

THE MASON COTTON GIN.

A NEW TRIUMPH FOR THE INVENTOR OF THE COTTON PICKER.

Whitney Outdone at Last—A Cylinder Gin which Promises to Supplant the Costly and Dangerous Saw-Gin—Advantages of the New Process.

[From the News and Courier.] The town of Sumter in this State is likely to become famous for having given to the world an inventor whose genius, perseverance and versatility make him the peer of Edison, and whose inventions bid fair to be even more beneficial and far-reaching in their results than those of the electrical wizard of the North.

Just as he is on the point of putting this marvelous piece of mechanism to work in the cotton fields, Mr. Mason has stumbled, as it were, upon another invention, second only in value to the Cotton Harvester. This a machine for GINNING COTTON BY AN IMPROVED NEW AND REVISED PROCESS.

Unlike the Cotton Harvesting Machine, however, Mr. Mason's new Cotton Gin is not a special machine for ginning cotton, but a modification of the saw gin, and has not been the fruit of protracted toil and experiment. It is a singular fact that although the Cotton Gin was patented by Whitney nearly a century ago, and since that time nearly one hundred and fifty patents in this country have been granted, there is not among the records of the Patent Office a single improvement which does not involve the use of the saws and ribs originally used by Whitney one hundred years ago.

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CAROLINA'S EXHIBIT.

THE EXPOSITION WORK PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

The Palmetto State to be Thoroughly Represented—Other Notes of Interest.

[Special to the Augusta Chronicle.] COLUMBIA, S. C., July 2.—Mr. Henry Austin, in charge of the News Bureau of the World's Exposition, requested Col. Butler (the United States Commissioner and the State Commissioner of Agriculture) to forward a report of the progress of the Exposition work in South Carolina, which has been done, and as it is a matter of much interest at this time I send you extracts from the report.

Mr. Author R. Guerdar, of Charleston, has charge of the mineral exhibit. He has completed his arrangements for a handsome display of phosphate specimens, and has gone to the several counties to look after minerals, ores and building stones. This exhibit will be the most complete collection of South Carolina minerals ever made.

Col. R. M. Sims, President of the Horticultural Society of South Carolina, has been appointed to look after the fruit and vegetable exhibit, and has already begun the work. He has called a meeting of the society at July 25, and has assurances that the exhibit will be a credit to the State.

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