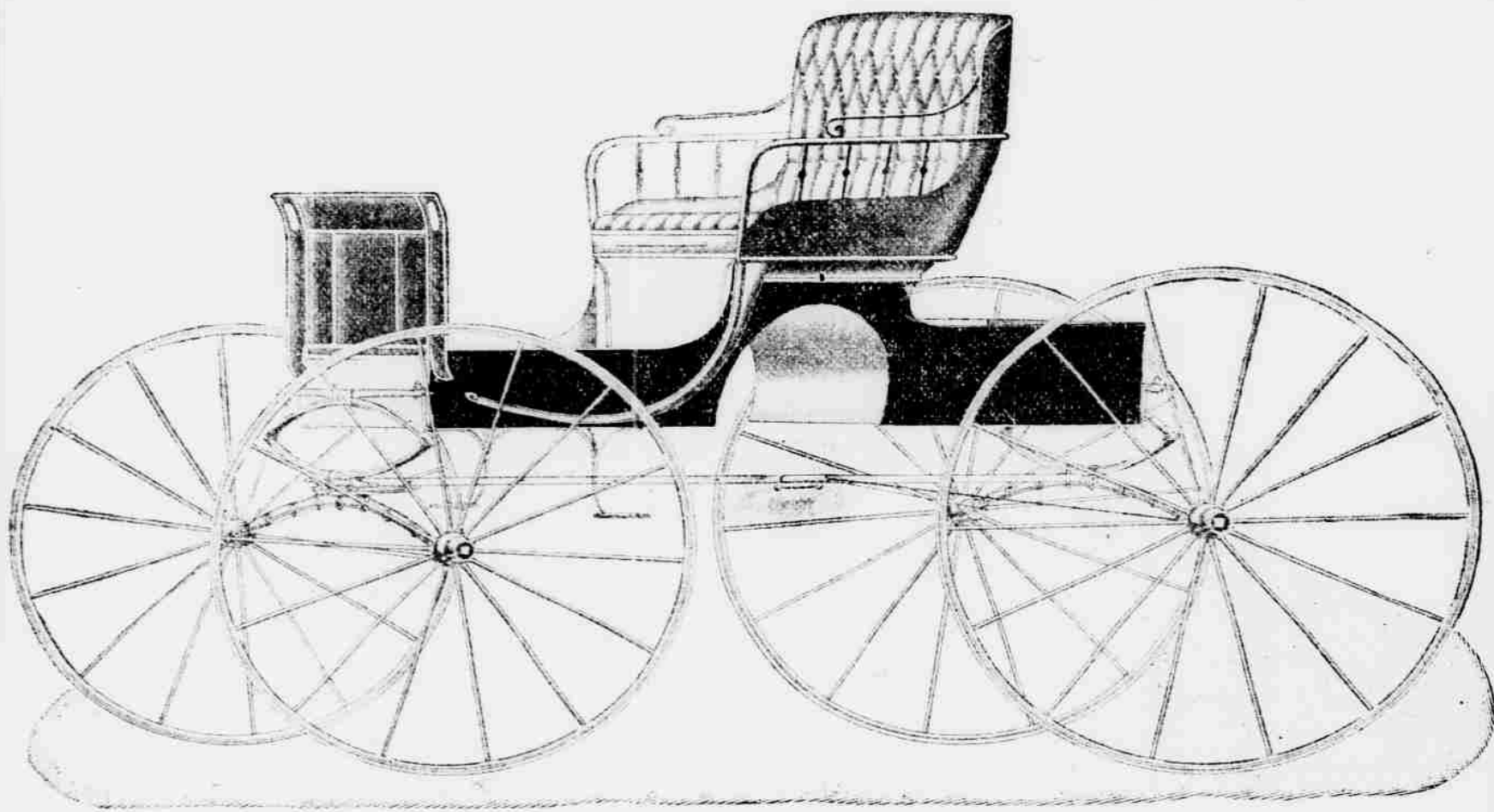


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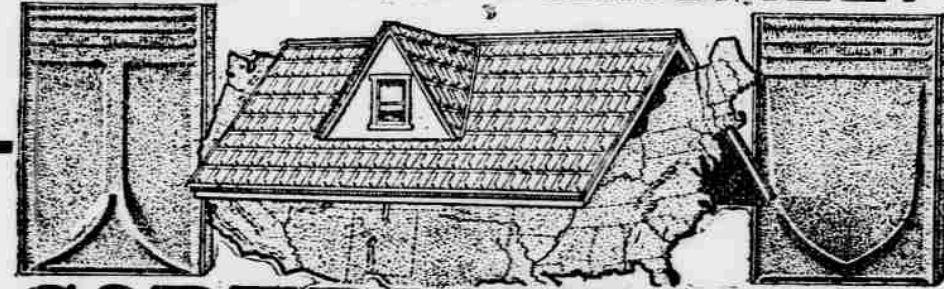
Peas get their nitrogen from air free of cost to the farmer, so that very little nitrogen is needed in their fertilizers except for very poor soils.

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**A Brand New Commandment.** The devil we are told can recite scripture for dark and devious purposes of his own, but it were well for ordinary mortals to be very careful in using such quotation. This last week upon the mind of Attorney Vertrees of counsel for secretary R. Achilles Ballinger, in the hearing before the joint committee which is investigating the latter gentleman's little differences with Messrs. Pinchot, Glavis, Kerby, et al. Mr. Veertres was paying his rees-

tion, halted the speaker; "Will Mr. Vertrees inform us," he suggested gently but firmly, "exactly which of the commandments he referred to." The United States Senate is undoubtedly a dignified body, and the house of Representatives is little if any less dignified, but it is reported that the simple query upset the composure of the members thus in attendance for the entire remainder of that sitting. Mr. Veertres, reply has not yet been made public, but it is a pretty safe guess that the next time he feels an inclination to quote the Bible he will refrain, unless there are several copies of the text close at hand for ready reference, the one for improvement.

**THE SORT OF IMMIGRATION THE SOUTH NEEDS AND HOW TO GET IT**

One of the South's greatest needs is immigration—of the right kind. Our whole section is too sparsely settled. Our eleven Southern States, excluding Texas, support only 15,000,000 people of both races, and only 10,000,000 white people, while the same area in Europe supports 160,000,000 white people. And it must be remembered that up to a certain point, which we shall not reach for centuries yet, and other things being equal, prosperity depends upon density of population. Emerson was right when he said that "every man who comes into the city with any purchasable talent or skill in him gives to every man's labor a new worth," and if any ignorant negro slave in the old days was worth \$1,000, certainly we may assume that a thrifty and intelligent Westerner bringing not only his self, but in most cases substantial accumulations as well, should be worth many times as much as an asset to the State.

Of course we don't want the lowest European immigration. If we can get immigration from England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Holland, Sweden, etc.—the countries whose blood has gone to make up our vigorous American stock—it would be of great help to us. We are all of such immigrants ourselves or descendants of such immigrants. From some countries of Southern and Eastern Europe, on the other hand, immigration is of a decidedly lower order and objectionable because of low standard of intelligence and efficiency.

On the very same principle, however, immigration of normal or high standard of intelligence and efficiency is desirable. Such immigration can be had, and ought to be had—in some measure perhaps from our English, Scotch, Dutch, and Irish kinsfolks across the sea—but chiefly from our Northern and Western States. For years now hundreds of thousands of the most enterprising and progressive farmers in the Middle West have been going into Canada with its long, hard winters and bitter climate not only giving up American citizenship, but actually paying two or three times as much for land in that inhospitable region as land of the same fertility commands in the South. We ought to have brought these men to the South. They know our institutions, our language, they are industrious, thrifty wide-awake, and many of them are of Southern ancestry, who should naturally come back home. Let's bring them back.

If there were no other reason for advocating such immigration from the North and West, we should favor it as our surest deliverance from our race problem. The proportion of negroes to whites is to large in every Southern State, and our hope is that ultimately the tides of migration and immigration will equalize population until the proportion of negroes in no State will exceed 20 per cent. We must train the negro—but at best the process will be slow, and at present it would probably not be to much to say that in considering our whole population, including our great constructive leaders and captains of industry, the average negro in economic worth net productiveness, and efficiency is only half as useful as the average white man. In other words in making general averages of efficiency we should put the white man at 100 and the negro at 50, so that a country half white and half black would cor a handicap of 25 per cent, as compared with a country with an exclusive white population of a normal degree of efficiency.

Whether or not the difference is as much as this, certain it is that the larger proportion of whites, the higher the average of efficiency, the more prosperous will be our every industry, and the better it will be for every individual citizen, including the negroes themselves.

There are just two basic and fundamental ways to build up the South. First and of paramount importance is Education, the development of the people already here; second is immigration, getting more people to come here.

In the last census year North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia each had in round numbers only 1,200,000 South Carolinians had less than 600,000 whites when it should have had 3,000,000. And even then not one of these States, including its negro population, would be one-third as thickly settled as Massachusetts; consider for a moment how much more important every institution in the State would be; how much more varied would be our industries; how much easier it would be to get good roads in counties in which the white population is now too small to maintain them; how easy it would be to double the usefulness of our public schools, how quickly we would build railroads in sections which must otherwise remain dormant and back-ward for long long years; how important our cities should become; and how much more attractive would be country life in our thickly settled communities, and how much easier it would be to get telephones and water-works and trolley lines and local libraries and all the advantages of twentieth century rural life.

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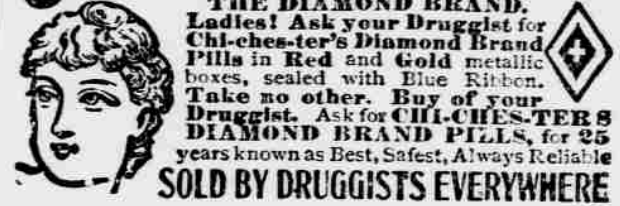
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