THE COTTON FALLACY.

Old Blunder That Farmers Should Avoid This Year.

has just been issued by the commis- we can with absolute certainty desioner of agriculture of the State of pend; but I urge upon, and plead with

ATLANTA, Jan. 1, 1899. upon us and 1898, with all its hopes every other crop that will grow on his and disappointments, is a thing of the land, that, let the season be dry or past. It will be well for each of us wet, he will be assured of abundant at this time, before we commence our and varied provision crops. In adwork for the year, to take a calm and dition to this, let proper attention be thoughtful view of the situation, and given to the raising of stock of all then to act as become sensible men.

What, then, do we find to be the condition of the average Georgia farmer at this time? After working for months to make and gather a large cotton crop, has he any money left from its sale? I say emphatically no Those farmers are fortunate indeed who have been able to pay the debts incurred by them in making the last cotton crop, the vast majority having unpaid accounts against them either for guano, meat, corn or goods of ; other kinds.

the curse of all cotton growing, and corn or groundpeas. return to the ways of our fathers.

(to the great delight of the balance of planting time. mankind, who care nothing for our termined effort to raise our own sup- days. plies in abundance, and thus make our cotton crop an absolute surplus? | wagon, but always carry something to I see no hope for our farmers save to | sell if only a load of wood. adopt the latter plan and stick to it Don't delude yourself with the idea privations than go in debt. that your neighbors will diminish their cotton acreage and therefore you

If Georgia made no cotton this year, | tented people. the loss would doubtless be made up | In the laudable effort to become

dent that we would be better off by State. \$400,000,000 than we are at present? I am more than willing to help on

fallacy. communities and note the successful which they once enjoyed. farmers of your acquaintance; invari. ably you will find them to be the men who have diversified their crops and raised their own supplies. No State or section can prosper that relies en- rister was on his way to Westminster tirely on one crop. Kansas tried it | Hall with his large bag full of briefs, with wheat, until most of her farms he was impudently accosted by a boy, were mortgaged, and she was only who asked if he was a dealer in old saved from utter ruin, it is said, by clothes. "No," replied the barrister, the "hen and the cow." Now, with diversified farming, she is again on the road to prosperity.

knowing and appreciating the diffican all be overcome by a persistent fingers ends.' and determined effort in the right direction. I by no means advise the ber, 1898, 1,258 criminals were senabandonment of cotton culture, for tenced in Iowa.

The following New Year's address | we have no other money crop on which each and every farmer in the State to plant no seed cotton until he has The beginning of the new year is planted such an acreage of each and kinds, particularly cattle, hogs and poultry. With proper management, it is easier and cheaper to raise a pound of pork or a pound of any kind of poultry than it is to raise a pound of cotton, and yet a pound of pork is worth as much to three times as much as a pound of cotton. The papers stated that Atlanta alone used 10 000 tuckeys on Thanksgiving day, and I venture to say that ninetenths of them came from Tennessee and Kentucky. What a commentary on our method of farming!

supply of corn, oats, hay and fodder, the right direction in the sowing of with which to feed his stock of every the largest wheat crop probably in the kind until he can make another crop? late history of the State. A fair crop and that its life was crushed out. So clear conception of time-but he felt. Has he plenty of home-made meat of fall oats has also been planted, but the strangeness of the look and color- rather than knew, that days and days and flour and syrup with which to the acreage should be doubled or ing of things is not a surprise. feed all hands on the farm for the trebled without delay. Prepare to next 10 months? Are his mules, plant a good corn crop, not less than and horses, and eattle, and hogs, and 10 to 12 acres to the plow; and be sure sheep in good order and well cared to either broad ast field peas in your for, now in the midst of a cold, long corn at the last plowing, or crop them winter? Has he an abundance of on, or by the side of the corn rows at poultry of all kinds, well housed and the second plowing. Then prepare well fed? Has he plenty of good not less than five acres to the plow milk and butter from graded Jersey for such crops as ground-peas, potaor Holstein cows? Has he a rich toes, sugarcane, millet, etc. After garden from which he can daily gather that, put 10 acres, and no more, in the winter vegetable to add to his bill cotton, regardless of who may advise of fare? To all these questions I you to the contrary. A crop like this must regretfully answer no. And will give you 25 acres to the plow, yet I assert positively that all these and that is enough for north Georgia, are within easy reach of every land though in middle and south Georgia a

Buy as little guano as possible, but Shall we continue to grow and sell use all the home-made fertilizers that cotton below the cost of production you can get together between this and

Never go to town with an empty

Buy nothing on credit if you can regardless of the price of cotton. possibly avoid it. Better suffer some

If we would be independent and prosperous, we must farm on the lines will increase yours in the hope of get- suggested. No other roads will lead ting a good price. There could be no us out of the woods in which we are greater mistake of judgment than this, | now almost hopelessly lost-but if we as the selfish farmer so acting will will follow the course I have endeavfind to his cost at the end of the ored to blaze out, we will in a short red tiles. In the garden will be a time be a happy, prosperous and con-

by the yearly increased acreage of | self sustaining, all must lend a hand. rich cotton lands brought into culti- The merchants and the landlords can vation west of the Missouri river. greatly aid in the good work by not We had better prepare ourselves for a liusisting that their customers and long period of low-priced cotton, for tenants shall plant a large cotton crop the outlook promises nothing else, in order to get supplies. This course, being prepared, we can better endure hitherto pursued, has resulted in greatly increasing the cotton acreage, For 33 years we have relied on cot- to the serious injury-I may even say ton alone with which to purchase almost ruin-of all hands concerned. everything else. During that time If they would try the opposite course, we have made not less than 20,000,- extending aid and credit only to those 000 of bales, worth at a moderate esti- who make their food supplies, how mate, fully \$800,000,000. What has different and how gratiflying would be become of this vast amount of money, the result. I appeal particularly to which, if kept at home, would have the merchants, who, by their insistmade us one of the richest States in ence on a large cotton acreage before the Union? It has all gone to pay credit would be extended, have practhe farmers and manufacturers of the | tically "killed the goose that laid the north and east for supplies of various | golden egg." Let them "face about" kinds, every item of which we could and refuse credit to their customers and should have produced within our | who may contemplate planting a large own borders. Suppose we had made cotton acreage. If such a course only 10,000,000 bales in the past 33 should be adopted and carried out, it years, and in addition had produced needs no gift of prophecy to foretell all the supplies that we have bought that a vast amount of poverty and from other States, is it not self evi- suffering would be banished from our

The entire property of the State, this good cause by every means in cities included, is now but a little my power, and the greatest reward over \$400,000,000, and the farmers of that the conduct of this department Georgia ought alone to have been could offer me would be the satisfacricher by this vast amount, had they tion of feeling that I had aided, even not been deluded by the all-cotton though in a very small degree, in restoring to the suffering farmers of Look around you in your different Georgia, that plenty and prosperity

O. B. STEVENS, Commissioner.

- One day when a celebrated bar-"these are all new suits."

- A school master inquired of one of his pupils on a cold day in winter I write as a farmer to farmers, what was the Latin word for cold. "I can't remember it at the moment," culties in the way, but I believe they | said the boy, "but I have it at my

- During the year ending Septem-

Charleston's Exterior

ings, becomes at last luminous white, family, like sea fire; shanng distances are Down at either end of the cross rounding counties and who has also bunded by dingy shores, the blurred streets you will come upon salt had extensive experience in the same

ing two-wheeled cotton drays, and, if Advertiser, you walk about two miles up town, an abrupt ending of these things in a faded, smoking plain.

You see an old, ragged and weatherworn city; with it the sun, the wind, and the wetness, apparently, have always had their way; you remember that many eyelones have harassed it: tidal waves swept its level streets and flooded its gardens; that once, not Has the average Georgia farmer a A good beginning has been made in long ago, the earth of its foundation trembled. You remember that human enemies hombarded the place for years

The real life here lies somewhere in ast time, that is the obvious impres sion; the city, being built for a purpose, once has served it, but still stands; superseded elsewhere, its original shell remains whole despite the efforts of new men, as if it had been handed down in trust. The insensible shell dominates, the sensible inhabitant (in fancy, at least.) has been deposed. And what contrives to force the notion home is this, that everywhere one looks at color that is not man made, but natural; upon brick walls that are deep earthly brown, rich with a coating of dampowner in Georgia who will throw off few more acres might be cultivated in ness, tinged with moss; upon surfaces, originally of painted stucco, the same hues of the open landscape, in great variety-the yellow of clay banks, the swarthiness of ploughed fields, the dense and unrefulgent shading of wa-Stop buying hochandles, axhelves, ter on a cloudy day; most common of sufferings), until total ruin overtakes hames and other things that you can all, you will see unmistakable cloud us, or shall we make a united and de- and should make at home on rainy colorings, and of almost any weather. Add one thing more, a certain solemn green (shed from very plentiful nameless shrubs all over the city) which fills the eve.

In such a town, when settled both by French and by English, it is natushape of a plain box, set facing a garroof may be covered with old, hollow. | the door and went out. veritable crush of growing thingsthe height of a man.

house built by the Englishman, and really conceived for the high position old. of its owner. Built as for executive mansions, with the shed-like quarters for slaves, with a massive front of columns, from the shadow of which the plainest citizen might speak with some authority, with rich and solid trees in regular lines inside imprisoning walls, these places, since they lack



Two hearts can make a love affair, but it takes three, at least, to make a home, and one of them must be that of a baby. The young married couples that start out in life with the idea that children are nuisances, and that they do not want and will not have them, are the kind that you read about every day in the newspapers—in the divorce column. A home without children is not a home. God and Nature never in-

tended that there should be a place called home that did not reasoned with the patter of childish footsteps.

There are tens of thousands of homes that are childless because of the ill-health of the wife and would-be mother. There are tens of thousands of other homes child-are tens of thousands of other homes childless because the little ones have died al-most as soon as they were born. In both cases Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a sovereign remedy. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that make wifehood and motherhood possible. It makes them well, strong, vigorous, virile, and elastic. It does away with the dangers of maternity. It banishes the usual discomforts of the expectant period and makes baby's advent easy and almost pain-less. It insures the little new comer's health and an ample supply of nourish-ment. The prospective mother prepares herself for maternity by taking the "Fa-vorite Prescription" and gives her child a fair start in life by giving it a strong and well developed body. Thousands of homes that were childless, to day echo with babies' laughter, and bless this great medicine. Thousands of women who were weak, nervous, despondent invalids, are to-day happy, healthy wives and mothers because of this medicine. Medicine deal-

Constipation kills slowly-but it kills. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure it.

the aid of rain, are all the more melancholy. Of this one, three fourths CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 1. - The of the shutters of heavy board are going gown of the san to night is not closed, the outbuildings closed, the fewer cases than usual became the a sunset of crouds and pink, with garden ov rran; a row of magnolias commissioners for mora binder of rfanciful massings; it is an empty pres stands at the front, their clusters of ling the past several menths the inture, without forms, a specialing of polished leaf reflecting light and, in pression prevails that illiest distillance smoky light over half the sky and the the wind, beating a tattoo as if heavy lowing to the active efforts of the State water beneath. The face of the bar- rain were falling. Provaley an old and Federal officers, is on the water, hor, reflecting orange and r d brown, woman lives here alone, with two ser- but Raiding D-puty Collector E A. then a series of pace and livid color- vants, cherishing the relics of her Aiken, who is continually in the

tops of trees against the light of the marshes; the way a cluster of negro line in North Carolina, says this hacabins, daubed with dirty whitewash pression is erroneous. When he was The city begins at the harbor wall. The smell of salt water ooze meets asked yesterday if moonshine was dea white shell path, a small kind of you. Then the way straggles off creasing, he laughed and said: park with live oaks upon it, the as- blindly into a place of wallow-like | "Why, no; on the c nurary it is phalted fashionable drive, the column- holes and ditches, and of rank grass; rampant. We don't even interest the ed fronts of the houses. This is the a low, dull line that is the river limits moonshiners. The State and Federal order. Then dwellings and more this cloudy plain; and the white sky, officers don't phase the business; don't dwellings, with high walls and gar- against which the shape of a vessel take the bark off it; don't take the dens, numberless negroes, a few white with bare masts seems vaguely placed, people, very many single mules haul- backs the picture .- N. Y. Commercial

Rapid Dreaming.

How long does it take you to dream? Did you ever find out-or try? Mo hammed, it is related, once fell asleep on a camel's back. Before falling off into dreamla d he said he saw a palm tree-the only one in Sight-about six camel's lengths away. He fell asleep and dreamed that he had gone to heaven-saw sights strange and wonderful-many of them. He had no had passed, and then he woke up.

The camel was just passing the palm tree-Mohammed had been asleep about four seconds.

Someone told the above story the other night, after the talk had chanced on psycology, mesmerism, thoughtt ansferrence-the occult in general. And then one young fellow of 25 or thereabouts told his tale.

"I had a dream the other night that since I had it has kept me awake thinking. It was a mixture of the Faust idea and of my one master passion-money getting. But the fact that it was over so quickly is the part that has puzzled me most.

"I had gone through a pretty hard day, and before dressing to go out that evening I thought I'd lie on the couch for a minute-lie full lenght on my back and get a good rest that way. As I lay there I noted that the clock

on the mantel was just striking seven. "I fell asleep and dreamed that the devil had come to me and said I could have all the money I wanted if I would be content to die on my 30th birthday. He told me to think the matter over and he sat down in my Morris chair, and picked up a magazine, read it for a long time. In about ral that the difference should survive. | an hour's time I told him that I would There are many houses made in the accept. He rose, put a packet of money on the mantel and told me that den, and with an end to the street. as often as I desired money I had but Veraudas like decks are added to each to look on the mantel and the amount story, enclosed by shutters, and the would be there. And then he opened

"I was thoroughly cognizant of the fact that I was only 25 years old, and bryonet, spiked and formidable pal- had five years yet to live-yet in that mettos, shining evergreens, shapeless dream I lived them. I did not go the bananas, and, with a half dozen kinds | pace-I behaved myself-but lived of December blooming flowers, roses sumptuously-took care of relatives growing as if wild. A high wall of an and friends-traveled all over the iron fence encloses, its gateway twice world. I even fell in love, but did not ask the girl to be my wife, because There is the other sort, the great I had always in mind the fact that I was to die as soon as I was 30 years

> "Year after year passed and I saw no more of my friend, the devil. A often as I wanted money I found it, and I took it with no misgivings as to my ultimate future, inasmuch as I knew that the life I was leading was above reproach.

Thirty days before my thirtieth birthday I went to my lawyer and saw that my will was in perfect technical shape. And then I concerned myself no more in respect to my death than I would to the purchasing of a new

"On the night before my thirtieth birthday I gave a stag affair to about 20 men. I was as gay as any man there, and the quip and jest and story had gone around. Then my nearest intimate got up and proposed my health. It was drunk, and I was called upon for a speech. I rose, glass in hand. Just as I got to my feet the clock in the hall chimed out midnight -I was thirty years old. I tried to raise my glass on high, but it fell with a crash to the table. The lights danced in front of me, the men's faces faded away, a big black pall came down and blotted everything and I felt myself falling, falling, falling-and then I awoke with a start.

"I looked up at the clock on the mantel, it marked five minutes after 7-I had been asleep five minutes and had lived five years.'

That was the man's story-you can believe him or not, you can reason out its meaning or not, just as it best monia always results from a cold or big money.

ing how short a time as computed by human reckoning it may take to live a monia, it was observed that the attack cycle of dream life. And maybe that's what's meant by

the Scriptural phrase: "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yester- of a cold or la grippe to result in that day when it is past.' Well, it's worth thinking over-

Plenty of Blockading.

From the fact that there has been

moonshine districts of this and sur-

edge off it. Of course we do all we can to keep it down; I'm in the mountains nearly every day that I am not engaged in a court and steadily brong in the cases. Nevertheless we hardly bother those fellows. There is a great demand for tiquor, which the dispensary can't meet, and for various reasons For one reason, the sentiment of the people is not behind the dispensary business and the illicit sales are winked at and even encouraged. The State distilleries are afraid of the State board in selling to tigers and distilleries outside of the State are afraid of their stuff being seized if they ship to tigers. Consequently the moonshiners have a monopoly for the tiger trade. "As to the number of cases, that is

bardly an indication. Recent rulings of the court have made it extremely difficult to bring a case. Before a warrant is issued now a probable case under affidavit has to be made out. You've got to show who your witnesses are and prove by their affidavits what they will swear to, which gives the friends of the defense opportunity to officers led to restrictions. Up in North Carolina the moonshiners used to work this trick: Finding that a be because you rather go barefooted. case was going to be brought against him the moonshiner would go to the officer and acknowledge that there was a clear case against him, and give the names of some of his relatives as witnesses, saying they knew enough to convict him and would ask that the other witnesses be dismissed as their being summoned was unnecessary. The officer, having made his fee by when the case came up for trial these relations would know practically nothing and the moonshiner would get off There has been a great amount of fraud in bringing cases and in forging claims lately both in the States around here and bordering on the upper Mississippi and the department has been ship to many good and faithful men in the service by causing delay in 1ecognition of claims and extra work in | Cake I can supply your demands. making out reports, but probably it cuts off a deal of rascality. For instance, in my report now I have to put down the exact time I leave to make a raid. how long I am out, exactly what I did. In short I have to be painfully accurate and exact in everything. "-Greenville News.

What Denomination

Jay Cooke, in 1866, told the writer the following: "One day when I was putting government bonds upon the market, I was greatly annoyed by the clerks telling me that there was an old man in the office who would do no business with them and must see me. To get rid of him I went out. He

"Mr. Cooke. I have three thousand dollars in gold in this bag. I ean't do anything with it in the town where I live: they are circulating grocers' checks and everything else for money, and I am frightened because I think I will be cheated if I dispose of it. Will you tell me on your word of honor if these bonds are sound and right?' "I replied: 'If they are not right,

nothing is right. I am putting all I have in the world in them.

"After further conversation the man concluded to take them.

". What denomination will you have them in?' I asked.

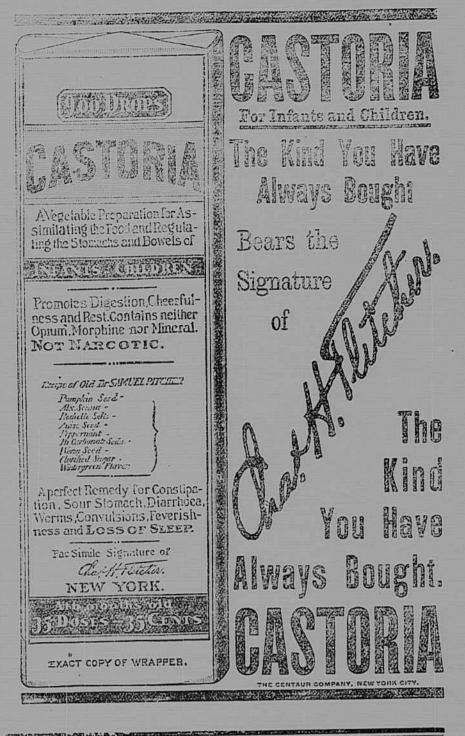
"This was too much for the man He had never heard that word used in connection with business. He se atched his head, and said:

"'You may give me five hundred in Old School Presbyterian, to please the old woman: but I will take the heft of it in Baptist."

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

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