

FOR FARMERS ONLY.

SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FROM RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY.

How Farm Work may be Done Profitably at this Season—Valuable Information on Sundry Points.

With this month the cultivation of the main crops of the farm commences in earnest. On many farms corn has already received its first working and should now be in a thrifty, growing condition.

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Of course every farmer will plant peas in his corn fields for no other purpose than to improve the land.

As soon as the cotton is well up, and sometimes before it is up, it is good practice to broadcast the fields, using a harrow or a tooth standing in the row.

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Cotton will stand more neglect than corn, but frequent cultivation is important to its rapid and healthy growth and development.

BUTLER TO TILLMAN.

A REPLY TO SOME CHARGES AS TO FERTILIZERS.

An Appeal to the Record and the Law—Capt. Tillman Requested to Prove or Retract.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 14, 1895. Capt. B. R. Tillman: In the newspaper reports of your speech in Anderson on May 10th, you reported as charging substantially that the department of agriculture has permitted the farmers of South Carolina to be defrauded in the purchase of commercial fertilizers by failure to punish manufacturers whose goods fall below their guarantees.

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HOW THEY EAT.

The Various Ways in Which Living Creatures Take Their Food.

That peculiar method, the sea robin has five teeth in the jaws—one in each jaw—all the teeth immediately surrounding the stomach. The jaw having a peculiar condition, and when turning it does not downward, so that they act as feelers.

Some fishes are absolutely toothless, like the sucker and lamprey; others have hundreds of teeth, sometimes so many that they cover all parts of the mouth.

The great Greenland whale has no teeth, its baleen plates, or whalebone, taking their place. Along the centre of the palate runs a strong ridge, and on each side of this there is a flat, cartilaginous plate.

While the Greenland whale has teeth, the sperm whale has teeth, and the great grey seal has teeth, and the walrus has teeth, and the walrus has teeth.

With the exception of the ammoniated fertilizers in a single season, the improvement in the grade of fertilizers has been marked. Take, for instance, the very report that you so garbled in making your charges. It is established that the averages of the manufacturers' guarantees for ammoniated fertilizers for that season were:

Available phosphoric acid. 9.39 per cent. Ammonia. 2.61 per cent. Potash. 0.68 per cent. Commercial value, \$14.47.

Now this shows that, taking the general sales throughout the State, these goods for that season exceed the manufacturers' guarantees.

Why did you not explain this also? Was it because you had no explanation to denounce the department of agriculture, regardless of facts, and simply made use of such garbled extracts as suited the purpose you had in view?

At the risk of again being charged with collusion with the manufacturers, I will say that, in my opinion,

THE LOST LETTER.

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ALLIANCE ECHOES.

Various Items of Interest Showing the Condition, Growth and Progress of the Order.

The Farmers' Alliance of Henry County, Ga., will build a cotton warehouse at McDonough.

The Farmers' Alliance of South Carolina are going to use cotton baling this coming season without fail.

The Farmers' Alliance of the Anderson county, Tex., Alliance favor a uniform system of school books, and a Railroad Commission and oppose issuing bonds.

The Farmers' Alliance of the Louisiana State Lottery.

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