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Men have doubtless been fishers from very remote times. Hunger would teach them to catch fish as well as to hunt mammals, but while the evidences of the latter are so abundant in the shape of stone weapons the weapons or implements used for catching fish, being made of less durable material, have disappeared. The exceptions to this general statement are the few instances where fishhooks made entirely of stone or of a combination of stone and wood or bone, have been preserved with the other implements of similar material, says Popular Science. Fishhooks of silicious material have not been found in America, but hooks composed of flint or chalcedony and bone have been found in Greenland. The invention of rude implements to facilitate the catching of fish would not require the exercise of any great ingenuity or mechanical skill. From watching the fish snap at or swallow objects thrown in the water, the idea of trying some tempting bait on the end of a string and throwing it into the water, to be seized and swallowed by the fish, which could then be pulled out by means of the string, would be very simple and from this to the earliest known attachment for making the capture of the fish more certain that of attaching a sliver of wood to the end of the string or line in such a way that any attempt at escape on the part of the fish would make its capture more certain was very easy. Afterward pieces of bone or wood sharpened at each end and sometimes grooved in the middle to keep the string from slipping were evolved. Implements of this character are still used by the Eskimos for catching scagulls and other water fowl. A cord made of braided grass, fifteen or eighteen inches long is looped around the groove in the bone and fastened to a trawl line, kept extended by anchored buoys, the bone being baited with small fish, into which the implement is inserted lengthwise. The trawl lines are placed near the breeding places of the birds and would be equally effective in the capture of certain kinds of fish. As man gained experience and advanced in knowledge other forms of implements would be evolved, better suited for the purpose, but with the exception of better material being used in the manufacture the fishbooks of the civilized nations of today are but little in advance of those used by savage races and prehistoric peoples. Prehistoric fishhooks of bronze and others made from the tusks of the wild bear are found in the Swiss lakes. Another form of bronze fishbook, found in the lake of Morat, is almost identical in form with those used today. Chippel Lint fishhooks are found in Sweden. Among the aborigines of Wisconsin native copper was used in the manufacture of various weapons and implements and fishhooks of beat-

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

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The industrial progress of the south during the past twenty years has been phenomenal. In the past ten years the production of wheat has increased 54 per cent in the south, and the number of hogs raised there during that period has nearly doubled. Seventy-two varietles of field crops are now grown where ther formerly was nothing but cotton, and sixty-five varieties of vegetables, fruits and melons are raised in the south for markets in the north. While five years ago the cetton mills in the south consumed but 720,000 bales of cotton, their consumption amounts to nearly 1,500,000 bales in the 550 mills, with 4,952,092 spindles and 104,-446 looms. The number of mills has increased 206, and of spindles and looms 640 per cent. The finest blankets made in the country are now manufactured in North Carolina, where 104 woolen mills are in operation. The finest grade of wool can be grown in the south almost as cheaply as cotton. Two decades ago the south produced annually but 6,000,000 tons of bituminous coal; that product has now passed the 40,000,000 mark, and of the 47,000 square miles of coal fields in the south only about 1,000 are under development. While two decades ago less than 500,000 tons of iron were produced, the production has now grown to 2,500,000 tons of a very superior article. And the iron industry of the south is as yet in its infancy. There are enormous iron ore deposits in different parts of that section of the country which have thus far not been touched at all. This is but a short summary of the progress made in the south during the past twenty years, but it suffices to indicate the possibilities of that part of the country and what is in store for it in the future, since it is no longer limited to cotton.

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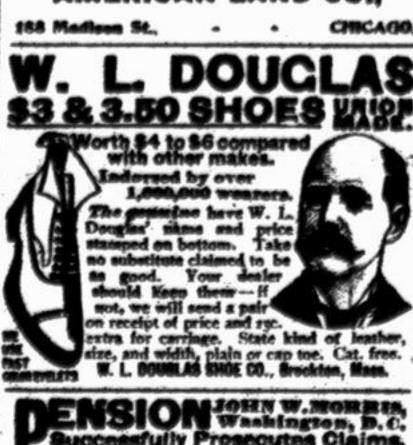
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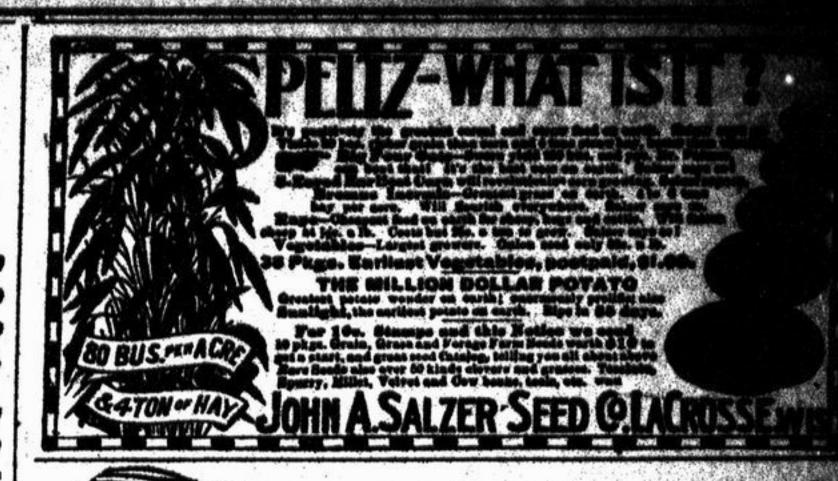
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