

Agricultural Department.

The Advantages of Planting the Best Varieties of Cotton.

Progressive Farmer.

During the past seven years fifty varieties of cotton have been tested at the Edgcombe Test Farm of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, thirty at the Red Springs Farm, and forty-three at the Iredell Farm. In these tests, we have had some varieties to produce over 900 pounds of seed cotton more per acre than other less prolific ones. It has not been strange either to find that a certain few varieties have maintained themselves at or near the top of the list of large yields. If farmers could be induced to grow the more prolific varieties of cotton, with reasonable care the average yield of seed cotton for the State could easily be increased 100 pounds per acre with the present fertilization and methods of culture. This increase taken at three and one-third cents per pound, would sell for over three and one-third million dollars. This is considered a very conservative estimate of what would result from the planting of the more prolific varieties. At Edgcombe last year, Excelsior Prolific, Culpepper's Improved and Russell's Big Boll averaged over 180 pounds of lint per acre more than good average native cotton of that section, when all were grown under the same conditions of soil, fertilization and cultivation as far as it was possible to obtain and maintain them.

It must not be overlooked, however, in this connection, that the man who produces only from one-third to one-half bale per acre, produces it generally at a considerably greater cost per pound than the man producing a bale or more per acre. It usually costs him from one and one-half to twice as much per pound for production.

On the sandy or sandy loam soils of the Eastern and South-eastern portions of the State that are well drained, it has been found that Russell's Big Boll, Culpepper's Improved, and Edgeworth varieties have yielded the most satisfactory returns, while for the more compact and less thoroughly drained and hence cooler soils of the East, it has been found that King's Improved, Culpepper's Improved Edgeworth and Excelsior Prolific generally do best. In the northeastern tier of counties, which are near the northern limit of the growth of cotton, it will generally be found that the latter group of varieties will produce more satisfactory returns on all classes of soils. King's Improved, Shine's Extra Early Prolific and Dozier's Improved are three of the earliest varieties which have been tested and where only a short growing period is afforded, they will generally yield satisfactorily.

On the clayey soil of the Piedmont, it will be found that earliness in maturity is generally a prime factor. On the Iredell Farm, during the past four years,

it has been found that King's Improved has always given the largest yields of all varieties tested. Other varieties found tolerably well adapted to this portion of the State are Dozier's Improved, Excelsior Prolific and Culpepper's Improved, especially on the more open clayey loam soils.

C. B. Williams.

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Pays to Use Plenty of Fertilizers.

Progressive Farmer.

A very important thing with cotton growers is how much fertilizer to use. But this can only be determined by those best acquainted with their land and who carefully study the conditions of their soil. We all know that as a rule there is not enough used by most farmers, for with present labor conditions we must raise more to the acre and cultivate less acreage. I have used 200 pounds to 2,000 pounds of 8-3-3 goods to the acre and found in every instance where I used most I cleared more money than where I used least. I think, too, we should be careful in seeing that our fertilizers are what we pay for. We should have some analyzed in every kind we buy, and when we can, buy the ingredients and do our mixing, making it much cheaper and certainly as good if not better than it is ready mixed.

DON'T RUIN LAND BY PLOWING TOO WET.

Now just a few words of warning about plowing land when it is too wet. This should never be done under any circumstances. It is too often the case that the farmers think they are behind with their plowing and they say, "Well, I guess it will rain again soon, and plowing will not damage my land if it does." So they go ahead and almost ruin their land; for it will not get over it soon. I have known valuable land almost rendered worthless by plowing too wet. Wait until your land is in order and then plow, and plow deep, and harrow well; if necessary hire or buy an extra mule or horse, for this is better than ruining your land plowing when too wet.

GIVE YOUR COTTON GOOD DISTANCE.

A few more words with reference to the cultivation of the crop. Very few farmers realize

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the importance of giving the cotton distance. My experience is, if you get a big yield it is highly necessary to have rows from 3 to 5 feet and cut it out from 12 to 30 inches in the drill to 1 stalk. But this is one thing that is hard to get done by cotton choppers, for most laborers want to do like most farmers, just like father or grandfather or someone else did. But we must give these things our personal attention if we expect a good crop.

W. A. Simpkins.

Wake Co., N. C.

Mr. A. B. Ferguson's Loss by Fire.

Rock Hill Herald: A barn and its contents, consisting of about \$40 worth of corn and fodder, on Mr. A. B. Ferguson's plantation in the River Bend section, was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock Saturday morning, and Amanda Houtz is in the York jail charged with setting fire to the building.

The New Pure Food and Drug Law.

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Arrested for Taking Bath in Another Man's Tub.

New York, April 5.—Charles Mykoly, who says he is a sailor, and his home is at Shreveport, La., was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of taking a bath. He had the same excuse as the man who stole the loaf of bread, he needed it, but that made no difference to Magistrate Finelite, and he sent him to prison, where he can take a bath daily without the trouble of climbing through a second story window to get to the tub.

Mykoly was discovered in the country home of William H. Hurst, at Deport lane and Riverside drive, at 1 o'clock in the morning.

The Price of Health.

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Picnicked at Haile Mine.

Kershaw Era: Miss Paris Neal, of the Heath Springs school, with a party of about twenty-eight members of the Buttrick literary society, picnicked at Haile Gold Mine last Saturday and had a most enjoyable time. The trip was made in wagons.

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Result of Chicago's Mayoralty Election.

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Kerosene Spilt on Floor Causes a Fire.

Columbia Record: Fire this morning at 10:15 o'clock damaged to the extent of \$25 the fixtures in the kitchen of the residence of Mr. C. R. Bethel, of 802 Assembly street. Mrs. Bethel was beginning to prepare her noon-day meal and in striking a match to light the fire in her kerosene cook stove, a spark from the match ignited some kerosene that had been spilt on the floor and in a few seconds flames had enveloped the kitchen, but soon dwindled down to a box containing some wood.

The wood caught fire and some men trying to pull the box from the kitchen into the back yard got it caught in the door leading into the yard and the facing of the door was burned. The fire department responded quickly and the flames extinguished. Mrs. Bethel's hands were badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames, but the wounds were dressed by Dr. Kreps and she resumed her work, though the injuries are painful.

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Teachers Examination.

The next regular Teachers' Examination will be held at Lancaster C. H. beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., Friday, April 19th. W. M. MOORE, County Supt. Education. Lancaster, S. C., March 16, 1907.

Notice to Debtors & Creditors

All persons indebted to the estate of the late Thos. L. Sowell are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned; and all parties having claims against said estate will present same, duly attested.

W. H. SOWELL,
Administrator.
April 1, 1907.