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COTTON ANTHRACNOSE OR PINK BOLL-ROT

Mr. H. R. Fulton of the department of plant disease of the Agricultural Experiment Station at A. & M. College, has written the Commonwealth a letter and enclosed a circular for publication in this paper bearing on "Cotton Anthracnose or Pink Boll-Rot," which has been playing havoc with cotton in this vicinity. Farmers should read it carefully.

"The spots on the boll grow to about one-half an inch, are brown, and covered at a certain stage with a pinkish coating. Affected bolls open prematurely, and the lint rot or is of inferior grade. Wet weather favors the disease. The loss sometimes reaches 75 or even 90 per cent of the bolls.

"It is a fungous disease, and fortunately does not spread far during a season because the reproductive spores in the pinkish masses are sticky and depend largely on spattering water rather than on wind for their dissemination. The disease is carried over winter or introduced into new localities chiefly through internally infected seed that have developed in slightly affected bolls. No satisfactory seed treatment is known. The fungus may remain alive on the old stalks during the winter; and cotton should not be planted in the same field the next year unless it has been fall or winter plowed to bury the stalks.

"To avoid the disease, do not plant contaminated seed. Safe seed of any variety can be secured from a moderately infected field if it is picked separately from stalks that have a few feet away from affected stalks. If only a small amount can be secured, plant it in a special seed plot from which a large amount of clean seed can be had the following year. It is best to obtain seed from an uninfected field, if possible. Be careful to have bins well-cleaned if they have been used for diseased cotton.

"By this seed selection method the following results have been obtained by the N. C., Agricultural Experiment Station:

Disease in field in 1912—Summerour's Half and Half 25 per cent; Cook's Improved 15 per cent; Hartsville Long Staple 10 per cent. Disease from unselected seed planted in 1913—Summerour's Half and Half 45 p. c.; Cook's Improved 26 p. c.; Hartsville Long Staple 14 p. c. Disease from selected seed planted in 1913—Summerour's Half and Half 4 p. c.; Cook's Improved 2 p. c.; Hartsville Long Staple 2 p. c.

"Fortunately the disease is rather restricted as yet; but it is increasing at a dangerous rate. It is first brought into new localities in seed grown elsewhere. Growers are warned not to buy any cotton seed for planting unless reliably assured that it is free from disease and not to plant any unselected seed from their own infected fields. Take immediate steps to free your farm of this disease by the seed selection method. Get your neighbors to do the same. A few hours' careful work will prevent large losses next year. Full information about this and other important farm crop diseases is contained in Bulletin 182 of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C."

Death of an Infant.

On Tuesday morning, September 14, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnhill was made dark and sad by the death of an infant entering and taking little Pattie Benson, their infant daughter, aged only 2 months and 19 days, but God had permitted her little life to remain here long enough to be dearly loved. She was indeed a bright bud of beauty and promise, but He that doeth all things well needed her worse than papa and mamma and thought it best to transplant her from this sinful world to bloom 'neath milder skies. We cannot understand why God, in His all wise Providence should so sorely grieve this family but it is not for us to question the works of our Heavenly Father. So, parents, rather be glad that your baby is "safe in the arms of Jesus." She could not wait when Jesus was calling, and Heaven is nearer to you since your baby will be waiting and watching to "swing wide the golden gate" that she may bid you welcome over there, where you will clasp your darling in your arms once more. Aunt Minnie. Dawson's, N. C.

The weather man has departed for the equatorial regions now, we think, and will permit inhabitants of the temperate zone to prepare for an early fall. Killing frost and a hard winter.

BUKOWINA LAND OF REFUGE

Exiled Gods and People Sought His Fastnesses When Crowded Out of Ancient Homes.

The following excerpt concerning the province of Bukowina, the neighbor of Galicia in the Austro-Hungarian empire, which has been figuring in the war news recently, was prepared by the National Geographical Society:

Legend has it that the old gods are in exile in Bukowina. However true this may be in the case of the gods, it is true in the case of the peoples of Bukowina that most of them went there in exile. They are the Ruthenian and Roumanian tribes who were crowded out in the bitter struggles through which Europe came to its present apportionment.

They, like their neighbors, the exiled gods, lead lean existences in the small, mountainous forest land which lies on the outskirts of everything.

Bukowina is an Austrian crownland, with the rank of a duchy, with a few small cities and a population of some 800,000. It presents an unobstructed frontier to the Russians, while it is cut off from the Austro-Hungarian empire by the Carpathian mountains.

Its chief city, Czernowitz, is just across from the Russian frontier. Broken spur ranges from the Carpathians further isolate much of Bukowina from its neighboring Galicia. It is most easy of access to Russia and to Roumania. The first natural difficulties which the Russians met were the interior mountain ranges, covered with forests and tangled with underbrush.

The crownland has an area of 4,031 square miles, and lies almost wholly in the Carpathian belt. Its climate is severe, and its soils, except in the larger valleys, are not very productive. There is little mineral production and no industry besides brewing, distilling and milling.

DISTINGUISHED



"So yours was the class of '99?"
 "Yes. It was a distinguished class, too."
 "In what way?"
 "There was nobody in it whom we called Fatty."

AN ARMED PEACE.

"I haven't heard Nexdore and his wife quarreling for several days."
 "No; they're not on speaking terms just now."—Boston Evening Transcript.

THE BACHELOR'S BUTT-IN.

"Getting married is like beginning a beautiful story."
 "Yes, but one which cannot possibly have a happy ending."

THAT SUFFICED.

"The doctor says I must get away for my nerves."
 "Did he see your tongue?"
 "No, but he heard my wife's."

ODD HARMONY.

"Sleeping in the open air is no longer experimental."
 "Yet, strange to say, it is both tried and tentative."

ACCOUNTING FOR IT.

"I wonder why barbers are generally such sociable men."
 "I suppose it is because they find it so easy to scrape an acquaintance."

AND RICE GETS PUFFED UP.

Bix—Scientists claim now that vegetables have feelings, emotions.
 Dix—That's right. We frequently see cabbages with swelled heads."

NEW YORK GOLF COURSES.

There are 110 golf courses within the New York, of what is known as the metropolitan district. These can take care of 50,000 golfers with ease.

AWFUL!

"It would be horrible!"
 "What would be?"
 "A strike of the dry cleaners during the white flannel trouser season!"

KEPT HIS WORD.

She—You promised to stop smoking when we were married.
 He—Well, I did. They wouldn't allow smoking in the church.

TURTLES WERE DUCK BLIND

In Barrel Birds Snappers Were Concealed Below Being Shipped in Violation of Law.

There are persons who take a snapping turtle seriously, and, despite his ill nature and tendency to remove pink little fingers, learn his peculiarities and read his innermost appetites. One of the latter is John B. Thompson, federal inspector under the migratory bird law, and he knows mighty well that no turtle will eat ice in any circumstances, says a St. Louis (Mo.) dispatch to New York Herald.

Recently five barrels of live snapping turtles arrived at the Union station, consigned to purveyors to the restaurant trade. Now, a turtle is not a migratory bird. The barrels were filled with ice, and Inspector Thompson could see the turtles stamping their feet, blowing into their hands, throwing their shells up around their necks, and making every possible effort to keep comfortable in the intense cold.

"There is something in those barrels," said Inspector Thompson, addressing no one, "besides turtles. I shall forthwith look into this matter, barrel by barrel." This he did while the snappers whistled through their teeth to indicate that the heating arrangements were not as advertised.

In the bottom of the barrels 87 wild ducks, bound and gagged, were going whither they knew not. It is the closed season on migratory birds, and the ducks ceased to migrate immediately.

INFINITELY VAST AND LITTLE

They Baffle Understanding and Cause Apparent Contradictions in Scientific Facts.

The infinitely little and infinitely vast alike baffle the understanding, developed as it is by our concrete finite life. Creation is typified by the sphere. A circle is a straight line that at every point ceases to be a straight line, and the earth's surface is a plane that every moment ceases to be a plane. Following the surface of the earth does not carry us to the under side, because there is no more an under side than there is an upper side—there is only a boundless surface. But if it were possible for us to build a globe on the globe, as large as the one we inhabit, would it not have an upper and an under side?

The rain causes the grass to grow, and the sun causes the snow to melt, but we cannot apply the idea of cause, in this sense, to nature as a whole, but only to parts of nature. Gravitation caused Newton's apple to fall, but what causes the earth to fall forever and ever, and never to fall upon the body that is said to attract it?—John Burroughs, in Atlantic Monthly.

PRaising Vocational Schools.

Vocational schools were praised by Mayor Curley of Boston at a state conference of teachers. The city executive said: "Any institution that prepares boys and girls for good citizenship and equips them with all that is needed to increase their earning capacity cannot be too highly commended. Such institutions lift men and women to a higher plane of living and solve many of the problems that confront the community."

NEEDED ONE.

"What caution was that your father gave you with your bundle of fireworks?"
 "He told me to remember that fingers are something one should always keep on hand."

THE RESULT.

Jacob—You know, Essau, you asked me for my pottage.
 Essau—Yes, and I made a fine mess of it.

ITS KIND.

"Will there be any profit on this beauty show?"
 "Well, there ought to be a handsome one."

INTERESTED DECISION.

"The suffragists are beginning to embark on a silent course."
 "That so? Then I'm going to urge Maria to join 'em."

CARRYING OUT THE IDEA.

"What kind of a hat would you get if you were I, to go with this awning-stripe dress?"
 "I should suggest a shade hat."

SAME LINE.

"Billions began life by watering horses and cows on a farm."
 "And he's still watering stock in Wall street."

NOT SO MUCH.

"I can throw all comers at first touch."
 "That's nothing; so can a banana peel."

Hamilton Items.

(Continued from Page One)
 Mrs. J. P. Boyle went to Williams-ton Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davenport, T. W. Davenport, Mrs. Martha Moore, Mrs. James, Messrs. Manning and Miss Louise Satterthwaite were called to the bedside of Mrs. Maggie Floyd last week w.t.o is very ill.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Taylor and daughter spent Tuesday in Scotland Neck.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davenport and Miss Ella Moore Davenport spent the week-end with Mrs. Maggie Floyd.

Lawrence-Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lawrence invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Annie to Mr. Isaac Ferdinand Harrison on Thursday evening, October 7th at six o'clock Dawson's Baptist Church Dawson's, North Carolina

The Commonwealth is requested to announce that their will be Sunday School at Mullen's School house Sunday at 3:30 o'clock. All the people of the community are invited to be present.

Miss Shields Entertains.

Friday afternoon Miss Nannie Shields entertained at her home on North Main street at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. John Henton, who was unexpectedly married last Wednesday at Halifax.

Mrs. Dunn was presented with many handsome presents by her numerous friends present, one of the most unique being a friendship bracelet presented her by the members of the "Thimble Bees" a club of which she is a member.

The bracelet had the names of each of the club members with the date and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hinton Dunn engraved upon it. A salad course followed by a sweet course was served in a most dainty and attractive manner.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Robert Ferrall, deceased, late of Halifax County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of September, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This the 20th day of September, 1915.
 Joseph Ferrall, Executor.
 A. Paul Kitchin, Attorney.

Read The Commonwealth. \$1.00.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLANTERS & COMMERCIAL BANK
 SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.
 At the Close of Business, Sept. 2, 1915.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$112,407.30	Capital stock.....	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts.....	378.54	Undivided profits, etc.....	5,325.70
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,111.98	Bills payable.....	31,000.00
Demand loans.....	5,006.01	Deposits.....	84,161.28
Due from banks and bankers	10,328.41	Cashiers' checks outstanding	22.76
Cash items.....	610.80		
Gold coin.....	588.50		
Silver coin, &c.....	1,715.25		
Nat'l. Bank Notes, etc.....	2,363.00		
Total.....	\$135,509.74	Total.....	\$135,509.74

State of North Carolina—County of Halifax.
 I, O. J. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 O. J. MOORE, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1915.
 J. E. SHIELDS, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest: STUART SMITH, S. A. DUNN, Directors.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with next month this Bank will distribute each month in this community a series of folders treating each month of a different farming subject.

The war has brought home to all of us the imperative necessity for diversification of crops. Experience has shown that every farmer can greatly increase the yield of his farm by farming rightly according to new scientific methods.

Each of these papers will be complete in itself and each will give explicit directions for obtaining the maximum yield of the crop discussed and will give the proper crop-rotations to be practiced to maintain and increase the fertility of the farm.

The farmer who follows these suggestions should double or triple the revenue from his farm.

If you would like to have them, send us your name and address on a postal card.

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Make this test on your farm. Get five acres of liquid inoculation either from the State or National Department of Agriculture and use on one acre. Use one acre of NITRA-GERM on one acre, and see for yourself which gives results.

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