

**ENORMOUS PROFIT
MADE IN PEANUTS**

Sorfolk County Farmer Makes \$156 on Four Acres of Peanuts.—Picking is Heaviest Expense.

Mr. Jno. B. Lewis of Norfolk, Va., writing in the Progressive Farmer tells how he makes an enormous profit in peanuts. He says:

Last summer I planted in peanuts 4 acres of land which was in cow-peas in 1907. Peas cut for hay and oats and vetch sowed broadcast and disced in. Peas had been fertilized with 30 pounds per acre of 12-5 fertilizer. Oats and vetch were not fertilized at all. In March, 1908, the oats and vetch were top dressed with 1,000 pounds per acre of burned limestone, slaked to a dry and spread with a manure spreader.

Oats and vetch were cut for hay when grain was in the milk, and as soon as hay was off, land was plowed 8 inches deep and harrowed level and fine with heavy 2-horse drag. Next I sowed with a grain drill 300 pounds per acre of a home-mixed fertilizer made by mixing 1,700 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate and 300 pounds of muriate of potash to make a ton. Then the land was marked off in 30-inch rows with asled marker drawn by two horses and marking 1 row at a trip. This made a mark on the smooth, level ground about like a buggy track, and in this mark I ran a peanut planter, planting carefully selected seed of the bunch peanut, one seed in a place 12 inches apart. A wheel running behind the planter firmed the soil over the seed and left the row a very little lower than the general surface of the field.

Frequent cultivation was given, first with the weeder, then with a "20th Century" 2-horse riding cultivator, working both sides of a row at one trip, and each time working just a little soil in around the plants, so that when laid by the rows were on a broad low ridge about two inches higher than the middles. No turning plow or one-horse cultivator was used from start to finish. Two and one-half days' hand-hoeing was done to cut out some sheep burrs and other weeds that came up in the rows.

The crop was planted June 10th and dug in the usual way October 23rd. After curing in shocks until November 10th, the nuts were picked off by hand at a cost of 10 cents per bushel, which was by far the heaviest item of expense incurred and one which I hope to eliminate next year by using a peanut picker.

The product of the 4 acres was sold the last of January at 3 cents per pound, delivered at the railroad station near the farm, and weighed at that time 6,565 pounds, which came to \$196.95. The vines were very heavy and nicely cured and could be sold for \$90, which makes the total value of the crop \$286.95.

The total cost of production, including preparation of land, fertilizer, seed, cultivation, harvesting and picking and husk was \$98.78, which leaves a "clear" profit from the second crop on 4 acres of \$188.17. All the work up to digging time was done by myself and my 10-year-old son and employed at the rate of \$1 per day in the account. A man and two horses were charged at the rate of \$2 per day.

THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE.

Forth from his scabbard, pure and bright.

Flashed the sword of Lee!
Far in the front of the deadly fight,
Gush over the brave in the cause of Right.

His stainless sheen, like a beacon led us to victory.

Forth from his scabbard, high in the air

Beneath Virginia's sky—
And they who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who wore it, knelt to swear
That where that sword led they would dare

To follow—and to die.

Out of his scabbard! Never hand
Waved sword from stain as free.

Nor purer sword led braver hand,
Nor braver led for a brighter land,
Nor braver hand had a cause so grand.

Nor came a chief like Lee!

Forth from his scabbard! How we prayed

That sword might victor be;
And when our triumph was delayed,
And many a heart grew sore afraid,
We still hoped on while gleamed the blade

Of noble Robert Lee.

Forth from his scabbard all in vain,
Bright flashed the sword of Lee;
Tis shrouded now in its sheath again,
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain,
Defeated, yet without a stain,
Peacefully and proudly.

—Father Abram Ryan.

Pentecostal School Classes.

The sessions of the Pentecostal school, located at Long Branch, Senefetown township, Miss Nellie Lane, teacher, came to a close last Friday. After spending a few weeks at the Altamont Bible Institute, Miss Lane will return to her home in the lower part of the State.

REPORTORIALS

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'Twas a good sight that greeted the eyes of all corners on Monday morning: a large force of hands at work on the court house square. There is no telling what could be accomplished if the sufficient amount of effort is put forth. The civic league held a conference with Supervisor Humbert last week, and in spite of the fact that the Supervisor is just about the busiest man in Laurens county, he took time to put this work of improvement in motion. That square belongs to Laurens county, not the city of Laurens, and every man in the whole county should feel a pride in it. Just watch, it is going to be a place of beauty pretty soon.

Talk about accomplishing things, the ladies of the civic league should get right in behind the city authorities now and get a park. The News and Courier had an admirable editorial article last week about the wisdom of at least securing the tracts of lands that may in the future be turned into parks. If Laurens is not ready now, to build and maintain a pleasure ground, by all means she should select a tract and purchase it right now. The real estate values will advance every year; buy it now, and keep it for years if necessary. But then, our town is large enough now to have a fine park.

In one of our exchanges of last week appeared a good article about boys staying at home at night instead of prowling around on the streets. It says: "Some people think it a mystery that, notwithstanding good advice, their boys grow up to be wild and reckless men. If these boys were taught from infancy that home was the place for them after dark, rather than prowling around the streets annoying well and sick people alike, much of this mystery might be explained, and young men with better moral character and more intelligent minds would be the result. No parents need expect pure morals in a boy that prowls the streets at night, even if he does go to Sunday school."

But, the parent will ask, "how can we keep the boy at home?" Our answer to that, is that the parent who does not know how to make a home in which a boy delights to stay, and in which he will spend all his spare hours, especially at night, had just as well let his boy "prowl"—there is no remedy; and the boy will fare about as well on the streets as in a home that is not attractive enough to compel him to stay there.

"There is a certain man in this town, one who has been a faithful servant of the people for many years, whose conversation has always impressed me. He is as chaste and clean of speech as any lady. Never heard him tell a joke or an anecdote that had in it the semblance of vulgarity or coarseness, and I've been with him a great deal." So remarked a friend of the Reporter the other day while casually discussing this phase of the character of men generally.

On a certain side walk, say there are two dozen 'phone and electric light posts, most of which are placed on the inner or outer edges, as the case may be. On this same side walk, suppose there stands a beautiful, medium sized shade tree, the admiration of all, located on the outside edge of the walk, no more in the way of the pedestrian than many of the posts, cited above. Then suppose repeated appeals, "Woodman, spare that tree" are made by both men and women, residents of the vicinity, you no doubt would at once conclude that in these circumstances one of nature's blessed creations should be permitted to live on. Natural conclusion, but wrong if applied in a certain situation that recently came under the observation of the Reporter.

To Organize Presbyterian Chapel.
Clinton, April 26.—A matter of no little interest to the First Presbyterian church of Clinton was discussed at the last meeting of Presbytery. It is proposed to organize the Thornwell orphanage into a chapel under the direction of the First Presbyterian church. There are more than one hundred and fifty church members in the orphanage family. In their present relation to the church they are not being trained to understand church organization, or to assume individual responsibilities. The church is reaching the point when it is overcrowded even on ordinary occasions. Presbytery appointed a commission to look into the matter and recommend what is best to be done. On this committee are the Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Law of Spartanburg, the Rev. C. F. Rankin of Laurens, and Mr. A. E. Spencer of Clinton. These will meet within the next month to consider the matter.

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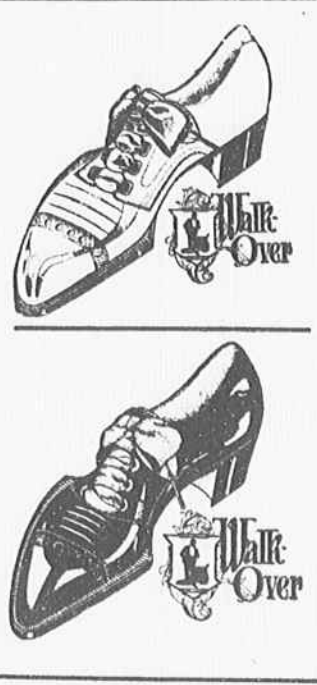


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