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in the last few years have doubled the profit they used to make on their corn crop by harvesting the whole plant : stalks, leaves and all. Yet there are tens of thousands of other farmers who still snap or husk their corn in the field, letting the valuable stalks and blades go to waste.

There are thousands of farmers in America who

We know that farmers, of all men, must base their operations upon the most strict business principles if they are to succeed; then why are so many of them following this practice of gathering only onehalf of their corn crop?

The Government Experiment Stations tells us that the ears represent only 60 per cent. of the feeding value of the crop, and that the other 40 per cent. is in the plant. And they have demonstrated further that the plant loses this value if it is allowed to stand in the field at the mercy of the weather.

Let us suppose you have 75 acres of corn, and are going to husk it in the field ; do you realize that your neighbor who has only 50 acres of corn, and who will harvest the whole crop, stalks and all, will make just as much profit on his crop as you will on yours? You have paid taxes or rent on 25 more acres than he has, you have plowed, planted and cultivated 25 more acres, and yet your net profits will be about the same. Can you afford to do business on that basis?

Here is the way it figures out. Suppose you both get sixty bushels of corn to the acre; your seventyfive acres at 50 cents a bushel will bring you \$2,250.00. His fifty acres of corn at 50 cents a bushel will bring him \$1.500.00, and his fifty acres of stover would | and regularly fills it with corn.

bring him \$800.00 more, \$2,300.00 in all-\$50.00 more from fifty acres than you get from seventy-five acres.

These are not random figures; they are based on the statements and experience of some of the highest authorities in the country. For instance, an acre in corn will yield two tons of stover, and these authorities place the value of shredded stover at \$8.00 a ton, producing \$16.00 extra profit on each acre. You might just as well have this extra profit as not by cutting your corn at the right time, just when the ears begin to glaze.

You cannot expect to get this stover profit if you leave it in the field and turn the cattle on it. By the time the cattle get to it, it is practically valueless.

Neither can you realize good results cutting it by hand. In the first place, the plant must be cut promptly, just when it is ripe, and by the time the field could be cut by hand much of the feeding value would be gone. Besides this, farm labor is so high that this method would reduce the profit too much.

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