

these are more or less hardy, but of course will be killed by freezes; but the seed are comparatively inexpensive and it is worth while to take the chance of planting a small quantity of these.

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There is still time for doing pruning. It should have been done earlier than this, but keep in mind that it can be done without harming the tree at any time before the buds begin to swell and young leaves to come out.

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We wish again to call attention to the fact that blackberries, raspberries, dewberries, etc., should have the old canes removed soon after they have ceased to bear, but if this has been neglected and they were not removed and are still standing, cut them out and destroy right away. These berries are borne on new wood, and as soon as a crop is borne that old wood is of no further use and should be removed in order to give the new wood a chance.

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Clean out the old strawberry bed, get the weeds, trash, straw, etc., away, unless you are in a section where you are still liable to have cold weather and want to leave this covering a little longer for protection.

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If the old asparagus stalks are still standing, cut them off, and clean up the bed and put it in shape for growing a good crop this spring.

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Have you sprayed your fruit trees for San Jose scale? If not, time is getting mighty short. Better get busy and finish it up at once.

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Gather up all the branches that were cut off by the twig girdler on the pecan, persimmon and hickory trees and burn them. The insect passes the winter stage under the bark of these twigs that were cut off. Therefore, to pick them up and burn them now will lessen the number of these insects this next summer and fall.

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WHY NOT BANK YOUR MONEY?

Otherwise You Miss Getting Interest on It and Run Risk of Loss by Fire or Burglary

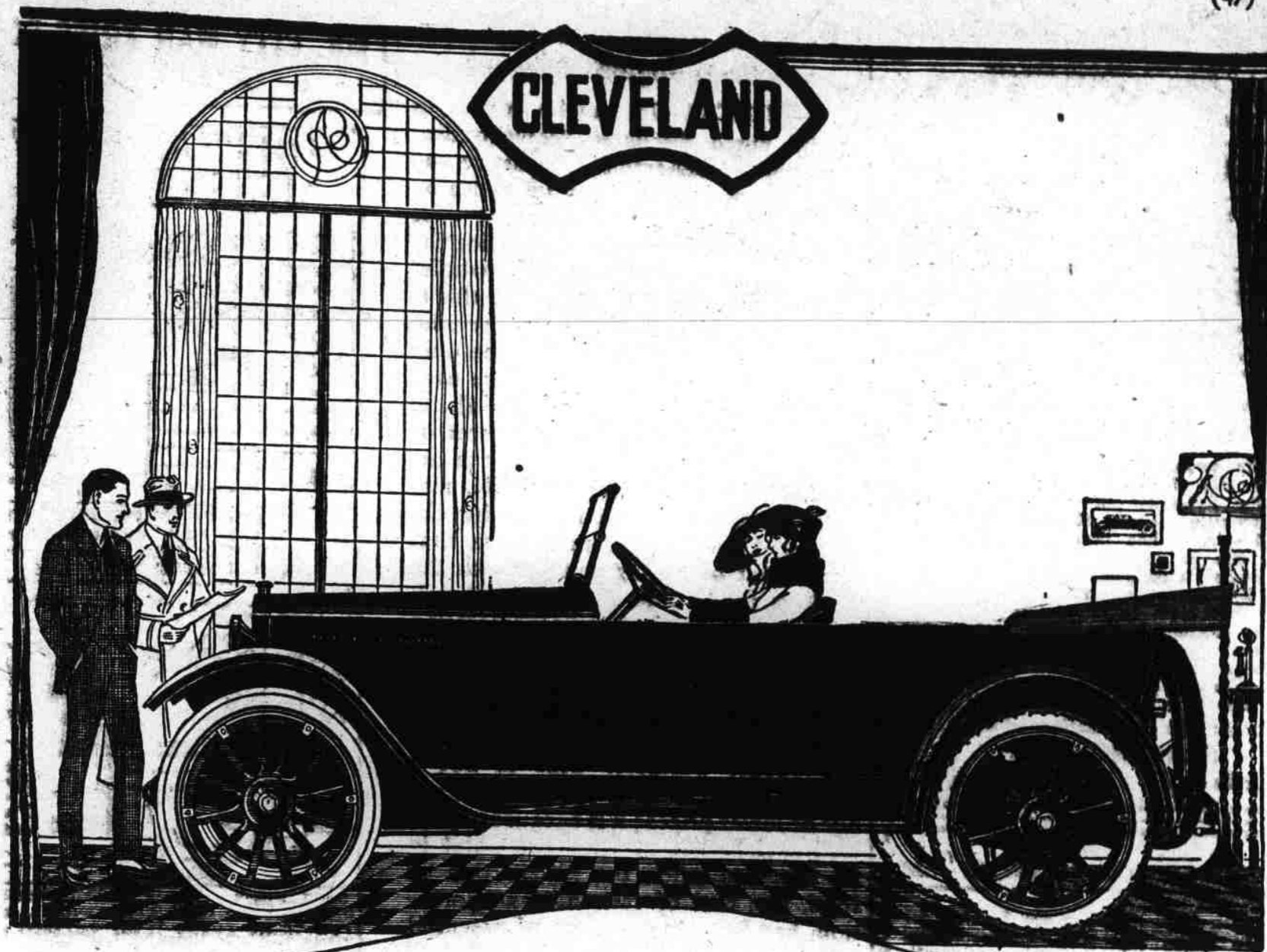
In a recent issue of The Progressive Farmer I note an editorial, advising the farmers to put their money in the banks.

There is a reason in addition to those you urge, and I think it an important one. I refer to the unreasonable risk which some farmers seem to be taking by carrying money around with them. I have seen a number of them cash checks for cotton, and take the money away with them. I suppose they take it home. No doubt many of them do, and they probably keep it in their houses.

This is running the risk of fire, among other things. I have recently known a country house to burn down, and with it the entire savings of the owner. I know that many farm houses are burned, but doubt if the insurance would cover cash destroyed. If business men cannot afford such a risk, neither can farmers, but probably some of the latter do not think of this danger until something happens.

I wish to point out that all chance of fire or theft loss can be easily avoided. We have good banks in the South. Most of them have savings departments which pay interest. Even without that advantage, it would be worth while to be safe. I am not interested in any of these banks. But I use them—could not well get along without them—and if any farmer, who does not keep his cash in a bank, will try it, he will find as much comfort and safety in the practice as a merchant does.

At the risk of being told that it is not my business, I call attention to the matter. I hate to see good money



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