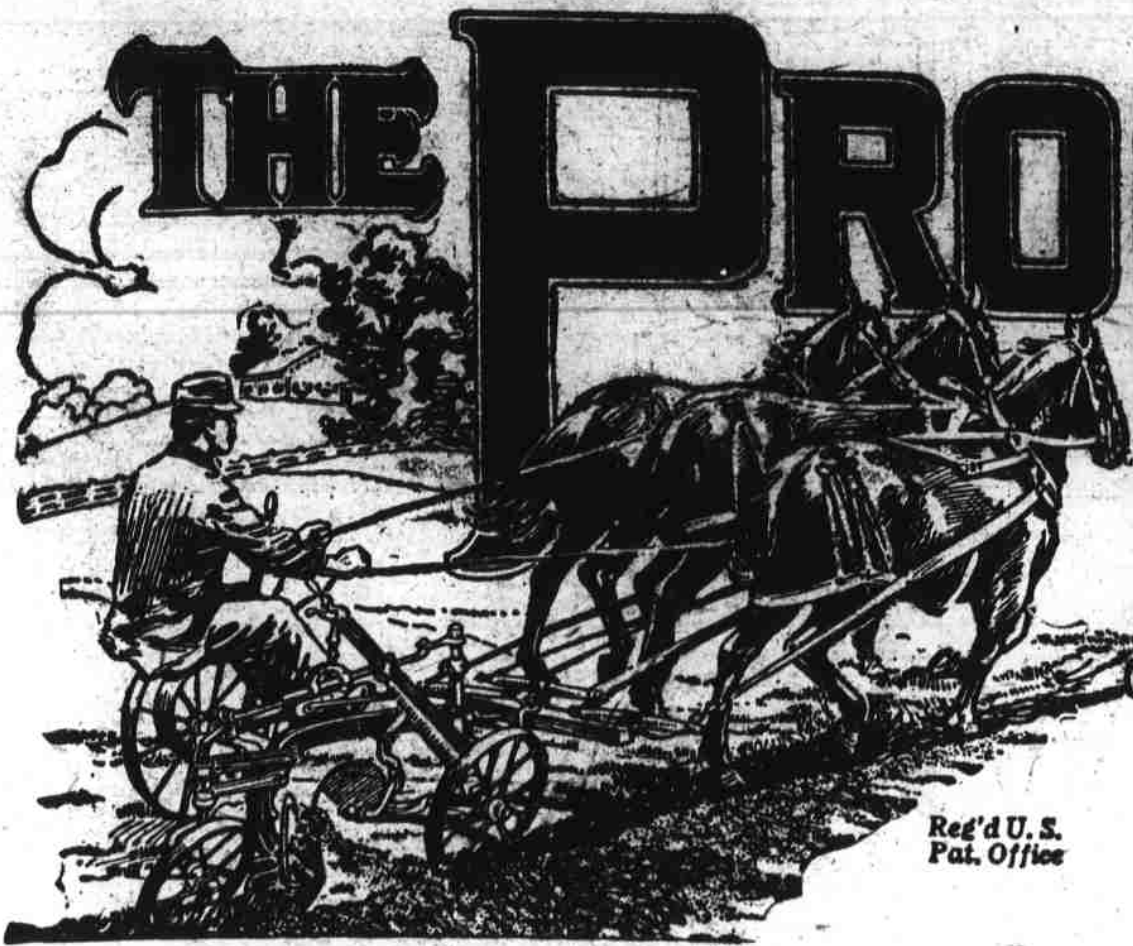


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Make a First-class Seed Bed Before Planting

SEED this year are too scarce and high-priced to take any unnecessary risks in the matter of getting stands; likewise fertilizers are costing too much for us to allow valuable plant foods to remain locked up and useless in clods.

On most of our clay and clay loam soils, clods are one of the Southern farmer's worst enemies. However rich a soil may be in plant foods, these are worthless until they are in solution. In other words, a field of clods is about as fit a home for plants as a field of brickbats. Not only this, but perfect stands among clods are almost impossible, resulting in a heavy loss of seeds, poor stands and the consequent losses from a failure to utilize all the land in the field.

An ounce of clod-prevention is worth a pound of clod-cure. In other words, pulverize the surface immediately behind the breaking plow, and the job of wrestling with clods is done with. Let them bake hard, on the other hand, and it is difficult indeed ever to put the soil in the shape it should be in if the best possible crops are to be made.

"Our most neglected farm implement," is what many authorities say of the harrow; and we agree, especially on all the stiffer lands of the South. And to use the harrow to best advantage it must be used in time. On stiff soils that tend to break up in clods, the disk harrow ahead of the breaking plow is remarkably efficient as a clod-preventer. Then, if necessary, follow the breaking plow immediately with the disk and drag harrows, and there will as a rule be few clods left.

Don't wrestle with clods this year; make a real seed-bed before you plant.



FREE USE OF THE HARROW INSURES A FIRST-CLASS, SEED BED

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