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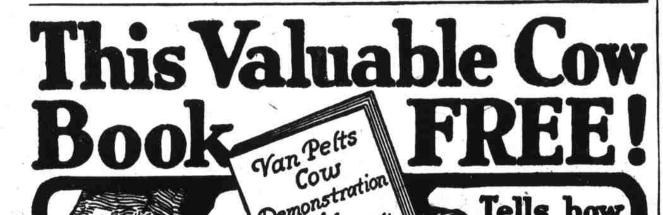
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# COLONIAL SPECIAL FARMERS

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Demonstration by Hugh G. Van Pelt

#### Homemaking

WHEN times are hard and our minds flighty—let's consider:

I.-What I Have Done in Two Years.

Besides teaching classes in vocational agriculture in a group of schools and cultivating six acres in crops, I have found time for the following:

1. Painted outside of dwelling.

- Built cook-room, including stove flue.
  Built a model fowl house for 50 birds.
- Cemented floor to smokehouse.
- Built new road to public highway.
- 6. Built automobile shed.
- 7. Made a new garden.
- 8. Planted trees and shrubs and started lawn.
- 9. Started small orchard.
- 10. Terraced hill-sides.
- 11. Cleaned up pasture.

12. Made dining table, hall rack, window seats, bird houses, etc. 13. Half-soled shoes for family, making chil-

dren's shoes last two winters. 14. Made toys for children at Christmas.

15. Built shelves for kitchen and bookshelves for sitting-room.

16. Kept a car in running order.

II.-What Wife Has Done. Besides cooking, housekeeping and caring for three small children, she has found time for these:

- Sewed for family.
- Washed and ironed.
- 3. Cared for small flock of chickens, including incubator.
- 4. Helped with garden.
- 5. Cared for flower beds. 6. Canned fruits and vegetables.
- 7. Painted inside of dwelling. 8. Made suits for children from our discarded suits.
- 9. Made dolls and toys for children.
- 10. Taught the children a little.

And over it all we have remained "citizens of the world."

This year we are fixing up a park, pond, and playground.

M. L. EARGLE. Lancaster County, S. C.

Editorial Comment.—Here is a letter -or is it two letters in one-that is an inspiration to anyone with a home. We miss so many of the comforts and necessities that go with a real home only because we do not want them bad enough to buy them with our time or effort. My idea of a home is one that is never finished-one that keeps you busy all the time working with it, improving and developing here and there for comfort and beauty, and where every act is an act of love-love given with love received.

### Have Tobacco Seed Cleaned Before Planting

T WILL soon be time to sow tobacco plant beds. Farmers should use nothing but recleaned tobacco seed at any time. The nourishment of the young seedling while it is becoming established and developing the root system necessary for its future growth depends upon the amount of plant food stored in the seed. It has been clearly demonstrated by experiments with light and heavy seeds that larger yields and more uniform crops of better quality were obtained from large plump seed, than from small light seed. It is practically impossible, in selecting plants at the bed, to discard all of the week seedlings produced from small, light seed; therefore, this selection must be done by cleaning the seed before it is sowed. Furthermore, the average germination percentage of uncleaned seed is only about half that of recleaned seed; so with cleaned seed a smaller bulk of seed is handled at the time of sowing and, as a rule, a uniform stand is more easily obtained. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., has facilities for cleaning tobacco seed, and also for making germination tests. Seeds are being recleaned for farmers this year free of charge in small lots. Farmers are expected to enclose return postage. In lots of two pounds or more, a small charge is made. Your county agent will be glad to assist you in having your tobacco seed recleaned. Get in touch with him to-O. F. McCRARY. day.

## Search Your Attic For Fortunes in Old Confederate Envelopes

Among the old letters of many Southern families are hundreds of very rare stamps and envelopes. Many have been found and sold for small fortunes. Single envelopes have been sold for as high as \$700.00 Many have brought upwards of \$50 each. It sounds "fishy," but it's true. They are valuable because they are rare. They are rare, not because there are only a few, for there are many of them, but simply because most of them are forgotten, being stored away in old trunks and closets.

The most valuable stamps and envelopes are found among those mailed throughout the South from April to November, 1861. Not all of these are especially rare, but many are of great rarity and among the latter are those which were issued by Postmasters in about fifty towns and villages. In April, 1861, just after the war was declared and before the Confederacy had time to make their regular issues of stamps, many local offices were allowed to make Provisional issues. Some of these were gummed stamps, made similar to any stamp except that they were not perforated, but had to be separated with shears instead of torn apart. Others instead of stam s were franked envelopes, the "stamps" being printed on the envelopes, but nearly all of them bearing the name of the town and also that of the Postmaster.

These local issues were discontinued in November, 1861, at which time all offices were supplied with the National issue of stamps bearing the portraits of Davis and Jefferson. Later others were issued bearing portraits of Washington, Jackson and Calhoun. None of these 1861-1865 National issues are rare, although some of them command a fair price. The rare ones are the local issues used from April to November, 1861.

Make a thorough search through your attic for these old war letters. Fortunes in rare stamps have been found in old safes which no one ever dreamed con-tained anything of value. Many an old trunk or chest contains letters that may bring the finder a profitable reward. Send these to Mr. Harold Brooks, Marshall, Michigan, and he will immediately write you, stating whether they are of value and, if so, will offer you full value for them. He is a private collector of rare stamps and envelopes and will pay more

for those he is seeking than a dealer. The Advertising Manager of The Pro-gressive Farmer has known Mr. Brooks for many years and you may place fullest confidence in his integrity. He will advise you frankly, offering what he regards the envelopes as worth to him and

This 84-page book is worth its weight in gold. Its author, Hugh

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#### Virginia Farm Bureau Active

THE Virginia Farm Bureau Feder-**I** ation is starting a state-wide mem-bership campaign. The Virginia organization has grown from nothing to 21 counties since December, 1920, and is now going back to those same counties and strengthening them with increased membership before expanding to other parts of the state. A subtract of the state

in case the enevolpes are not satisfactory they will be returned to the sender.

As so many stamps are similar in appearance Mr. Brooks cannot quote values from written descriptions, but must see the envelopes. Furthermore, the condition of a stamp or envelope has an important bearing on its value. Confederate money he does not collect.

If envelopes are sent in a bunch they should be very carefully wrapped-if possble between cardboard to protect them from becoming wrinkled or creased. Do not cut the stamps from the envelopes, but send the complete envelopes. Also take care not to tear the stamps or put pins through them. Such damage greatly reduces the value of any stamp. If you have reason to believe your envelopes contain any of great value send them by Registered Mail.

This notice will not be printed again so make a thorough search now before the address is lost or forgotten. Tell your friends or ask permission to look over their old war letters. Many eldery people have kept hundreds of such letters. Mr. Brook's address is as follows:

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