

Farm Department.

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IN AND AROUND FOUR OAKS.

All along we have had confidence in the future of the town of Four Oaks. It is located at a nice place for a town and is a very healthy place. It is seven miles from Smithfield and eight miles from Benson and is in what is getting to be a fine farming section. A few months ago Mr. John W. Sanders built a large well-arranged brick store which he now occupies. Mr. David H. Sanders and Mr. P. W. Lassiter are now completing two others. Messrs. C. R. Adams & Co. are moving the brick to the place for a large store which will make the fourth built this year.

The land around Four Oaks is like the land around Mount Olive which is such a fine trucking centre. Mount Olive has shipped this year sixty-nine thousand crates of strawberries and thirty-five thousand barrels of Irish potatoes and beans and other truck in proportion. We are not sure about how early the strawberries would ripen there but we are sure that some day Four Oaks will be a good trucking centre. Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, watermelons, cantaloupes, grapes and peaches can be grown in great quantities. The land is such that crops make a quick start and in spring gardens and other crops look to be two to three weeks earlier than in some other places in this county.

Nowhere has greater improvement been made recently in farming than around Four Oaks. A large number of the farmers have adopted the intensive system and are moving right ahead. Mr. B. B. Adams was one of the first to adopt improved methods. He bought a poor worn out farm adjoining the town and has improved it and made big crops of cotton every year. He breaks his land each year with two-horse plows running as deep as possible. His cotton rows are four to four and one half feet apart. Before planting, five hundred pounds per acre of high grade guano is distributed in the rows. About July first two hundred pounds more of guano and one hundred pounds of nitrate of soda are mixed and sown by the cotton with a distributor. He never averages as low as one bale to the acre. His crop this year is fine. He has one and a half acres near his dwelling which has made about two thousand pounds of lint cotton each year for three years. This place is manured broadcast with a compost made of lot and stable manure and woods mold. Before planting, five hundred pounds per acre of phosphoric acid and kainit is used. June first two hundred of guano and one hundred of soda is applied and July first a second application of guano and soda is made. He says his plan of farming will give him a fairly good crop any year, but of course the better the seasons the better the crop.

The farmers around Four Oaks do not use their cotton seed for manure but sell them or trade them for cotton seed meal. They use from two to three hundred pounds of guano per acre for corn and from four to eight hundred pounds for cotton. Their land suits tobacco, but very little of it is being grown this year on account of the low price last year. The farmers whose names are given below and others have adopted the intensive system and are making fine crops: Willis Barbour, Julius Johnson, Kinchen Barbour, Thomas Barbour, E. P. Baker, Alex Creech, Andrew Jackson, D. W. Adams, G. W. Keen, A. R. Keen, J. C. Keen, W. E. Strickland, Elijah Strickland, B. E. Strickland and J. W. Strickland.

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The Hired Man.

A little thought—and a little "Put yourself in his place," would do wonders in solving the problem of how to keep the hired man on the farm. Of course there are many worthless fellows strolling about the country looking for a job as a farm hand, and any employer is liable to get hold of one of those. On the other hand, there are many employers who treat their hands in such a manner that no self-respecting young man would remain in their service.

As a rule, the hand who goes at his work cheerfully and does not complain if a little odd job comes his way, is the man who can always find a place at the best wages going; while the one who is always grumbling at his regular work and flatly refuses to do an extra task, is moving around from one place to another looking for a job.

The employer who is considerate of his man, who does not impose upon him, is the one who can always get good men, and he seldom has to hunt for them.

The hired man is entitled to a good bed and a comfortable room, with a place to keep his clothing. He is entitled to good, wholesome food, and above all he is entitled to decent treatment and kind words. No man has a right to speak to his hired help in any other manner than he would if he was speaking to his neighbor. Always do as you wish to be done by. Remember the Golden Rule.—J. N. Clingan.

Size of Farms.

For a long time, much was spoken and written about the superiority of the little farm. When that was going on it had much in it that was all right.

If the way of farming is to work the land until it will no longer give profitable yield, then the less land the better; but if the plan is to improve the land year by year, so increasing its ability to produce, and with the management as economical as if on a small scale, then the larger the farm the better.

It is in farming as it is in manufacturing or commerce, a question of ability and capital.

Some of the most successful farmers in the United States today are men from city life who have had a business training.

There must be a liking for the calling, for any business, or the best outcome is not possible.

It is dangerous for a new operator to begin on a big scale. The small farmer, who is fond of and naturally fitted for farming, will almost inevitably have out-reachings and growth.

Nowhere does individuality have outlet more than it does in farming, and so it is the fact that some men will manage a thousand-acre farm as snugly and as profitably as others would a farm of forty acres.

Men and capital go together in this business as never before.

The small farm without the capacity or the capital to handle it is not more desirable than is the large one.—Home and Farm.



Rail Road Men

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A Tribute to Grass.

"Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light and air, those three physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than those minute tenants of that mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; and when the fitful fever is ended, and the foolish wrangle of the market and the forum is closed, grass heals over the scar which our decent into the bosom of the earth has made, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead.

"Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass grown, like rural lanes, and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Beleaguered by the sullen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality, and emerges upon the solicitation of spring. Sown by the winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the rude outlines of the world. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and pinnacles of mountains, and modifies the history, character and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and fields, it bides its time to return, and when vigilance is relaxed, or the dynasty has perished, it silently resumes the throne from which it had been expelled, but when it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, yet should its harvest fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world."—Inglalls.

Dairy Notes.

The men who succeed in dairying are those who keep abreast of the times; who familiarize themselves with all the facts that science and experience bring to light.

The dairy cow enables the farmer to economically utilize the abundant yields of grass, which grows luxuriantly where the conditions of sunshine and moisture are favorable. There is no other way provided for such prompt and paying returns for this abundant crop.

A patient, sympathetic milker will make gentle cows and get good results. A harsh, rough milker very soon discovers that dairying does not pay. Poor fellow, he has done the best he knows how.

Raise the heifer calves from your best cows.

Corn will produce more cow food per acre than any other plant. Corn, therefore, should constitute a large portion of the crops raised.

With the approach of warm weather the importance of a proper place to keep milk is imperative. It must be free from objectionable odors. There is no article of food that should be handled with more care. There are but few that would be willing to keep their bread and other food in such places as they provide for their milk, yet we know of no article of food that is so easily contaminated.—Northwestern Agriculturist.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Ten Years of Suffering.

"I wish to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mrs. Mattie Burge, of Martinsville, Va. "I suffered from chronic diarrhoea for ten years and during that time tried various medicines without obtaining any permanent relief. Last summer one of my children was taken with cholera morbus, and I procured a bottle of this Remedy. Only two doses were required to give her entire relief. I then decided to try the medicine myself, and did not use all of one bottle before I was well and I have never since been troubled with that complaint. One cannot say too much in favor of that wonderful medicine." This remedy is for sale by A. H. Boyett, Selma Drug Co. and J. W. Benson.

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Digging His Political Grave.

It is plain that President Roosevelt does not understand the negro, and it will finally result in his undoing, not because the negro is disloyal, but because the politician who panders to the negro always has and always will, meet his Waterloo sooner or later. Then, too, the negro soon loses respect for the white man who courts his patronage or influence.—Raleigh Enterprise.

Found That Advertising Paid.

Billy Jones wrote on the black-board:

"Billy Jones can hug the girls better than any boy in school." The teacher, seeing it, called him up.

"William, did you write that?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Billy.

"Well, you can stay after school," said she.

The children waited for Billy to come out, when they began to

guy him.

"Got lickin', didn't ye?"

"Nope," said Billy.

"Get jawed?"

"Nope."

"Shan't tell," said Bill, "but it pays to advertise."—Ex.

A Strong Heart

is assured by perfect digestion. Indigestion swells the stomach and puffs it up against the heart. This causes shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart and general weakness. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures indigestion. Relieves the stomach, takes the strain off of the heart and restores it to a full performance of its functions naturally. Kodol increases the strength by enabling the stomach and digestive organs to digest, assimilate and appropriate to the blood and tissues all of the food nutriment. Tones the stomach and digestive organs. Sold by Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter, J. W. Benson.

There is not a moment without some duty.—Cicero.

Nervous Dyspepsia Cured by Rydale's Stomach Tablets.

Mr. R. E. Jones, buyer for Parker & Bridget, whose large department stores are located at 9th and Penn. Av., Washington, D. C., writes under date of April 14, '04, as follows: Last February, one year, while in New York on business for my house, I caught a severe cold, which laid me up for several weeks and left me weak and nervous. I had little or no appetite, and my digestion was very poor. My physicians could not get at the cause of my trouble, as my digestion seemed so much impaired. I decided to try Rydale's Stomach Tablets, being assured by a friend, they were a good dyspepsia medicine. After using them for a few days, I began to realize that I was getting better. I gave up the doctor's prescription and have gained 20 pounds while using two boxes of these tablets. I never felt better in my life and accredited Rydale's Stomach Tablets with having cured me. I can recommend them, most heartily, to sufferers from nervous indigestion and general run-down conditions of the system. Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter.

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"I punish you, Browning, because I love you, but you are too young to understand what a mother's love is like." "Is it two soles with but a single thought; two hands that beat as one?"—Life.

HEALTHY MOTHERS.

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