



JOE The Book Farmer by Garrard Harris

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CHAPTER I. Joe, the Book Farmer.

Joe, 'tain't no use. A poor man ain't got no chance in this danged country. If I had enough money to move on I'd go to Oklahoma...

Tom Weston thus delivered himself after taking his year's crop of cotton to town. When he finished 'settling up' for the twelve months' advances of provisions, clothing, fertilizer and feed for his two scrawny horses...

Tom Weston had never owned a foot of land, and he was forty-six years old. His father had never owned a foot of land and died in debt at the end of a long life...

In the spring Joe dropped the cotton seed in the furrow. When it came up he handled a hoe and helped 'chop out' the surplus plants...

After all the cotton had been picked, Ined and sold Joe was allowed to go to school, from November until the last of February...

Why don't you diversify a bit, Mr. Weston? Inquired John Somerville kindly. You'd be better off if you did. Instead of planting all cotton, why not try some oats and corn...

There's more in the man than there is in the land. The trouble is with you, Tom, not the country or the land. You are just too lazy to learn improved methods...

There you are; you don't know what they know, and you don't want to know. That's the way you pig headed farmers are...

easy. In the afternoon the president of the board of supervisors announced that the board understood that a "Boys' Corn Club" was to be organized...

CHAPTER II. Joe Begins Experimenting. THE next day was Sunday. Tom Weston was red eyed and auri from the effects of the liquor he had drunk the night before...

Also, he learned that the soil becomes barren and exhausted and devoid of these essentials with continued cultivation; that the crop takes these necessary things from the soil...

After dinner he began to devour the book again. By dusk he knew that, in order to get the largest amount of plant food to the plants to fatten them...

"I'm going to have one of those prizes, too," he said, his eyes snapping with determination. "We must have at least fifty boys in this county..."

"I'd be mighty glad if you would give me a list of the books I ought to have," said Joe to the state commissioner when the meeting adjourned.

"Let's go in here and get started. I see the first thing on the list is a book for a beginner. That sounds sensible, like it was a start from the bottom..."

"Who? Me?" "No; you. You heard what I said." "Well, sub, hit sorter 'pen's on what do job is."

"Who fer?" "They are 'er the king of Slam; but, as a matter of fact, I am having the work done, if that's any consolation to you."

"Hold on a minute. Do you want to let me know you are going to cultivate here; don't ever be afraid to spend money if it is going to pay you to do so..."

you don't do hit I gwine ter take Be hide offen you. Does you heah me, boy?" "Yasser, I heahs you. Abe Lincoln's glance at his parent was sad and reproachful. Abe was fat and lazy and hated to work."

CHAPTER III. Leaving Link at work. Joe hustled past his father and soon returned from the barn with four large oat sacks. Link had several good sized piles of leaves ready...

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Mr. Weston grinned derisively. Joe was really too busy to notice him. Until noon the boys worked like beavers, and by that time a third of an acre had been covered with leaves over shoot deep.

Next morning Joe and Link, each with a hoe, began scraping the cow lot and barn floor, going down after the thick layer of well rotted humus forming material that had accumulated for several years...

Whereas the hearing on the petition in the above entitled matter was, by consent of the parties and by order of the Court, continued until after the engineer appointed herein should make and file his report and until after opportunity given for the objectors to file objections to such report, and whereas the engineer filed his report on October 29, 1915...

Therefore, ordered that further hearing on the petition is hereby fixed to commence at 2 o'clock p. m. on December 1st, 1915, at the court room in the Court House in the City of Willmar, in said County and State.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 8. State of Minnesota, County of Kandiyohi, District Court, 12th Judicial District.

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