

FARMER AND PLANTER.

IS COTTON STILL KING?

A Question that, in View of Low Prices, Farmers are Asking Themselves.

The low price of cotton and the general dullness of the market has raised the suspicion in the minds of the average cotton planter as to whether he really possessed the monopoly so long accorded him, or had it gradually and unnoticed slipped from his grasp, and had other countries and people taken up its cultivation and supplied markets which were once all his own. Cotton is, or can be, cultivated to the fortieth parallel of latitude on either side of the equator around the globe. That the American possesses, or ever did possess, a monopoly of its production was due to causes not incident to soil, climate or location. Other nations, and many nations, can produce it quite as well, and have, for a generation, made efforts to do so. Our civil war gave an impetus to its production everywhere that it could be grown. The English, who felt more keenly than any other nation the loss of the American crop, incited and assisted their colonists in every quarter of the globe to enter on its cultivation, for they were determined, if possible, to be no longer dependent on the American crop. In 1863 a pound of cotton would buy five pounds of coffee in London. The vast coffee plantations of Borneo and Ceylon, and to some extent those of Sumatra and Java, were sacrificed to make room for cotton. The French urged its production on their colonists in Tonquin, and the English sent seed everywhere that it was thought it was possible to produce it. In doing this they made a curious mistake that, no doubt, had much to do to prevent its becoming a permanent and successful industry in many places well suited to its production. Having control of the Egyptian crop, which is the finest cotton in the world, they sent the Egyptian seed to every nook and corner of the world where it was possible for cotton to grow. But the Egyptian cotton is a Sea Island cotton, and has been grown on low river bottoms with abundant irrigation in a contracted section of the country. By the same people and processes and under the same climatic influences and changes, for a period of more than three thousand years, it has never been acclimated elsewhere; and placing it in the hands of ignorant people who had never seen cotton grown, it was hardly possible that they would succeed in its cultivation. No great agricultural enterprise was probably ever frustrated by so curious a mistake.

It is, however, the opinion of well-informed men, that had the war continued three years longer, its cultivation would have got a foothold in so many different places and among so many different people that it would have been difficult for the American planter to ever again produce or control the crop. But the war came to an end, and

Johnnie came marching home again, but when he looked out upon his deserted fields, overgrown with weeds and briars, his labor demoralized and his plantation a wreck, there seemed to rise up before him the misty vision of a mongrel procession of Hottentots and Hindus, of Boers and Chinese, of Soudanese and Fellahs, of New Zealanders and Tonguinese, of Gascars, Zanzabars and Arab, each with a cotton stalk in his hand and bearing aloft a banner inscribed, "It's Our Crop;" and as it disappeared he quietly pulled off his ragged gray coat, and jumped in the air and cracked his heels together and gave a shout that was heard around the world as he cried: "We'll see about that."

And then John and Polly, Dave and Betsey, little Pete and old man Tommy, seized their hoes and marched to the fields; and they plowed and they hoed, they planted and cultivated. Ragged they were, and barefoot, and, no doubt, often hungry, with hearts made heavy at the thought of new-made graves; but they steadily labored through summer's heat and autumn's frost till the crop was gathered, when a magnificent price awaited him. And this so delighted and encouraged him that the next year he doubled the crop; and his zeal to get back his own has never deserted him; no argument that he was producing more than the world required, or that the price would be less than the cost of production has for a moment deterred him. The vision of the heathen trying to steal away his birthright, at times rises up before him; and with a zeal worthy of any cause, and an energy that is never discouraged or defeated, he plows and plants, and cultivates and gathers, determined to round out the century with ten million bales, without regard to prices or demand.

When we produced six million bales the world gave us ten cents for it; when we increased the crop to seven million, they dropped the price to nine cents, and it took no more money to buy it. Now we have produced eight million bales, the same sum, at eight cents, will pay for it. And in '95, when we pass the nine million mark, the same money at seven cents, will pay for it. And when, in the centennial procession, we raise aloft our banner with "Ten Million Bales" inscribed upon it, the world will say to us: "We will give you the same amount for it that we gave you twenty years ago for six million bales."

Well, what of all this? Has it taught us anything? No—and it will not. We are not seeking to be taught. Cotton is still king. The crop of the world is produced on American soil. Free, intelligent, well-paid labor produces more and better cotton than slave labor ever could; we know how to raise it, it is the experience of an hundred years; the world must move up to us; new markets, new uses must be found, and are being found every day. Think of the naked millions Stanley found in Africa; already they are crying out for a breech cloth of the gaudiest red, and in five years' time each one of them will want a mother Hubbard. My wife uses three times as much cotton as my mother did, and my children will use

three times as much as their mother, at least, I hope they will. As the world grows and prospers and expands, the use of cotton goods will everywhere increase. If gold is the representative of silks and satins, then cotton is the silver of all people. Let us unite and demand its free coinage everywhere.—G. P. Green, in Southern Farm.

Horse Talk.

What Texas and the south needs in the horse line is, not more horses, but better ones. It takes many kinds of people to make a world, and it takes many kinds of horses to supply these many kinds of people. The farmer wants for his own use horses of good size, large bone and lively movements, suitable for the saddle, the plow, the road-cart or the wagon—a sort of all-purpose beast. Of course, such a saddle horse will not be the very best for the purpose, such a buggy horse will not be famous as a roadster, and such a draft horse will not be a heavy Percheron. Farmers who can afford to have them, of course, may revel in the luxury of a special breed bred for each of these purposes. The ordinary farmer, however, will often find it convenient to unhitch his plow team, burnish them up with comb and brush and wisp of straw, saddle, mount and tie him away to town; or transfer his horse from the plow beam to the buggy shafts and himself from his solitary position between the handles of the plow to a seat beside his wife on the plush cushion of his buggy. The cities need roadsters and heavy draft horses, and for good ones will pay good prices. The sporting fraternity want fliers, and will have them at any price, and the breeders want animals whose perfections are ornamented with a pedigree as long as that of a petty prince. In short, the farmers want the best farm horses; the city transportation companies want the best draft horses; the fast young man wants the fastest trotter; the retired banker wants the spankiest pair of matches; the sport wants a record beater, and those that can produce such animals are sure of their reward.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

Cow Pease.

Cow pease are a noted renovator of the soil and answers a better purpose to the southern agriculturist than red clover at the north. The roots, reaching into the subsoil, brings its mineral constituents to the surface, shades out all noxious weeds and grasses, promotes the formation of nitrogen and prevents the evaporation of ammonia. Plowed or spaded in they lighten, warm and enrich the most obstinate soils, placing them in the best condition for the growth of all crops.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

HERE AND THERE.

—It very rarely, if ever, pays to stir the ground when it is very wet. In unusually rainy weather it is better to use the hoe and scythe than the cultivator.

—The boy on the farm will not go to the cities if he is given an interest in the work. No boy cares to work for nothing. He is not required to work in the cities without pay.

—Over production of inferior products causes some men to fail as farmers. If everybody determined to try to produce first-class live stock and crops, everybody would be benefited.

—Two or three poles, fifteen to twenty feet long, set up as many conspicuous points in the corn-field, and a barrel inverted on top of each is said to be an infallible protection against even the best educated crow.

—Farmers, who are intelligent, read much and think a good deal, and take hold of the farm as if they meant business, are prosperous. Just look around among your acquaintances and see if this is not a fact.—Southern Farm.

—Any person living near a city market can make quite a lot of money in a year selling "absolutely fresh" eggs and nice fat fowls ready for the pot, to select customers who want good things and are willing to pay for them. Study the art of marketing.

—A neatly-clipped lawn is a thing to be desired, but it does not help matters any to clip it close down to the ground. Set the mower to cut as high as it will, and your lawn will look just as well, and there will be less danger of killing out the grass roots during a period of drought.—Home and Farm.

—Good tools and a plentiful supply of them are essential on the farm. Choice work can not be done with old, half-rusted tools. Keep the tools under cover out of season, and give the wood-work a coat of paint every year. Scour and oil all polished iron work, such as plows, cultivators and hoes.—Home and Farm.

—Never overload a colt or require him to do anything likely to discourage him. As long as he accomplishes easily whatever he undertakes he is ready to undertake anything, and while you are at it you might as well apply the same principle to the boys. It will work—the principle will—and so will the boy.—Southern Farm.

—Alfalfa is undoubtedly one of the most valuable of all forage plants, but many have given it up in disgust because of the difficulty in getting it started. If you have tried it and failed, we would suggest that you try it again upon a new plan. Put out only a little and sow it in rows, and keep clean by hoeing until it has made a good start. After that it will take care of itself.—Home and Farm.

—The man who can make 120 bushels of corn grown on a piece of land that formerly raised but 40; the man who produces a cow that yields ten pounds of butter where her predecessor produced but five; the man who raised a hog that weighed 400 pounds on the same feed that formerly produced 200 pounds of pork; the man who raises a 2,000 pound steer on the feed that formerly raised a scrub; the man who breeds a horse that trots a mile in 2:30, where the plug goes three miles an hour, is a human benefactor. He makes the road easy for others to follow and puts millions upon the road to comfort and wealth.—American Breeder.

THIS GRAND REPUBLIC.

In twenty years there has been no counterfeiting of Uncle Sam's postage stamps.

There is a difference of only twenty-two square miles between the areas of England and Iowa.

The finest garnets and nearly all the peridots found in the United States are collected from ant hills and scorpion nests in New Mexico and Arizona.

MONTANA is larger than the empire of Turkey. Texas is larger than the whole Austrian empire by 30,000 square miles, and New Mexico is larger than Great Britain and Ireland together.

It is estimated that at least \$50,000,000 of the government's paper money supposed to be in circulation has been lost or destroyed. By the sinking of one vessel off the Atlantic coast some years ago \$1,000,000 in greenbacks was lost.

UNITED STATES cents exhibited in connection with a meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological society show that the earlier productions of these coins are much superior in their designs to others more recently issued. The most prized coins on account of their rarity are the issues of 1799, 1793 and 1814.

PEOPLE ONE SELDOM MEETS.

AN 11-year-old Kansas boy was granted a teacher's certificate last week.

A PHILADELPHIA baker treats the conductor and passengers of a car that passes his shop at two o'clock every morning to a hot loaf of bread.

THERE is a family in Lithonia, Ga., which consists of husband, wife and four children—no twins—and the total weight of the family is less than three hundred pounds. The wife and mother weighs seventy-five pounds.

The model husband was seen on a Detroit street car recently. He had a letter written by his wife stuck in his hat band so as to have a sure thing on mailing it. There was not a lady in the car who did not catch on and smile approvingly.

The meanest man in the world lives in Atchison. He refused to say good morning to the people he met on the streets to-day, giving as an excuse that he was tired of saying good morning to the same people every day of his life.—Atchison Globe.

BOOKS AND BOOK WRITERS.

GEORGE KENNAN'S "Siberia" will shortly be published in London.

PIERRE LOTI, the new member of the French academy, has written most of his books on board ship during the long hours of the night.

The new edition of Ruskin's "Modern Painters," it is said, will bring the author a profit of fully thirty thousand dollars. And yet to publish one's own books is declared to be a foolish plan.

THOMAS A. EDISON is writing his first novel. A telegraph, Atlantic cable, telephone, phonograph, and telephone and cinematograph will figure among the accessories, and the derangement occurs in a thunder shower.

VICTOR HUGO still sells largely. During the past five years the proceeds from his various works have amounted to 1,483,373 francs, excluding the sale of the Guillaume edition of "Notre Dame" and the "Oeuvres inédites."

ABOUT OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

The greatest day's run of any ocean steamship was 515 miles.

The Savannah was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic; time, 35 days.

The longest steamship now in service in the world is the Teutonic, 565.98 feet long.

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An overdrawn account—The sensational reporter's tale.—Puck.

ARE satisfied with only one leg to stand on—Birds asleep.

THE creeping baby is the fore-runner of man.—Buffalo Times.

FIRST people in the ship—Steerage passengers.

SWORN off—The tight boot.—Commercial Bulletin.

THE man who avoids mistakes by never trying to do anything, makes a big mistake.—Puck.

A SINGULAR failure—Winking at your girl in the dark.—N. Y. Herald.

A "GLOVE" fight—Trying to put a 6% on a 7% hand.—Commercial Bulletin.

OR Interest to Cyclers.—The longest coast in the east, the Atlantic.

A PHOTOGRAPH would seem to be self-evident, yet we always want to see a proof of it.

IT is not hard for a man worth a million dollars to be a philosopher. It is not necessary either.—N. Y. Recorder.

TO be looked in a cedar chest is not what the moth camphor.—N. O. Picayune.

A KILLING Costume.—Madge—"She wore a gown of shot silk." Harry—"In other words, she was dressed to kill."—Brooklyn Eagle.

A VERIFIER may make poetic license cover spelling and pronunciation, but only the gas man can fool with the meter.—Washington Post.

Toronto and Return.

We call the public's attention, especially school superintendents and teachers, to the fact that on account of the National Educational Association meeting to be held at Toronto, July 14th to 17th, the Jacksonville Southern Line and the Santa Fe route will sell round trip tickets from St. Louis and all points on its line at ONE FARE, plus \$2 membership fee. Tickets will be sold July 8th to 13th, and the limit will be arranged so that those who wish can make a visit or take side trips to points in Canada and the East at reduced rates. Our route is via Chicago and any direct line from Chicago. Don't fail to call on or write to a railroad agent for particulars of the "Red Express" route.

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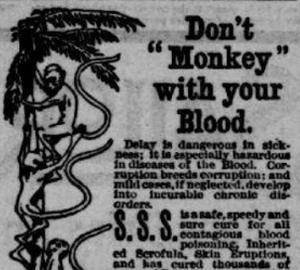
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