

Southern Agricultural Topics.

Modern Methods That Are Helpful to Farmer, Fruit Grower and Stockman.

Pecan Culture in the South.

There seems to be a growing interest in the cultivation of pecans for profit. Many inquiries are being made for the adaptability of Mississippi soil for the successful and profitable culture of pecans. In order that interested parties may have authentic and reliable information as to the best varieties, how they should be planted, cultivated, and cared for, here is a quotation from Professor George L. Clothier, forester and plant breeder, agricultural and mechanical college, Mississippi:

The fact that one should consider before a pecan orchard is planted that planting is a long-time investment, from which returns need not be expected for ten or fifteen years. That the pecan tree is not any more likely to reproduce a true variety from seed than the apple, is another fact that should not be ignored. Some people pay fabulous prices for seed of paper shell varieties to plant, hoping to grow seedlings possessing all the good qualities of the parent trees. These people are doomed to disappointment, for there is but one way to reproduce a variety, and that is by budding or grafting a scion of the valuable sort on a seedling stock. Paper shell pecans for seed are worth no more than the wild nuts collected in the woods.

Since cultivation of the pecan first began a number of varieties having desirable qualities, such as largeness of kernel, thinness of shell, plumpness of kernel, or flavor of meat, have been discovered and sold by nurserymen under various names. These are without exception wild seedlings, that possess such qualities, that they have been singled out for cultivation from among the millions of natural trees which grow in the woods.

Traveling agents have been known to sell bitternut hickory seedlings, pulled from the Southern swamps, for grafted pecans. This fraud is not likely to be discovered until the agent got his money and gone, since the buds of the pecan and the bitternut are very similar. Even if the tree peddler should furnish pecan trees of the best varieties, he must make a very large profit to earn his salary and traveling expenses, and the purchaser pays the bill every time.

Before planting a pecan orchard, the grower should give consideration and thought to the selection of the site. The wild trees are more thrifty and attain the largest dimensions on rich alluvial bottom lands. The vigor of the tree in the production of wood in such situations is likely to be tardiness in bearing. Upland sites are preferred to bottom land, if sites are the crop desired. A soil containing considerable lime is preferable and it should be only moderately fertile and well drained.

Many growers advise spacing the trees forty to fifty feet apart. The writer believes, however, that thirty feet is wide enough. When the tree begins to bear, there will be more trees to bear, consequently a larger crop. When their crowns begin to crowd, the poorest trees should be thinned out. Thinning must be commenced at the right time and continued until the full grown trees are at least sixty feet apart. While the young trees are growing to bearing size, the space between the rows should be devoted to field crops, such as cotton or corn, in order that an income may be obtained from the land. Cow peas should be sown among the corn, and both the corn stalks and pea vines should be turned under with the plow, in the fall. The frequent tillage of the soil necessary to grow the field crop will be of great advantage to the trees. During the period of the cultivation, grasses should not be permitted to gain a foothold in the orchard. Grass is one of the worst enemies with which a tree has to contend. Of course, live stock must be rigidly excluded from the orchard. Cattle and trees do not thrive together, and this rule not only holds good for the orchard and shade trees, but for the forest as well.

Farmers should take care of their wild pecan trees and have them top grafted with fine paper shell varieties. This is the quickest mode of getting a pecan orchard. The top grafted trees, if of bearing size when grafted, will begin to be productive in four or five years. The nuts of the grafted varieties will bring twenty-five to thirty cents per pound, instead of five or ten cents, the price usually obtained for the wild pecan.

Try the pecan raising at first in a small way until you learn the business, and then extend your orchard. —H. Houseman, Mississippi.

Preservation of Fence Posts.

Experimental tests made by the government with a number of inferior woods have shown that it is practicable to subject them to preservative treatment by which they will be rendered durable and as lasting as the soundest oak in many cases.

This is of the highest importance in connection with the use of fence posts, telegraph and telephone poles, crossties and constructive timbers of many kinds. It is of special importance to farmers in many parts of the country, for with them the fence post problem is serious.

Almost every farmer in the South and East knows that the supply of locust, white oak, cedar and other durable woods has become so restricted in the last few years, that their cost has become almost prohibitive. In the Middle West the supply of good post material always was limited, while in many places in the Far West it is becoming more and more expensive to build fences because good timber for posts is becoming very scarce. The fence post problem, therefore, appeals to the farmers of the whole country, and they will be benefited by any process by which a poor post may be made to give double or treble service.

The preservative treatment can be employed more successfully with certain kinds of wood than with others, but it fortunately so happens that the open-grained, quick-growing, quick-drying timbers are the easiest of all woods to treat. Among these are old field or loblolly pine of the South, lodgepole and western yellow pine, cottonwood, willow, buckeye, beech, sycamore and others in the West and Middle West.

Woods which decay most rapidly in their natural state, with few exceptions, are best adapted for preservative treatment. This is important because it renders cheap and abundant timbers available and makes use of what would otherwise be wasted.

The process of treating farm timber is simple, and the cost is low. The apparatus may be set up and operated by a farmer on his own premises, or two or more farmers or timber users may join and lessen the expense for each. The only apparatus required is an open iron tank, large enough to receive fence posts in an upright position. Shingles, stakes and other small timbers may be treated in the same tank.

The cost of the treatment, after the apparatus is ready, depends upon the size of the timbers and whether the entire posts or only the butts are treated, and the thoroughness of the treatment. When freight rates permit the shipping of the preservative at a moderate expense, the total cost of a treated post of old field pine, lodgepole pine, cottonwood or similar timber, ought not to exceed that of a high grade post in its natural state, and is often less.

The government considers the investigations in the preservative treatment of timber of such importance that the business of one branch of a bureau in the Department of Agriculture—the "Office of Wood Preservation" in the Forest Service is given over entirely to the work of experiment in co-operation with railroad companies, mining corporations and individuals in prolonging the life of railroad ties, mine props, bridge timbers, fence posts and transmission poles. Advice and practical assistance are furnished all who request it of the Forester. The lengthening of life of timber means the saving of thousands of dollars annually through doing away with the heavy expense of labor and cost of material for renewals.

Right Kind of Farming.

Mr. J. C. Hinton, one of the leading fruit and truck men of Texas, says:

"I have a 114-acre farm, two miles north of Tyler. Twenty-two acres are in the woods, ninety-two acres are in cultivation; twenty acres are planted in corn and twenty-three acres in cotton, leaving forty-nine acres on which are planted the following fruits, vegetables, berries, melons, etc.: Peaches, plums, pears, apples, figs, grapes, Japanese persimmons, pecans and chestnuts; celery, spinach, rhubarb, cauliflower, cabbage, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, beans, French peas, cucumbers, egg plant, turnips, lettuce, pepper, mustard, squash, tomatoes, beets, collards, kale, leeks, radishes, horseradish, sage, okra and pumpkins; strawberries, blackberries and gooseberries, watermelons and canteloupes; ribbon cane, peanuts and cornfield peas.

"I have matured on two acres in thirteen months, in the order given, the following crops: Turnips, cabbage, beans and celery. The crops, however, can be grown on the same land in rotation in any order in one year, or the same piece of land can be made to produce four crops in one year of either of these vegetables."

A Spanish bull fighter sometimes gets \$2000 for a single performance.

The Woman's Hope.

"Now, we must admit," began Woodby Wise, "that woman is naturally more hopeful than man."

"Yes," interrupted Murryat, "there's my wife, for instance; every time that she's bought fish since we've been married she has asked the dealer if they were fresh, hoping, I suppose, that some day he'll say 'No.'"

Afraid of the Bow-Wows.

"Say," growled the first hobo, "why didn't yer go up ter dat big house, like I told yer to, an' git a handout?"

"I started ter," replied his pal, "but a mialster-lookin' guy gimme a tip not ter. He sez: 'Turn fro yer present path, foolish men; y' goin' ter de dcgs.'"

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Borax has been known and used for generations as a purifier and preventive against epidemic influences originating from uncleanly conditions resulting from unsanitary sinks and drains, and when used as a hot solution in the proportion of two table-spoonfuls to a gallon of hot water flushed through the offending locations, removes every trace of disease germs and renders the pipes clean and wholesome.

Borax in addition to its hygienic qualities, is a household necessity, and can be used for numberless domestic purposes. It softens the water, makes linen dazzling white, will cleanse every article in the kitchen or dining room and make it bright, will prevent moths, soften and whiten the skin, remove dandruff and cleanse the scalp, and for cleansing and sterilizing baby's milk bottle and nipple has no equal.

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FARM NOTES.

The overgrown horse is seldom a durable one.

Eggs intended for hatching should not be kept over four weeks. They must be turned every day or two. It will require seven pound of skim milk to equal one pound of lean beef for fresh-forming qualities.

One dollar per head is the average cost of keeping a fowl a year, and the same amount is a fair estimate of the profits.

Hens will enjoy a change of diet and will do better in consequence.

To keep on kicking and grumbling is easy enough. There will always be something not quite right. But what's the use of spilling what is good by spreading the bad over it.

The hen, that lays three eggs a week will pay double the profit of one that produces but two eggs.

A dairy cow is a machine that turns feed into milk and cream.

Give your birds plenty of green food in almost any form. They like it and will tell you so by the egg basket and flavor of eggs, also.

Most of us are very particular about the source of our well and spring water for our own drinking. How about that consumed by the live stock?

The community without a rural telephone service is decidedly behind the times. No investment pays better.

Grain the ewes twice a day; give hay in the morning, shredded fodder at noon, and feed-rack at night.

FOUND A WAY

To Be Clear of the Coffee Troubles.

"Husband and myself both had the coffee habit and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condition that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and I hardly think there was an organ in his body that was not affected.

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee, and after some discussion he decided to give it up.

"It was a struggle, because of the powerful habit. One day we heard about Postum and concluded to try it, and then it was easy to leave off coffee.

"His fearful headaches grew less frequent, his complexion began to clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as a result of leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. Then I began to drink it, too.

"Although I was never as bad off as my husband, I was always very nervous and never at any time very strong, only weighing 95 lbs. before I began to use Postum. Now I weigh 115 lbs. and can do as much work as any one my size, I think.

"Many do not use Postum because they have not taken the trouble to make it right. I have successfully fooled a great many persons who have drunk it at my table. They would remark, 'You must buy a high grade of coffee.' One young man who clerked in a grocery store was very enthusiastic about my 'coffee.' When I told him what it was he said, 'Why, I've sold Postum for four years but I had no idea it was like this. Think I'll drink Postum hereafter.'"

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"Why?"
"Keeps coming to see you with Christmas looming up."
"Yes, but he's getting very quarrelsome."

Beware of Ointments For Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

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If you are going to succeed, you must economize. Economy does not mean miserliness, nor does it mean an unwise desire to save. False economy is worse than none at all. A great many merchants have failed simply because they have refused to spend a dollar where good business management demanded that it be spent.

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