

# Our Farm Department

Devoted to the Interest of Those Who Till the Soil

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## The Man Who Tills the Soil

The gentleman referred to in the caption of this article, according to the old song, is "The man who feeds us all" and after many years of faithful service he is coming into his own.

Once cotton sold for six cents. It cost nearly as much to raise it as it brought on the markets. With the Southern planter it was a case of "Trust in God and the weather." When a crop was planted the planter had no way of figuring how much the price would be. It was well nigh helpless. A few speculators, who scarcely knew a cotton boll from a cauliflower fixed the price, and the labors of the man who tilled the soil were rewarded as the little band of cotton gamblers saw fit to dole out reward.

A speculator has never been noted for over abundance of charity in his dealings with others, and the consequences was that for a great many years the cotton farmer was poorly paid for his hard labors. It was a constant struggle to keep the wolf from the door. Poverty reigned supreme over one of the richest sections on God's green earth.

A day of reckoning came. Although at a late hour, the farmer of the South realized that a great part of success lay in co-operation, in organization. At the dawn of this realization cotton was bringing seven cents a pound, and growers of the South were suffering from that poverty which had been their daily companion, as it had been the closest friend of their fathers before them.

It was in New Orleans that the first effort was made on the part of Southern cotton growers to say what they should be paid for the product of their daily labors. The world scoffed at the idea. Speculators laughed in their sleeves and contended themselves with the thought that they would still hold the whip over the planter, no matter how many meetings he might hold, or how loud his protests. The speculator learned a lesson he will never forget. The world realized that the laugh was not on the farmer after all. From the date the farmers of the South met in New Orleans to perfect an organization whose purpose should be to advance the price of cotton by co-operation in the holding movement, market quotations began to reflect steady advances in price. Without a stop the price of the staple waged steadily upward until it reached the ten-cent mark of twelve cents.

From that date the Southern planter has been looked upon as a dominant factor to be reckoned with by the world. The New Orleans meeting demonstrated over again the truth of the time-honored adage, "In union there is strength."

The Southern planter decided his crop was worth over seven cents and he forced the world to pay him a price that would give a profit for production. What has been done can be done again.

"Cotton: Its price can go up. Its price should go up. Its price must go up—its price will go up."

This is the battle cry of nearly fifteen hundred delegates who are now attending the National Convention of the Farmers, Educational and Co-Operative Union in New Orleans. These fifteen hundred delegates represent two million cotton growers of the South. They are going to adopt plans looking to the advancement of the price of their staple. It is useless to attempt to discount their power. They are receiving the support of merchants, bankers and business men in their plans for storing cotton in warehouses. Bankers of New Orleans promise \$50,000,000 for this purpose.

President Barrett, in his opening address, pointed out that by co-operation something like \$150,000,000 could be saved to the Southern planter. This is the stake they are playing for. They have proven what they can do in the past. They are displaying equal earnestness today.

While the New Orleans meet-

ing is in progress, another notable gathering is in progress in Memphis. It won't be surprising if the Southern cotton grower does not intend to be cheated longer. He proposes to have a fair price for the product of his labors on none at all.

No power is of sufficient magnitude to combat the determination of two million resolute men when they join in a movement which has to do with their own fortunes.

Cotton will go up. The action taken at these two meetings will pay a most important part in the determination of the price to be paid for this year's crop.—Charlotte News, November 12th.

## Timber Supply

"We are now cutting timber from the forests of the United States at the rate of 500 feet board measure a year for every man, woman, and child. In Europe they use only 60 board feet." Few statements could be made which would better convince the average man that this country leads the world in the demand for timber. This is made by Fredwell Cleveland, Jr., in a circular which treats of the conservation of the forests, soil water, and all the other great natural resources, which has just been published by the United States Forest Service. In speaking further of the consumption of timber in this country, Mr. Cleveland says: "At this rate, in less than thirty years all our remaining virgin timber will be cut. The forests which have been cut over are generally in a second growth. We are yearly over the verge of a timber famine, and this is not due to necessity for the forests are one of the renewable resources." It is from mere wastefulness or bad management.—Indiana Farmer.

## Results on The Farm.

In the chronicles of the future it is possible that the historian will date the year 1908 as one of the lean years, when there were hard times over the land and the king reigned in the fields for the waters which the heavens withheld. The stringency in the money market for the first six months and the slight rainfall for the latter half of the year will doubtless give the historian his due. Yet, it will be a long time before the year 1908 is forgotten as a year of plenty on the farm.

The crop reports issued by the bureau of statistics show that in farm products nature gave with a lavish hand, her kindness considerably exceeding that displayed by her during the ten previous years. Wheat and hay and oats were harvested in unusual abundance. Of fruits there has not been such a plentiful yield within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The wild products of the field and wood were, with the exception of the black walnut yield, more than double their usual quantity and of superior quality.

The figures for the largest grain crop of the United States fairly represent the figures for a majority of the country's products. The average yield of corn here the country over for 1908 is 26 1/2 bushels, as compared with 25 1/2 bushels for 1907, and is a gain upon the average for the past ten years of nearly a bushel per acre. It is interesting to note that the farmers of Ohio and Pennsylvania produced 38 1/2 and 39 1/2 bushels of corn to the acre, respectively, while Iowa and Illinois, the great corn States, averaged but slightly over 31 bushels to the acre. Both these States are regarded as having a richer soil than their Eastern neighbors, and yet they failed to make within seven bushels of as much corn. Kansas and Oklahoma, which boast of a soil as rich as the garden of Eden, produced but 22 and 24 1/2 bushels, respectively.

A careful consideration of the causes for the above comparison makes it plain that the quality of the soil has but little to do with the size of the crop raised, whereas skill in cultivation has nearly everything to do with it. The farmers of Ohio and Pennsylvania have a national reputation for hard, intelligent labor and scientific farming methods. The results show how well they earn their reputation and how well their methods pay. Alabama and Georgia produced but 14.7 and 12.5 bushels per acre each, and though this is slightly below their average, the records go to show that poor cultivation in the Southern States rather than poor soil is responsible for light crops.

When it is further observed that the quality of Ohio's corn yield for the current year is rated at 93 per cent, while that of Iowa is but 87, Arkansas but 82, and Missouri, the fourth in rank of the great corn States, but 80 per cent, there appears another good reason why the farmers of the United States should be constantly encouraged to study and apply scientific methods to their work.—Washington Post.

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