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Farm Hints.

To no class does the future hold
out more alluring promises than
to the farmer of North Louisiana.
Heretofore the present, though in
the midst of vast fields of cotton
fully ripe unto the harvest, and
with favorable weather indications
for gathering the staple, always
bore a gloomy outlook toward the
future on account of the low price
of the product. In fact, there was
neither a satisfactory local market
for cotton, or any other field pro-
duce. This dearth was due to the
lack of factories which would cre-
ate a demand for it. But a change
has been wrought within the past
month in the city of Shreveport.
This is in the form of a vast corn-
meal mill, which will consume all
the corn that can be raised within
the boundaries described, and per-
haps more. It will likewise fur-
nish remunerative prices for the
produce. There is no longer any
excuse for the dread apprehension
that a large crop of corn will find
no sale. The Shreveport Mill and
Elevator company will stand as a
towering champion of the pro-
ducer and encourage him to be
not dismayed, but to plant corn
for this home market, and to re-
ceive therefor a substantial com-
petence for his industry.

We would advise our planters
to enter into negotiations with the
managers of this corporation and
perfect arrangements for a sale of
so many bushels of corn at a fixed
price, and thus make sales cer-
tain.

Fruit Prospects.

To the Progress:
As requested, I will give you a
few facts about the fruit prospects,
etc. On and about the 16th and
17th inst. we had the worst weather
for the season ever seen in this
section by the oldest of our citi-
zens. Sleet and snow fell to the
depth of 3 or 4 inches and lay on
the ground for a week in places;
the thermometer was down to 22
degrees here in my hall. About
two-thirds of the peach trees were
in bloom, and of course the fruit
on those trees were killed. My
peaches had not bloomed, but
were at least half killed in the
bud. Hughes' I X L October is
now in bloom, and will have two-
thirds of a crop, and quite a num-
ber of other varieties will have a
light crop. We hope to profit by
this disaster. We are striving to
originate and collect a succession
of late blooming varieties, or
"iron clad." We trust that all
experimenters will look to this
matter, and go to work along this
line. Some varieties of peaches
are much more hardy than others,
and the man or set of men that
succeed in introducing a succes-
sion of late blooming, hardy vari-
eties, will be benefactors to our
race. Most peaches are a failure
this season; also quinces. We
will have some plums, such as
Wild Goose, and a few others.
Apples will likely bear a full
crop, and will be a success when-
ever our people learn to use the
brains that God has given them
in a proper way. Fungus dis-
eases and insects must be fought
by using fungicides and poisons,
with good spray pumps, at the
proper time. My dear sirs, would
a lawyer or a doctor expect to suc-
ceed unless he studied his profes-
sion? Certainly not. Then how
people expect to make good fruit
and good crops without reading
after men of experience, and
working intelligently, I can't see.
How many people in our country
take even one paper devoted to
the fruit industry? They buy the
trees, give them to a freedman or
some other person, perhaps no
more interested than Cuffy, and
they go and dig a square hole in
unbroken and perhaps worn-out
land, and often in an old orchard,
and cram the roots in with the
boot or shoe heel, then throw a
little dirt in, and, wonderful to
say, expect to reap luscious fruit
from such trees. Well, they cer-
tainly won't get it; no more than
they will get a good crop of cotton

or corn with such treatment. No
use to curse the nurseryman about
your own faults. —Bossard.
Plain Dealing, April 5, 1892.

Value of Hens.

One half the care and labor re-
quired to earn fifty dollars tilling
some crop, will produce that
amount for the farmer if bestow-
ed upon his flock of fowls. If
you propose to him to persistent-
ly neglect his best cow from one
end of the year to the other he
will set you down as a candidate
for a lunatic asylum; yet a com-
mon-sized flock of fowls, such as are
kept at most farmsteads, will yield
as much value yearly, if properly
treated, as a first rate cow.—Ameri-
can Poultry Yard.

E. S. Longarden reports in the
Farm Field and Stockman that by
planting corn and potatoes to-
gether in the same field—two rows
of each alternately—a full crop of
corn can be grown and half a crop
of potatoes.—Tennessee Farmer.

Honey Grove Citizen: The farm-
ers of North Texas are thorough-
ly aroused on the subject of
raising their provisions at home,
and the country will speedily un-
dergo a revolution in that line.
The theory therefore has been
that more profit could be realized
by the farmer devoting his entire
attention to cotton and buying ev-
erything he consumes. It is need-
less to say this theory has explod-
ed during the past few years. We
predict that in a few years the farm-
ers will not only not buy their
meat, flour, molasses, etc., from the
grocers, but will supply the gro-
cers for the town trade.

The spirit is growing and becom-
ing more general almost daily.
The farmers of North Louisiana
are as thoroughly aroused on this
subject as are their brethren of
North Louisiana, and the interest
is, a feeling of greater security
among all classes regarding the
business prospects for the coming
season. Hope now sits on more
lofty principals and promise
waves a beckoning hand to the
country at large.

The following, by E. S. Bouldin,
is taken from the Weimar (Tex.)
Mercury:

To Kill Johnson Grass.
I had an acre of Johnson grass
on rich hog wallow land. After
the first year I commenced to pas-
ture to kill it out; kept this up for
two years, and last June I plowed
the land deep with turning plows.
In two or three weeks I went as
deep as I could with double shovel;
in about the same time I plowed
again in the same way, bringing
to the surface all the roots, which
die in two hours if exposed to the
hot sun. This summer I planted
oats, and not a grass root can be
found. One summer's treatment
of this kind will kill it.

Communicated.

To THE PROGRESS:
I suppose I will be intruding on
one of your sacred rights, but as
we all are anxious to put the Dem-
ocratic party on the road to har-
mony, I am willing to risk the
chances of your displeasure. Mr.
Editor, you, as well as myself, and
all good Democrats, are anxious
about the welfare of the party,
and I must say here that there are
a few who are not, and have never
cared for the party as long as
their sufficed ends were satisfied,
and they, so to speak, were on top.
And I must say, our section of the
country abounds in such people.
Now to the welfare of the party,
I would suggest we go into no
compromise between the two
wings, but substitute the recom-
mendation of one of the purest
Democrats in the State, and com-
promise on this basis, viz: All
old candidates to be laid aside and
we put a young man instead. I
for one, and I am not 30 yet, say
the young men of the State will
have to wrest her from the hands
of the chronic office-seeker and po-
litical trickster and put her on the
same basis with our other sister
States. That is to say, we will not
be hardened with an overdose of
politics. Now come together, ye
young men of the State, and put
your shoulder to the wheel, and
put our grand old party on top, so
she will command the respect of
all good Democrats.

The Household.

"I'M GLAD HE KNOWS"

I am glad that He knows, that He
sees it all through,
What I meant to have done, and the
thing I did do,
And o'er my mistakes His sweet
charity throws,
I am glad that He knows,
I am glad that He knows all my
way-ward trust,
I am glad He remembers that I am
but dust,
What force of temptation I have to
oppose,
I am glad that He knows,
—Christian Herald.

Why are not more of us conse-
crated Christians, when the great
Book of Life is so replete with
promises of future happiness, and
the joys of this world so fleeting
and insignificant. My dear friends,
are you laying up for yourselves
treasures in heaven, where neither
moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor
thieves break through and steal,
or are you an earnest supplicant
at the shrine of this world's ephemer-
al joys.

Fortunes have been known to
vanish in a day, and man's opin-
ion and estimation of another is as
variable as the wind.

Instead of this vain chasing after
worldly gains, let us have an im-
plicit faith in the divine Master.
Glad that He knows what we
meant to have done, and the thing
we did do, and o'er our mistakes
His sweet charity throws.

The princess of Monaco, who
has at last prevailed upon her hus-
band to close the gambling estab-
lishments in his principality so
soon as the leases expire, is said to
have concluded to convert the
beautiful casino at Monte Carlo
into a hospital for consumptives.—
Exchange.

Here is an instance of the influ-
ence which a pure, lovely Chris-
tian woman will exert on her im-
mediate family, as well as on the
world at large. Women are the
standard-bearers of morality, and
around them will rally all high-
souled, honorable men, who are
proud to acknowledge the pre-
cepts of their matchless motto,
Purity, Fidelity, Honor.

Monte Carlo is noted the world
over for its gambling establish-
ments. These are fitted up most
royally to disguise sin and render
vice more captivating to the un-
wary. Women have been known
to try their luck at the gambling
table. But a good Christian wo-
man comes forward now as a min-
istering angel to her sex, and
transforms this waste of sin and
depravity into a source of good
for human-kind. God bless and
help her, and all those who try to
suppress sin in this wicked world.

The Russian Famine.

The Christian Herald has pic-
tured scenes of such deplorable
misery among the Russian peas-
ants during this great famine,
that I thought I would represent
one of them to my readers, and en-
list their sympathies and aid. I
imagine a little hovel with the in-
mates all crouching on the floor,
the furniture having been broken
up for fire-wood, and portions of
the thatched roof removed to feed
the starving cattle.

A little babe is clinging to the
breast of a poor, emaciated mother,
who has not tasted bread for days,
while other little children, almost
skeletons, are holding to her gown
begging for bread. None but a
mother can imagine the anguish
of this poor woman's heart, as she
hears the beseeching cries of her
little ones. The husband and fa-
ther of this group lies in a corner
in squalid misery, dying. Being
the stronger, he refused all food
and let the others have it, until
now he will soon be beyond the
reach of human aid.

When we assemble at our family
board with a warm, substantial
meal before us, and our little ones
around us, happy and comfortable,
let us think for a moment of all
this destitution and misery, and I
am sure there are few who will
not respond to alleviate it.

Our country has already re-
sponded; the steamship Missouri
left the port of New York on the
15th of March, loaded with five
million six hundred thousand
pounds of flour, but there are still
millions to be fed.

All contributions left with the
editor of this paper will be for-
warded to the office of the Chris-
tian Herald. That paper is re-
ceiving contributions from all over
the country to be forwarded to the
American legation in Russia, to be
expended for the purchase of sup-
plies. Let us each contribute our
mite. Russia is far away, it is
true, but so are we far away from
God, yet he never forgets us.

Bits of Advice.

Children should be taught good
table manners from the very be-
ginning of their coming to the
table. The bad manners of an un-
trained child will make any meal
a misery to every one who is pres-
ent. There is no reason why a
child should be ill-mannered any-
where, but the neglect, chiefly of
its mother, to instill into it some
ideas of good behavior. A child
can acquire good manners with
the same ease that he can ill man-
ners, but he will have to be taught
them.

Teach your boys and girls to re-
spect the rights of others. If you
live in a hired house, do not let
your children deface any portion
of it, any more than you would if
it were your own. Teach them
not to deface your own furniture
also. Many boys have a careless
habit of marking everything with
their led pencils or slate pencils
and jack knives; boys may and
should be taught to do many use-
ful things with their jack-knives,
instead of being simply destruc-
tive with them, for instance, the
rudiments of carving.—The Ladies'
World.

UNCLE JAKE'S DUMB CRITTERS.

I don't know much of languages, such
as the scholars tell,
But the language of dumb critters I
understand quite well,
And I think, sir—yes, I think, sir, that
their voices reach the sky,
And that their Maker understands the
pleading of their eye,
And I shouldn't be surprised, sir, if on
the judgment day
Some cruel, heartless human folks
should be as dumb as they.

My house is not as elegant as many
are, I know,
But my cattle are all sheltered from
the wintry winds and snow,
And they're not kept on rations that
leave nothing but the frame,
Or in the spring returning to the
"dust from whence they came."
Ah! God hath wisely ordered, sir, that
in a money way,
Starving, abusing critters are the
things that will not pay.

If any of my flock are sick, or hurt in
any way,
I see that they are cared for, sir, by
night as well as day,
My letters on their wool, sir—tis all
the brand I know;

My lambs, they are not toothed, for
God didn't make them so,
Some say sheep don't need water, but
I tell you it's a lie!
They're almost frantic for it, sir, the
same as you or I.

My horses—you have seen them, sir,
they are just what they seem;
And, if I do say it myself, they are a
splendid team.

They wear no foolish blinders, and
from bite—up reins they're free;
And they never had a hurt, sir, that
has been caused by me.

The way they do my bidding now, 'tis
really a surprise!
They know my very step, sir, and
thank me with their eyes.

My pig-ten, over yonder, I'd like, sir,
to be shown;
My hogs—they never are the "breed"
that is but skin and bone;

I know, sir, that to fatten them, they
need both food and drink,
And shelter, and a bed, sir, will help
it on, I think.

I have a yard on purpose, they can
root whenever they choose—
It seems to me like cruelty, so rings I
never use.

There's one thing more I want to show,
'tis Hannah's hen-house, here—
Our poultry always pays us well, and
just now eggs are dear—

'Tis warm, and clean, and bright, you
see, with gravel on the ground;
There's food and water standing here
all day the whole year round.

But maybe I have tired you, sir—for-
give an old man's pride—
But somehow I love dumb critters,
and I want their wants supplied.
—Exchange.

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