

The St. Tammany Farmer.

"The Blessings of Government, Like the Dew from Heaven, Should Descend Alike Upon the Rich and the Poor."

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The Cultural Method.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, special commissioner of the Department of Agriculture in charge of the experiments against the boll weevil, has declared emphatically that so far as the government is concerned, the boll weevil problem has been solved, and that good crops of cotton can be made by what is termed the cultural method which he summarizes as follows:

POINTS FOR FARMERS
The fourteen points I have repeatedly mentioned are these, in order of their application:
First. Burn every stalk in the fall while still green. This exterminates the hibernating weevils.
Second. Plow deeper. This helps force the cotton.
Third. Harrow your ground all winter. This keeps up the work.
Fourth. Plant early.
Fifth. Use early maturing seed.
Sixth. Use fertilizers.
Seventh. Plant the cotton in wide rows, a little wider than the cotton grows high, and with the stalks wide apart, this lets the sun in and the sun kills the weevil.
Eighth. Use a tooth harrow as soon as the cotton appears. This breaks the earth crust and helps the cotton grow.
Ninth. Keep cultivating the cotton and agitate squares to knock off the weevils.
Tenth. Pick up all the fallen squares and burn them. This is extremely important.
Eleventh. Control too rapid growth of the plant by barring off or plowing off the ridges away from the growing rows, leaving ridges between the rows.
Twelfth. Select your seeds for future crops from the earliest and largest bolls. Don't get any weevils in your seed.
Thirteenth. Rotate crops; plant cotton one year, cow peas and corn the next. Never let cotton succeed cotton in the same land.
Fourteenth. Plant legumes freely between the cotton rows. It improves the mechanical conditions of the soil.
"These fourteen points are based on three theories: first the multiplication of weevils can be kept back until the first and middle crops are out of danger; second, that the cotton plant can be so selected and planted as to throw nearly all its strength into these first and middle crops, and, third, that the crops can be so hastened and forced that most of the bolls will have developed to the safety point before the weevils get too numerous. That is, after a certain time in July, not a single boll can be gathered, being killed by the presence of the insect. Jackson, Mississippi, is to have a button factory in the very near future, all the capital stock for the plant having been subscribed. The raw material is found in abundance on Pearl river, as the common mussel shells are to be used in the manufacture of these buttons. It is expected that the organization will be completed within the next few weeks. The plant will probably be located on Pearl river, so as to be close to the supply. This will be the second factory of its kind in the State, the other having been started in Columbus, about a year ago. Those who are interested say that they investigated the question thoroughly and that they are convinced that such a factory will prove very profitable. Oayska Record.

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Charges of corruption in awarding certain premiums at the World's Fair have been made.

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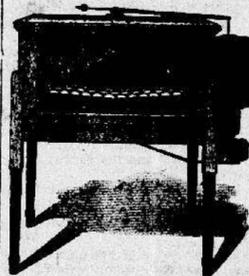
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