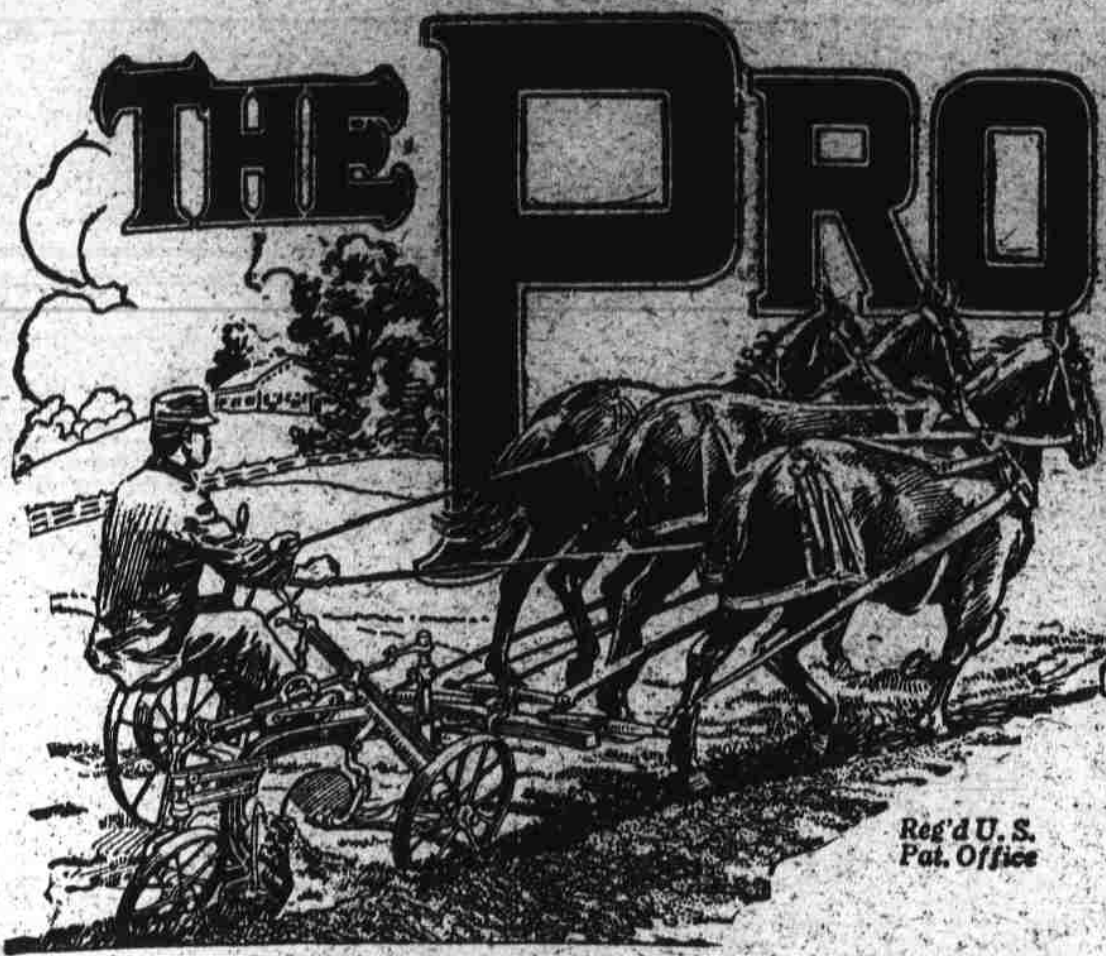


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Rush Cultivation: Don't Let Grass and Weeds Get a Start

GETTING the crops started off right is the big job in May on most Southern farms, and in doing this early, rapid and thorough cultivation is of the utmost importance.

It is exceedingly important that grass and weeds never be allowed to get a start—to get such a hold that getting them out will entail extra labor and expense, at the same time leaving the crops in such a weakened, stunted condition that they never fully recover.

If a heavy rain falls before the seed germinate, the harrow should be put over the land just as soon as dry enough, in order to break the crust and let the little plants through, at the same time killing grass and weeds that have a way of coming up with the cultivated crops. Then as soon as the crop is above ground, cultivation should be started and kept up, breaking all crusts and fining the surface as soon as possible after each rain.

Still another very important object of cultivation, particularly early in the season, is the warming up of the cold soil and its beneficial effect on the growth of the delicate young plants. Actual tests with a thermometer will show that in May, when the temperature of the air is generally higher than that of the soil, that well cultivated ground is several degrees warmer than uncultivated land adjoining. With a crop like cotton, which often dies because of cold nights in May, the importance of this truth can be appreciated.

Don't let the grass and weeds have a chance, for if you do you won't be giving your crops one. Keep the cultivators going.



A PAIR OF PRIZE-WINNING WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS

Now That we Should Produce all the Food and Feed We Can, Farm Poultry Should Have More Attention Than the Southern Farmer Has Given It. One Hundred Hens Per Farm Is a Good Goal to Aim at

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