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Agcicultural.

What does it Cost a Pound to Grow Cotton ?

This is a question of vast importance 'to the United States. Who can answer it? Not one in ten of those that make it their staple crop, I venture to say; for cotton planters are as careless in this respect as though they were conducting a business of cents and dimes, instead of dollars and eagles.

I therefore propose to give you an extract from my notes, which I have been taking during my extensive agricultural tour the past winter and spring, not only to show the character of the information that I have been gathering, but in the hope that it may induce others to come out and give more and better information, or point

out any errors in my statements. The cost of making 331,136 pounds of cotton last year upon one of the best plantations of South-Carolina was \$17,894,48, or a fraction over five cents and four mills a pound, including freight and commission, as well as interest upon a fair valuation of property.

The cost, exclusive of freight and commission, and including interest, of making 128,000 pounds upon the 'cane brake lands of Alabama,' last year, was \$6,676,80, a fraction over five cents and two mills a pound.

This is considered the richest cotton land in the world; and, although the crop was called a small one, it was probably about an average one.

The field hands upon this place numbered seventy-five, counting all over twelve years old, which gives a fraction than four and one-third bales to M each.

Now this crop has to be hauled over about twenty-five miles of the worst road in the world, when wet, as they

3184 lbs of rope, at 6
cents Taxes on 254 slaves, at
76 cents " land
Three overseers' wages Medical attendance
\$1 25 per head
Bill of yearly supply of iron, average
Plows and other tools purchased, annual
average 200 pairs of shoes,
\$175; annual sup-
ply of hats, \$100 Bill of cotton and wool-
en cloth 100 cotton comforters.
100 cotton comforters, in lieu of bed blank- ets
100 oil-cloth capotes
(New-York cost) 20 small woolen blan-
kets for infants Calico dress and hand-
kerchief for each woman and girl (ex-
woman and girl (ex- tra of other clothing) Christmas presents, giv-
en in lieu of 'negro
crop' 50 sacks of salt
Annual average outlay for iron and wood
work for carts and wagons
Lime and plaster
bought last year Annual average outlay
for gin, belts, &c., 400 gallons of molasses
3 kegs of tobacco, \$60; 2 bbls flour \$10
5-8 cf a cent a pound on cotton for freight
and commission
. \$1
The crop of cotton at 6 cents
will amount to \$1 Col. Williams has also
credited this place with the additional items
drawn from it: 13500 lbs of bacon, taken
for home place and

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04,	New-York, for which I am the travelling correspondent. It is possible also that
RED X	I may publish the observations of my
04.	tour in a more extended and norma-
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817 50, 100 00, try I have a strong desire to do.

I am, most rspectfully, &c. SOLON ROBINSON. WASHINGTON, June 4th, 1849.

Miscellany. Fioni Graham's Magazine for June.

The Young Dragoon. A STORY OF THE COWPENS. BY CHARLES J. PETERSON. CHAPTER 1.

There is a thing- there is a thing. I fain would have from thee; I fain would have that gay, good ring. THE SPECTRE LADY.

The period of our revolutionary history immediately succeeding the defeat at Camden, is still remembered in the Carolinans with horror. The British, elated with their success, and regarding the South as now their own, proceeded in the work of confiscation and massacre with pitiless severity. In that ter-rible crisis many a family was deprived of its head either by exile or by execution. Yet larger numbers were shorn of their property and reduced to com-100 00, parative indigence. In a word, terror

reigned paramount. 194 00, But the common events of life still went on. The transactions of business, 80 00. the struggle for wealth, the toils of the 100 00, husbandman, births, deaths, marriage, cares, hopes, fears-all followed each 70 00, other down the deep current of exist-ence, almost wholly unaffected by the storm of war which agitated the surface. 60, It is an error to suppose that convul-sions disturb the whole order of society. 48, Men will still hate, though the entire nation be turned into a camp; will still, ound strive for the dross of earth; will still, if young and generous, risk their heart's 16,

happiness in love. It was toward the close of a winter evening that a youth of noble mein and handsome face stood at the foot of one of those long avenues of trees, which, in South Carolina, lead up from 00, the road to the mansions of wealthier proprietors. For nearly half an hour 00, he had been there, as if awaiting the approach of some one from the house: now 00, looking anxiously up the avenue, now restlessly walking to and fro. During 00. that interval but one person had passed along the highway, and the notice of this one the youth had skilfully avoided 00 by concealing himself behind some dwarf 00, trees within the platation-fence. This

it is not on that account that you have seemed so cold to me lately. Say then,

you sometimes think of me; and that became complete. if I should fall, you would shed a tear Washington, wit

for mo.' His listener, at these words, wept

'in a word if it will comfort you, when away, to know that I think of you, and

absent." The tears fell fast as she spoke, and concluding she suffered her head to be feated militia were pouring down upon drawn to her lover's shoulder, while a them from all sides, almost compelling deep and silence succeeded, as these them to break their ranks, or see the two young and already unhappy beings held each other in a first embrace. It was only for a moment, however,

that Ellen yielded herself to weakness. Raising her head and brushing the tears

'And now farewell-perhaps all this is wrong-but could not see you leave me in anger.'

She hesitated; then as steps were heard in the road, suddenly gave it to then said, him. He drew a heavy signet-ring from his finger, and said, tendering it in exchange.

'Take this, and let us be true to each other--so help us God!'

And with this parting adjuration, he behind the brushwood, while Ellen, hassight in the obscurity of the hour. The wind sighed mournfully through

the pine woods as this betrothal was consummated and the dark, starless sky overhead looked down with its weird and melancholy face. act, as well as his whole demeanor.

The attacck of Tarleton, as usual, was impetuous, and for a while the dearest, only say that I have been mis-taken in thinking you at all altered.' American militia was driven helplessly before it; but soon they rallied. under taken in thinking you at all altered.' Another look equally eloquent an-swered him; but still his hearer did not en. Any thing that I can do 'to add to the agricultural information of my coun-try I have a strong desire to do.

freely, and when her agitation had stationed as a partial reserve, the order goon, just as the sabre of the later was somewhat passed, spoke. 'Albert,' she said, 'you have con-quered. Know then that I do love you.' At these words the impetuous young man clasped her in his coms, but bred animals, they presented 'a formishe disengaged herself, 'saying, 'But while my father opposes your suit, I can never be yours. The consciousness champing at the bit, and tho riders of his disapproval has made me affect a nervously fingering their swords: they coldness to you which my heart belied, saw the onset of the British, the flight in the hope that you would think of of the first line, and the partial panic some one more worthy of you—but — that extended through the foot soldiers but,' she hesitated, then quickly added, with horror; but still their leader remained unmoved. Many had never been in battle before, and such beleived pray for you, go forth happy-the mis-ery is for us who stay behind, and who At last the confusion became so At last the confusion became so are hourly anxious for the fate of the great around them that troops so undisciplined, if less brave, would have taken to ignominious flight; for the defugitives perish under the hoofs of their horses. But now Washington seemed to rouse from his inaction. Ordering his men first to allow, the flying militin to gain their rear, he then directed from her eyes, she said, while crimson them, his sharp, quick tones showing the arm of our hero. The other had blushes overspread her face.

to close up and prepare to charge. As he spoke, he pointed with his sword ahead, and our hero beheld the go, one more request. That miniature that hangs around your neck—it is too much to ask for it?' instant, the distance botween them, and

'I want no fire arms used to day, my lads. Stick to the cold steel. And now, for Ged and your countrycharge!'

Away went the troop, like a thunder bolt suddenly loosed from a cloud, with sprang over the fence to conceal himself every scabbard jingling, every steed snorting with excitement, and the solid tening up the avenue, was soon lost to earth shaking under them. In full career they burst upon the flank of the enemy, who, disordered by his pursuit, could make but a feeble resistance .----Horse and rider went down before the impétuous charge of the Americans, who for a while fairly rode down their oes. But British valor soon proved too weak for the combined patriotism and courage of Washington's cavalry; and the royal troops, turning their bridles, took to ignominious flight. 'On, on,' cried Washington' waving his sword for his men to follow; 'rememeighteen summers appeared on the to succeed him. At the period of the ber the cruelties of these myrmidons. incidents narrated in the chapter, the Revenge for our slaughtered countrymen!"

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But, meantime, the other dragoon was advancing, totally disregarded, up-on him, and with upraised blade would have out him down, had not our hero, who had pressed close after his leader, at this instant wheeled round the corner of the wood. At a single glance he took in the whole scene. Albert saw that before he could come up Washing-ton would be slain, unless fire-arms were employed. In this emergency he Washington, with his cavalry, had been waiting impatiently a chance to participate in the fight; but having been bis holster, he aimed full at the drasweeping down on Washington's head. The man tumbled headlong from his saddle, his sword burying itself in the dust.

> 'Ha! who is that?' said Washington, sternly, so astonished to find his orders disobeyed, that he turned; a movement which Tarleton took advantage of to make good his escape. 'You, Albert! -you!'

> 'There was no other way,' answered our hero, and he pointed to the dead dragoon, 'to save your life. His sabre was

> within six inches of you when I fired.' 'It could not be helped, then I sup-pose,' answered Washington, who now comprehended the event, and saw that he owed his life to the quickness of thought of his young friend; 'but stay; you are yourself hurt.'

> As he spoke, he saw blood issuing from the sleeve of Albert, and immediately afterward the young soldier reeled and fell senseless to the ground. Two pistol shots had been discharged

> from the enemy, Washington recollect-ed, immediately after Albert had fired. On examination, one ball was found in the heart.

'He is dead,' cried the leader, ' that second shot has touched a vital part.' He tore away the garments as he

spoke, but uttered a cry of joy when he exposed the chest, for there, right over the heart, lay a miniature, which had stopped the ball.

Washington looked at the picture, and muttered,

'Ha! I have heard of this-and now I will see if I cannot serve my young friend a good turn.'

CHAPTER III.

Marry never for houses nor marry for lands; Nor marry for nothing but only love. EAMLY QUARRELS.

When our hero, after a long interval of unconsciousness; opened his eyes, he found himself, to his surprise, in a large and elegantly furnished apariment, en-tirely strange to him. He pulled aside the curtains of his bed with his uninjured arm, and look out. An aged feale servant sat watching 1 'What massa want?' she said: 'How did I get here?' he asked. 'Captain Washington herself left you here, massa, after de great battle. De surgeon stated to dress your arm, and den follow arter de troops, who had lick de redcoats, dey say, all to pieces.' 'Yes! I know-then the army has oursued its march to the Catawba." 'It hab, massa; and you be to stay here till you well."

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	\$17,894
The crop of cotton at 6 c will amount to Col. Williams has also credited this place with the additional items drawn from it: 13500 lbs of bacon, take for home place and	\$19,868)
factory Beef and butter for ditto	675
and sales 1100 bushels of corn	500
and for ditto and sales 80 cords of tan bark for	550
his tan yard	480
Charges to others for blacksmith work Mutton and wool for	100
home use and sales	125
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usually are at the time the crop is ready to go to market, and then down the difficult and dangerous navigation of the Tombigbee river.

I am satisfied that these two crons give a better showing than three-fourths of the cotton crops of the United States. My own opinion is, that whenever cotton is below six cents it does not pay interest upon the capital invested, except perhaps in some few cases.

Below I give a table of items of expense upon the first plantation mentioned. This is owned by Col. J. N. Williams, of Society Hill, and lies upon what is called the swamp lands of the Peedee river. These items are necessary to show that I have not stated the expense too high:

The capital consists of-4200 acres of land (2700 in cultivation) at \$15 \$63,000 00, 254 slaves at \$350 each, average old and 89,900 00. young 60 mules and mares, and 1 jack and 1 stud, aver-3,720 00, erage \$60 200 head of cattle at \$10 500 " hogs, at \$2 28 carts and 6 wagons 2,000 00, 1,000 00, 520 00, 60 bull-tongue plows, 60 shaving do., 25 turn-ing do., 15 drill do., 15 harrows, at an average of \$1 50 each 262 00, Other plantation tools esti-1,000 00, mated worth

Cash expenses

Interest is only counted on the five first items, \$158,629, at 7 per ct. 11,103 00, 8980 yards Dundee bagging, at 16 cents (5 yds to a bale)

\$22,298 16. Profits over and above interest and expense upon this total are \$4,403 68. Counting cotton only at 6 cents,

profits are \$1,973 68; counting it at cents (\$23,179 52) and profits are \$5,285 04. It is proper to state that part of the crop was sold at 7 cents, and it may average that.

Now, it must be borne in mind that this is one of the best plantations, as well in soil as management, and that this was an extraordinary good crop .-It must also be assumed that the land will continue to maintain its fertility and value, and that the same hands will keep the buildings in repair, as no allowance is made in the expense account for such repairs, or there will be a loss under that head.

Most of the corn and meal credited comes from a toll mill on the place .-All the cloth and shoes are manufactur ed by Col. Williams, but upon a distinct place.

A similar statement is then made of the expenses and profits of the plantation of Robert Montague Esq., of Marengo county, Ala. for which we have not space-after which Mr. R. goes on to say :] This crop (28,000 pounds) at 6 cents nett, will leave a balance of

\$1,004 20, which is just about enough to pay the owner common wages as an overseer, which business he attends to himself.

Now, while there may be a few better places, there are thousands not near is good in all the cotton growing region. \$161,402 00, to give other items about cotton, as well am beggared --- ' as similar information about sugar, &c. allow it now.

I would remark, however, that I am 636 80, American Agriculturist, published in confiscated, and he and I both indigent, pearance of the foe.

proved that he was awaiting some secret interview.

At last, just when the dusk began to deepen into night, the flutter of a white dress was seen coming down the avenue. A minute more, and a beautiful girl of seed that general, and appoint Greene scene.

'Albert,' said the new comer, as the kissed it 'I have not a second to stay. It was with difficulty I could leave the house unseen, and my absence has doubtless been noticed before this; what we have to say, therefore, must be said at once; why have you sough this juterview?'

'I have sought it, Ellen,' he replied, still holding her hand, 'because, despairing of gaining your consent. I have volunteered in Capt. Washington's cavalry corps, and to-morrow set forth .= Perhaps you will never see me more. I could not leave the neighborhood without seeing you once more, and bidding nied by Col. Washington's light drayou an eternal farewell; and, as your father's orders had banished me from the house, there was no method of giving you my adieux except by soliciting an interview.'

The tears had started to the eyes of head to conceal them; and for some time neither spoke.

'Ellen! dear Ellen,' said the young soldier, earnestly, 'will you not now, in this solemn moment, say you love me? Tarleton, with his renowned dragoons, I once hoped you did, but since your father has fobidden me the house, you infantry, so give pursuit. have been less kind; and I fear that I have lost your heart-that you, too, I could go on at considerable length have ceased to care for me, now that I

His hearer suddenly turned her face but my time nor your space will not full upon him, with a look of tearful reproach that cut short his words.

'Bless you, Ellen, for that look,' he

CHAPTRE II.

Heard ye the din of battle bray, Lance to lance, and horse to horse .- GRAY.

It is well known that after the defeat of Gates, Congress hastened to super-

new commander in chief had arrived in youth, seizing her hand, passionately the South, and was organzing his forces.

> His very first proceeding showed the resources of an intellect, which, in mil-

quarter. Morgan's corps was accompabecome a conspicuous member.

This division of the army, in the face of an active foe, would have been a capital error, but for the political advan-

command of the royal army, determined to frustrate the success of Green's plan, by cutting off Morgan's detachment, aud accordingly ordered Col.

infantry, so give pursuit. It was on the 14th of January, 1781, a day ever to be remembered in the annals of our country, that the heroic Morgan learned the danger in which

publishing a series of letters in the said. 'Though my father's estate is ed, though not without anxiety, the ap- blow of his sabre, then rushed at Tarle give you my daughter.

At the word, his men, thus reminded of the butchery of the Waxhaws and and of the other atrocities perpetrated

under the eye of Tarleton, spurred their itary affairs, was second only to that horses afresh, and dashed on in pur-of the 'father of his country.' Aware suit! A complete panic had now tasuit! A complete panic had now tathat the initiatory step towards redeem- ken possession of the royal cavalry, ing the South was to arouse the confi- who hurried on at full gallop, each man dence of its people, he determined to thinking only of himself. Close on divide his force. While therefore, he their heels followed the indignant Amerthinking only of himself. Close on moved with one portion down the Pee icans, cutting down mercilessly every Dee, he despatched Morgan, with the red-coat they overtook, until the road remainder, west of the Catawba, in or- was strewed with the dead Foremost der to encourage the inhabitants in that | in this pursuit rode Washington, a precedence he owed, not only to his superior steed, but to his eagerness to overgoons, of which our hero had already take an officer just ahead, whom he judged to be Tarleton bimself from his effort to rally the fugitives.

The tremendous pace at which Washington rode, at last carried him so far tages it offered, and which overbalanced ahead of his men, that, at a bend in the his listener, but she turned away her the military ones. Cornwallis, then in highway he found himself totally alone. At this moment, the British, looking back, perceived his situation, and immediately turned on him, his principle assailants being Tarleton and two powerful dragoons.

Knowing, however, that assistance must be close at hand, Washington resolutely advanced to meet the enemy, determined to seize Tarleton for his prisoner. But, before he could reach the colonel, the two dragoons dashed at he stood. He determined immediately him, the one on the right, and the other to give battle. For this purpose he on the left. He saw only the first of halted at a place called the Cowpens, them, however, and accordingly turning obligations, and at his request I have and having drawn up his troops, await- on him, clove him down with a single

But where am I?' 'The old negro woman smiled till she showed all her teeth.

'You no know, master?'

'I do not.'

'You forgit me, Massa Albert-me, Missus Ellen's Maman?'

'Good God!' cried our hero, scarcely believing his senses, and scrutinizing her features, 'can it be? You are indeed she. And this is Mr. Thorndike's house.'-

He had started up in bed, and was now confronted by the figure of the owner of the mansion himself, who entered at an opposite door; but who; instead of wearing the angry air which Albert had last seen upon him, smiled kindly upon him.

'I was passing along the corridor;' he said, seating himself on the bedside familiarly, and taking the hand of his wounded, guest, 'and hearing your voice, learned for the first time that you were awake. Accordingly, I made hold to enter, in order to assure you of a welcome. When we last parted, Mr. Scott, he said, noticing our hero's look of astonishment, 'it was with ill-feeling" on both sides. Let all that be forgotten. Whatever I may have said then, I now recall. In saving the life of Capt. Washington, who is my dearest obligations, and at his request I have consented to overlook the past, and to We only make a single stipulation,

ton himself.