

COTTON PLANTERS, ATTEND!

Words of Wisdom From the Agricultural Department.

Washington, June 24.—An article by Herbert J. Webber, physiologist in charge of the plant breeding laboratory in the department of agriculture, on "Improvement of cotton by seed selection," in the year book of the department of agriculture, published today, contains suggestions which, if generally adopted, would lead to a large increase in the cotton production of the United States.

test its quality for the reproduction of the qualities desired to be perpetuated. All plants that do not come up to the standard are to be discarded in the second year and the seed of only the very best are to be used for planting the third year.

Mr. Webber makes an important suggestion as to the possibility of combating the Mexican cotton boll weevil by seed selection. In examining fields of upland cotton in different parts of Texas he observed occasional individual plants, in badly infested fields, that had set and matured almost all of their bolls, while adjoining plants were almost denuded.

GRASS CULTURE. The Value of Agricultural Lands in Europe and America. To the Editor of The News and Courier: You have printed in the past two weeks extracts from Mr. O. W. Howard's work on grasses and forage crops in the South, showing the one great advantage to be gained in the cultivation of alfalfa or Lucerne and Bermuda grass is that once established in the ground they remain for years, giving a large return each year, with small expenses for the cutting and curing, and only requiring replenishing with fertilizer every third year.

When we add these productions to our cotton, rice and sugar we shall perhaps live more independently than any other people in Christendom. Grass culture is the basis of this independence. The well known authority of the late Mr. C. M. Howard on this subject should be all that is needed to induce the more enterprising farmers of the State to lay down some land in these two crops, following carefully the instructions given as to the way of planting and their subsequent care, beginning on a small scale, and seeing themselves that the preparation of the land is thorough and the directions carried out, and not leaving it to some field hand, as was done last year by a planter who procured alfalfa seed and gave it to one of his careful hands to plant, finding out afterwards it had been sowed broadcast and ploughed in.

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in stocks and bonds is that we get our dividends without labor on our part. If we cultivate cotton or corn we must hire hands, buy mules, corn, hay, bacon and pay blacksmith bills. If at the end of the year these expenses exceed the sales the land has been worth less than nothing to us.

Northfield, Vt., June 27.—Four students of Norwich University, three of whom are working their way through college, have in the last three months saved as even \$30 each by deserting the fraternity "bashhouse" and living on peanuts. Every one of the quartet is in better health than when he started in on the strange diet and all will continue to be "peanutters" until the end of the school year.

The peanut idea originated with J. C. Coulombe, '05, whose home is in Island Pond, in the northern part of the State. Coulombe is a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and lived in the "frat" house, where they served fair meals at \$3.50 a week. While this was considered a nominal amount, it was all that Coulombe cared to pay, as he has to depend on what he can earn through the summer to take him through the rest of the year.

Queen Victoria's Bible Class. Queen Victoria's home when she was staying in the city of London was Buckingham Palace. Here there was quite an army of servants, many of whom were married and had children, and so the Queen made up her mind to form a Bible class for the special benefit of these children. The Queen taught the class herself and many of the children who have since grown up to be men and women, we are told, look back with intense pleasure and pride to the time when they had the Queen of England for their Sunday-school teacher.

Lived on Peanuts for Three Months. The South Carolina College Grounds. The South Carolina College Grounds will celebrate its centennial in January, 1885. The College was chartered in 1803 and opened for active work in January, 1805. It owes its existence to a patriotic purpose, the education of the youth of the State at a common center. In order to promote the instruction, the good order and the harmony of the whole community, and to secure a reimbursement made by the United States to South Carolina for expenses incurred in the Revolution. During the century that is closing the College has contributed largely to the statesmanship, the patriotism, the learning and the high moral standards that have prevailed in South Carolina and her sister States.

President Benjamin Sloan, the head of the Department of Physics and Engineering is a graduate of the college, and was a distinguished officer of ordnance during the war between the States. His graduates in engineering are now occupying most responsible positions in different parts of the United States. Professor Joseph Daniel Pope, dean of the Law Department, has had wide experience in government in the legislative halls of the State and in the Secession Convention, and is recognized as high authority in law and in equity.

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