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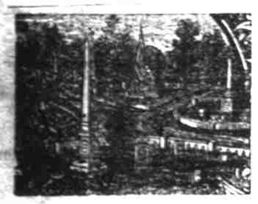

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THE FIRST ANIMAL LIFE.

Did it Begin Where Greenly Has Been?

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Does Farming Pay?

Although the Atlanta *Constitution* says "the farmers of the State have never been more prosperous since the war than they are to day," Commissioner Henderson and Ex-Commissioner Jones, of the State Agricultural Department, assert that farming in Georgia does not pay, and give many reasons for this assertion. Of the views of Commissioner Henderson, the Atlanta correspondent of the Savannah *News* says: His interview with Hon. J. T. Henderson, Commissioner of Agriculture, published in the *News* of the 20th, was the subject today of a very decided volume of adverse criticism by frequenters of the capitol. The statement that "there is no money in farming in Georgia," did not find a lodgment in the minds of my body. The Commissioner, so far as I could ascertain, stands alone in his views on that point. As to the demand, he says, for improved farm land at the prices asked, it has been in accordance with his [illegible] Georgia land [illegible] Georgia land would [illegible] the demand [illegible] Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas [illegible] Wright's abstract [illegible] seven million [illegible] thousand dollars of taxes [illegible] only eight thousand insolvent. If the farmers did not make [illegible] they could not pay their taxes so readily. The dockets of the trial courts show few suits. If the farmers were not getting along well the situation would be different. I agree with the Commissioner that there is much need for reform and the plan he suggests is a simple and practical one, but I do not agree with him that there is no money in farming in Georgia. Georgia soil is capable of being brought to the highest state of cultivation. I saw garrets and helped to weigh five bales of cotton in 1873, all weighing over 500 pounds, that the Hon. Lee Watson raised on an acre of land in Jones county. The lightest bale weighed 515 pounds. If you want to know something about farming in Georgia, ask young Jack Henderson, a nephew of the Commissioner. He has done well in spite of numerous misfortunes for which the farm was in no way responsible. He is up by times, goes with his men to work, sees that his stock is fed, looks after everything himself. He is a bachelor now. He lives in 250 yards of Alcovy river, and I'll bet he hasn't got a fish hook in ten years. I know several prominent and successful farmers who I believe would not agree with the Commissioner of Agriculture. Major John A. Cobb, of Americus, is a success. Mr. L. M. Felton, of Marshallville, Mr. W. L. Warren, of Byron, in Houston county, Mr. James Taylor, of Taylor's Store, Crawford county, Mr. John C. Zoen, of Thomaston, Mr. Geo. W. Jordan, of Hawkinsville, Mr. David Dickson, of Senoia, Hon. Jas. M. Smith, of Waterville, Oglethorpe county, Maj. E. E. Ross, of Americus, Hon. R. A. Nisbet, of Macon, Mr. Eden Dayton, of Danonville, Montoe county, Dr. John Hardeman, of Haddocks, Jones county, and A. F. Woodley, of Kingston, are a few whose names I think of. They live in most different parts of the State and are all prominent and successful farmers. I would like to hear what they have to say to Commissioner Henderson's statement.—*Southern Cultivator.*

"Fell Through a Trap."

Judge William Carter, of Shelbyville, and Judge Caswell Marks, of St. Louis, were both natives of Lexington, Ky. In boyhood they had pinned the same cat's head into the same milk pitcher, stolen peaches from the same tree, got trounced by the same trimmers, were otherwise intimately intimate friends afterwards chums at college and then errand boys in the same office. Later in life they parted and rose to sublime honors in their separate places. Last January they met for the first time since their parting, in Lexington, and brewed a convivial bowl in honor of the event. About midnight, full of affection and enthusiasm, they retired in the same bed. It was a large affair, standing in the middle of the room and capable of being drawn up by ropes to the ceiling while the room was being cleaned. It was a very cold night, and they placed their clothing upon the foot of the bed. Just after they fell asleep, some friends outside set about raising the bed by the ropes, ostensibly for the cleaning, and left. Some time afterwards about 3 o'clock both the chums woke up. They thought the bed was being drawn up to the ceiling. As it was cold they decided to get up and close the window. When the bed came down they found themselves in a strange place. Where was it? Where was the window? Where was the door? Where was the bed? Where was the other chum? Where were their clothes? Where was the bed? Where was the other chum? Where were their clothes? Where was the bed? Where was the other chum? Where were their clothes