

Cotton Picking.

The characteristic farm work of this, the first fall month, is cotton harvesting. The fruition of the cotton planter's hope of a successful, practical machine for gathering cotton is yet in abeyance, and the work must still be done by nimble human fingers.

Much has been said and written of late years about the importance of gathering cotton free from trash, to use the farmer's vernacular; and some of the writers, although right in the main, are evidently but little familiar with the requirements and conditions that must be practically met on a cotton plantation during the harvesting of the crop.

While it is desirable to house the cotton as free from leaf and hull as may be, it is of first importance that the crop be "gone over" as often as the quantity open at one time is sufficient to enable hands to do a fair day's work.

The same idea applies to picking the cotton clean from the hulls. Hands should be taught to make one well-directed grab at an open boll, and then grab the next.

It was one of the excellencies of David Dickson's farm management that he studied the manual operations of the farm in detail and taught his laborers how to do every thing to the best possible advantage.

After the cotton is picked, if wet from heavy dew or rain it will pay to exercise some care in drying it, by spreading on scaffolds or distributing it over a large surface in the cotton-house, especially that from the bottom of the basket when heavy dews are prevailing.

Keeping Sweet Potatoes. Potatoes have no particular stage of growth at which they are "ripe," but will keep at any stage if dug when in the proper condition—that is, when the ground is dry and the tubers are not in a growing condition.

care, bruising as little as possible. Let them sun until late in the afternoon; then haul to the place where to be banked. This place should be on high ground, and light, well-drained soil if convenient.

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Fall Webworm.

This insect is well known and needs but brief description. They hibernate in the pupae stage, and the imago, a small white moth, comes forth in May or June according to latitude. Their eggs are deposited on the under side of a leaf in a cluster, usually near the tip of a branch.

It is considered by many entomologists and orchardists that cutting off the branches and completely destroying the larvae in each colony by fire or some effectual means is the best way to deal with them.

HERE AND THERE.

English dairymen are now almost unanimous in the opinion that ground oats is the best milk-producing grain ration known.

Chickens change their feathers several times, but April hatched birds are not likely to have an adult moult at all the first year.

The Southern Planter, of Richmond, Va., does not think that honey bees injure grapes. The Florida Farmer is convinced that a yellow wasp, known in some sections as the yellow-jacket, is the pest that does such injury to grapes by puncturing and otherwise defacing them.

When a hen lays shellless eggs from inflammation of the oviduct, it would be best to stop her laying until well recovered. To do this give her three times a day, until she stops laying, a pill made up of one-twelfth grain calomel.

The tobacco crop is in high condition in the seed leaf stage, averaging nearly one hundred, except in Wisconsin. The shipping and cutting districts of the West make an unprecedented report of low condition; Tennessee, 70; Kentucky, 59; Ohio, 55; Indiana, 56; Illinois, 53; Missouri, 60.

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