

Failed in Health

"My mother died six years ago," writes Miss Ruth Ward, of Jerseyville, Ill., "and left me to care for six children. I had never been strong; and this, with the shock of her death, was too much for me.
"I failed in health. I was tired all the time and did not want to go anywhere, nor care for company. I had the headache all the time and such bearing-down pains.
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HOW TO MANAGE FARM LABOR

Following is an interesting article on the matter of farm labor, written by Mr. W. P. Harris, of Laurens county, which appeared in a recent issue of The Southern Cultivator.

Just now it appears to us that an article on farm labor and the employing of the laborer would be timely.

We employ the most intelligent and reliable help that we can get, be it white or black. We prefer to have about the same number of each. Then, should there happen to be a negro burying or something of the kind during our busiest season, we will have enough whites left at home to carry on the most important work. We find the whites more prompt about being on time to begin work, which has its influence on the negroes. The whites are liable to become discouraged, then dissatisfied, ready to give up their crops and go to the mills. When such is the case, we always try to make satisfactory settlement and let them go. Often they come back and gather this same crop that they began in the spring. Many of our tenants have been with us for years, others go and come. This roving, unsatisfactory labor is a great drawback to farming.

If circumstances would admit we would employ only "wage hands," have all of our work done directly under our own supervision or that of a superintendent. But, as that can not be done we employ only a part of our hands for wages. We prefer men with families. We allow so much an hour for wages. During the winter the wages only amount to about two-thirds as much as they do during the summer months. We give ten per cent. additional at the expiration of the contract for faithful fulfillment. We make weekly settlements. To keep the time we have a conveniently arranged time book. At night we put opposite each man's name the number of hours that he has worked that day. The women and children have a third crop, that is, they hoe and pick a crop of cotton, receiving for their labor one-third of that cotton made, less one-third the guano bill. We get the seed. They pay no

other expenses.

We advance very little on this crop. The wages of the man feed the family.

We also employ cropper, giving one-half of the crops made for labor, the croppers paying one-half the guano bill. We specify in the contract that all crops are to be planted and cultivated according to our directions.

Croppers are to work for us for wages when not employed in their own crops. All the stock is fed in our barn. We employ a man who does all of the feeding, watering, etc. The hands bring the stock to the lot, turn them in and have no more to do with them until work time again. We furnish croppers with so much cash per month for supplies, or we furnish supplies to them at cash prices. These they get weekly. Nearly all of them prefer to get their supplies from us. We have each man to keep a book of his own which we post weekly to tally with our ledger. This takes time, but we find that it pays. We never make a mistake in an account, as one book corrects the other. Each man knows exactly how his account stands.

We furnish homes, garden patches and wood free.

We try to keep the homes comfortable and sanitary.

We encourage all to try to accumulate some personal property.

We insist that all of the whites send their children to school. The darkey goes if he has a chance.

If you would have the laborer satisfied manage to keep him out of debt. No trouble to get the cropper to gather his crop if he believes there is money in it for him.

Do some planning for another year. Study farming as you would any other vocation.

You often pay dearly, very dearly, for work, because of the inefficiency of the workman. You should be able to teach him the proper way to do things. You should, by actual experience, know that you know how. As our little son proudly exclaimed after plowing his first furrow, "Me can plow; me knows me can plow, 'cause me plowed!"

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INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Comments On Commissioner Wharton's Annual Report.

One of the most interesting and instructive chapters in the second annual report of the insurance department of South Carolina is the detailed report compiled by Deputy Insurance Commissioner B. A. Wharton on building inspections. His report refers in the matter of fire hazard. In two-accumulations in basements and in back lots, such as empty boxes, waste paper, excelsior, etc., materials which are very combustible, and therefore to be taken into serious consideration in the matter of fire hazard. In twenty-four out of eighty towns which were inspected the conditions are reported as "bad." Non-standard and defective flues are numerous, many of them being described as "brick-on-edge flues." Dilapidated buildings, known as "fire-traps" are allowed to stand in many of the towns, a perpetual menace to other buildings which would be first-class risks but for the liability which is ever present from such exposures. It is encouraging to note that, while some few towns are reported as being in only reasonably good condition, about half of the total number which were inspected are claimed to be in good condition. Clean streets, no dilapidated buildings, and no appreciable accumulations of waste matter in basements and back lots constitute what are regarded as good conditions. What are known as ground flues in buildings predominate in all the towns rated in the report as "good."—Insurance Herald.

All eyes are now centered on North Laurens, where the big auction sale of the building lots takes place next Thursday, Feb. 24. As already announced in The Advertiser columns for the past five weeks, there will be a grand balloon ascension by Prof. Swartz, and a free lot will be given away to the person holding the duplicate to the lucky number selected by Dr. Aiken, and now securely sealed and locked away in the vault of the Bank of Laurens. This will be a big day for Laurens, an opportunity to make money at a small outlay. The proposed interurban trolley line, over which so much enthusiasm is now being displayed, will pass right along side this valuable property, hence values there are bound to change very materially within the next four months. Should Thursday the next again prove inclement, the promoters of this big sale have organized a weather bureau of their own and will hold their big sale on the first fair day after the 24th, with all the big attractions!

It will pay you to attend this money-making opportunity lot sale at North Laurens. Don't miss it. Bring the kid along too to see the man jump from his big airship.

\$5.00 a month—about 17 cents a day will amount to \$500.00 in a little over six years if invested in the Merchants' and Loan Association. See J. J. Adams.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OAKVILLE.

Short Personal Mention Concerning People of Oakville Section.

Oakville, Feb. 21st.—Miss Amanda Burts spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Mammie and Nannie Fowler of Mt. Pleasant section.

Mr. Tobe McDaniel of Ekoni has gone to the Columbia hospital.

Mr. Edgar Burts of Ware Shoals have moved near his father at Ekoni.

Miss Porah Reid of Oakville spent the night with relatives near Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

The people of Mt. Pleasant are building a Woodman hall and repairing the school house.

Mr. John Williams spent the night with Mrs. Oscar Elmore near Center Point.

Mr. Charlie Mundy visited his teacher, Mrs. Boyd, some few weeks ago.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by Laurens Drug Co.

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How Do You Feed Your Crops?

DO YOU KNOW just what your cotton and corn need, and are you furnishing it in such quantities as required and in such shape that the plant can use it?

Suppose you should put the food for your stock in a box, nail it up and place it in their trough—would you expect them to thrive and grow fat?

Hardly!

Well, did it ever occur to you that when you use lumpy, badly mixed fertilizers you are putting this same proposition up to your crops—offering them plant food in such shape that they can't get to it?

Fertilizers, to do your crops any good, must dissolve in the soil waters. These are constantly in motion, rising to the surface during the day and sinking at night—passing and repassing the roots of the plant, which absorb the food contained in the water—and this is the **only** way in which the plant can feed.

Therefore, when you buy fertilizer, you should do so with the idea of furnishing food for your crop and on the same principle that you should purchase food for your stock. It should not only contain the necessary Ammonia, Phosphoric Acid and Potash, but **above all else these should be in soluble form**—the mechanical condition of the fertilizer should be such as to permit the plant to absorb every particle of it, and the goods should be manufactured from materials that will not give up their plant food at one time, but furnish a steady supply throughout the entire growing season.

This is the fertilizer you **should** have and **can get**—in only one way. It is impossible to produce a goods like this by the dry-mixing of raw materials, whether you do this at home with a shovel and a screen or buy it from someone who has made it the same way—the only difference being in the quantity.

These materials must be ground to a powder, and it requires machinery costing thousands of dollars to do it properly. They must then be so manipulated that when complete, you have a **compound**, each ounce of which is exactly like every other ounce, and not a **mixture**, one part of which would contain too much Ammonia and too little Potash, while another part would be exactly the opposite—and all of it contain plant food **locked up** and not available.

Remember that the chemical analysis of a fertilizer is no test of its crop growing qualities. The chemist can pulverize lumps and by the use of various means search out the plant food; **your crop can't.**

You can take an axe, break open the box and get the corn; **your mule can't.**

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