

# Our Farm Department

Devoted to the Interest of Those Who Till the Soil

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### A SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

Mr. Ephraim Pittman, who lives one mile south of Micro, is one of the successful farmers of Johnston county. His father gave him a small piece of land where he now lives and he bought a little more making the tract contain sixty-nine acres. He went there in the woods and built a small log house with clay and stick chimney, and in February 1876 moved to it. No train carried his goods nor was there a wagon or cart or beast of burden used. He carried them himself in two trips. He procured a goods box twenty inches long thirteen inches deep and ten inches across the top which took the place of a wardrobe, a trunk, a chest and a valise. In this goods box he placed his clothing and other articles of personal property and taking it under one of his arms it was carried to the little log house he had built. There was an old bed tick at his father's which had been laid aside and not used for some time. Half of the feathers from a good bed were taken and placed in this old tick and this piece of a bed with one sheet and one quilt and two little pillows were given to him. He took up his bedding and walked home with it. His wife had one chair, one home made bedstead, half of a feather bed and only a few other things to start housekeeping with.

With this small start Mr. Pittman set out to make a living which he has done and has gained considerable property and money besides. He makes good crops every year. The intensive system is followed in part. As much of the land as possible is broken with two horse plows. Crop rotation is closely followed. Peas are planted in all corn. He has accepted the idea of four feet rows for cotton for farmers who try to raise much of it per acre. He trades his cotton seed to the oil mills for meal which he mixes with acid phosphate and kamit to make guano. Last year with six hundred pounds per acre of guano and seventy-five pounds of nitrate of soda he raised eighteen bales of cotton averaging 450 pounds on fifteen acres. The soda was used as a second application to the cotton in June. Several acres are devoted to tobacco every year. He takes a great deal of pride in raising corn and always has plenty of it on hand. We saw his piles of old corn and think there is now at least twenty-five barrels of it. Six to eight head of cattle are kept. He raises from 2250 to 3000 pounds of pork per year. The hogs are fattened mostly on sweet potatoes and peas. The hillsides on the farms are terraced. These are the first terraces we have seen in this part of the county.

Mr. Pittman has raised a large family, thirteen children having been born in the home and eleven of them are living. He says he has never had to whip one of them. He has good buildings at his home and good out houses. He now owns 265½ acres of the best land in the county. It has a clay subsoil and will grow any crop which can be grown in this section. He owns stock in the Selma Tobacco Warehouse and in the Pine Level Oil Mill and has besides between three and four thousand dollars in money in the bank at Pine Level. Success has crowned his efforts all through life and he is still making money by farming.

Have you paid up yet?

### FARMERS CATECHISM.

We are anxious to get the readers of THE HERALD more interested in its Farm Department and we want them to do some writing for it. It is our purpose to insert a number of questions such as may occur to us or any of our readers and get the best answers we can to them. Every reader is at liberty to ask questions or answer them. We ask below some questions in regard to corn. This is one of the most important subjects a farmer can consider, and it is especially so since only a few people know how to raise corn. The government report shows that Johnston County farmers raise only 9.8-10 bushels per acre on an average. Many acres do not raise five bushels. Why is this small yield? There is bad management somewhere. We are often reminded of the saying of a certain farmer, "Any negro can raise cotton but it takes a farming man to raise corn." Write us and answer these questions.

How should land be prepared for corn?  
 How is the best way to select and prepare seed corn?  
 When is the best time to plant corn on low lands?  
 When should deep plowing cease to be done in corn?  
 How wide should corn rows be?  
 How far apart should it be in the rows?  
 How much hoe work should be done to corn?  
 How large should corn be when it is laid by?  
 When should peas be planted in corn?  
 In olden times farmers ran their rows both ways and checked their corn. Why was this done? Should this plan be continued?  
 How and when should corn be harvested?  
 We hope several farmers will write on each of the above subjects for next week's paper.

### Corn 60 Cents.

In view of the possible falling off in the corn crop yield of some 300,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year's crop, corn touched 60 cents in Chicago last week. I know it is too early to make safe estimates on the growing crop, as all now depends on possible frosts before maturity. If severe frost does not come before the middle of October, as is frequently the case, corn promises to mature and will be a fair crop. Last year's yield was unusually large, and hence the possible falling off this year, as compared with that.

The short grain crops of the surplus nations of Europe is another thing that has influenced the rise in corn here. A few years ago we exported less than 50,000,000 bushels, but this has yearly increased, and before the new crop is matured it promises to be 100,000,000 bushels this year. It looks very much as if we shall never again see 25 and 30 cent corn, as a few years ago. Both the export demand and the new uses of corn have constantly tended to stronger demands and prices. All this is very suggestive of the importance of the work now going on to increase the yield of this great cereal in all the corn-growing states.—Indiana Farmer.

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### Commissioner Hudson Says Cotton Has Lost 30 to 40 Per Cent.

Commissioner of Agriculture Hudson, of Georgia, has the following to say in regard to the much advertised "bumper" cotton crop of Georgia.

"Instead of the prospects of a two million bale cotton crop in Georgia, not more than a million and a half bales will be gathered.

"The great slump in the outlook for a big crop is due to the lack of moisture during a large part of August—the month in which rain is absolutely necessary to mature the crop.

"The cotton crop was a full month late this year, owing to the backward spring," said Mr. Hudson. Though late when the crop got a good start it grew vigorously and fruited well. When the drouth came on, it found the plant at its tenderest stage. The stalks were well fruited, and the prospects were better in Georgia than any other cotton growing state.

"But now you can travel almost anywhere in Georgia and the cotton fields look like fire had swept them. The plant about half way down from the top is scorched, and bolls and squares and blooms have fallen off. The bolls below are opening prematurely. You cannot appreciate conditions unless you travel over the state a bit. And there is no way to remedy this state of affairs. Rain won't help now, because the plant has shed its fruit, and won't grow new fruit this late."—The Cotton Journal.

### Manufactured Exports.

More than three-quarters of a billion dollars' worth of manufactures passed out of the ports of the United States in the fiscal year just ended. To foreign countries alone the total was 740 million dollars, while to the non-contiguous territories of the United States the value of manufactures sent was 40 millions, thus bringing the grand total to considerably more than three quarters of a billion a dozen years ago.

Iron and steel manufactures form by far the largest single item in the year's exportations of manufactures, the total value of this single group being, as above indicated, 181 millions against 161 millions last year.

Copper forms the next largest item, amounting to 89 million dollars, of which a large proportion went in the partially manufactured form of pigs, bars, and ingots, and of this 89 million dollars' worth of copper exported, probably 85 millions went to Europe.

Manufactures of wood exported amounted to 80 million dollars, and of this about 65 millions went in partially manufactured form, chiefly lumber.—Indiana Farmer.

Women have decided that in case they cannot vote, they will cut out the "stork" proposition. Perfectly proper to take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.—Hood Bros.

### Enormous Wealth.

The Comptroller of the Currency a few days ago pointed to the fact that everything was tending to the continuance of prosperous conditions in the United States, and among other things said:

"The element in the situation due to the season of the year, is the fact that we have raised between \$5,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 worth of grain, cotton, cattle, hogs and other farm produce, in addition to the coal, iron, steel, copper and other wealth that is being produced. This is not a situation to get frightened about, or to make it necessary to call on every one suddenly to pay their debts, but it should rather encourage the banks to take care of their customers and make loans conservatively, wherever there is proper basis or credit. We should take courage from the fact that although this situation doubtless is as claimed, world-wide and international, we have in this country enormous elements for recuperation in this vast production of wealth. It never was so great as at the present time, or more available for our progress and development. Prosperity is proverbially hard to stand, but there is no sense in letting such evidences scare us to death."—Indiana Farmer.

Young married people and old ones too,  
 That have no children to laugh and coo,  
 Find their troubles will 'little ones' be,  
 If they take Rocky Mountain Tea.—Hood Bros.

### Don't Gin Green Cotton.

The penny wise and the pound foolish policy of picking cotton out and bringing it right off to the gin is entirely too extravagant a method of handling the cotton crop that has cost you so much to make. It is the custom of some farmers to take the wagon on the field and load it as the pickers empty their baskets and haul it off to the gin from the field. This is done of course to save the time and labor in emptying and reloading; but does it pay?

In the latter part of the season it may be all right, but not so in the early part of the picking. There is a mistaken idea with some farmers that it pays to rush it off to market "before it dries out." This is a manifest waste when you think about it a little. Now, by careful observation and experimentation it is found that it takes the lint from 60 to 90 days to fully develop. There is no loss in weight, but an actual gain in lint, which also improves in color, being more oily, creamy and silken in texture and commands a better price. Seed kept in this way will not heat and are worth 30 per cent. more than heated seed.

True, the seed may lose some in weight, but the man who buys green seed knows this, so that the difference in price more than compensates for the difference between green and dry seed. It is verily a wasteful, penny wise and pound foolish policy.—J. N. Bigham in Charlotte News.

### LAND FOR SALE.

About thirty-five acres of land in woods well timbered for sale. The land is four miles north of Selma and is a part of the John Broadwell tract. It adjoins the lands of Wiley Batten, J. H. Broadwell and others. Terms cash. Unless sold privately it will be sold at auction at the Court House door in Smithfield Monday, Nov. 4th. This August 28th, 1907.  
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### Don't Be Nervous

## Nervous

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