HISTORY OF COTTON.

Of the earliest hisfory of cotton we know but very little. Four hundred years before Christ Herodotus wrote There is a plant in India which produces wool finer and better than that of sheep, and the natives make their clothes of it." This was cotton, of course; in fact, there is no question about it, for Alexander soon after brought it into Persia, Arabia and Egypt. So, you see, we have positive proof that cotton was grown and used for the same purpose as now used, about twenty-three hundred years ago.

Eighteen hundred years ago calico was being manufactured from cotton, so history tells us. Possibly it was not called calico, the historians do not post us on that point-they merely mention it as a "cloth constructed of wool that grew or plants, and embellished in a rude lashion with a fantastic representation of flowers."

Most writers mention cotton as nain Hayti, and Cortez found cotton "cloth of fine and firm texture," in common use among the original Mexfeans; all of which naturally leads to the conclusion that cotton was as much a native of the New World as the Old.

About the year 1400 the manufacture of cotton cloth began in Europe. At first it was decidedly an up hill business, being bitterly persecuted at every hand. For two hundred years the weavers were forced to conduct their operations in secret. It was woven mixed with wool, on a hand loom, in a slow and tedious manner. The persecution was based upon the grounds that cloth was to be made of either wool or hair, and that, as this vegetable fibre was neither wool nor hair, its introduction was simply an adulteration and hence a fraud.

The first cotton grown in what is now known as the United States, was introduced into Georgia from Barbadoes, about the middle of the seventeenth century; but its cultivation did not become general until over a hundred years after.

In 1730, a Mr. Wyatt, of England, worked the first cotton made into cloth or thread by machinery. In 1741, the English people were fairly interesting themselves in the matter, and a report published in 1741 shows the imports of raw cotton for that year to have amounted to 1,900,000 pounds. The first cotton spinning mill was creeted at Birmingham, in England, in 1742. 1761, Arkwright, (afterwards knighted,) obtained the first patent for spinning machinery. It spun but a single thread, but in 1767 James Hargrove invented and patented a new machine that spun eight threads instead

In 1775 the power loom was invented. In the same year it was discovered that chlorine could be employed in bleaching cotton. In 1790 the cultivation of Sea Island cotton began in the United States In the same year was creeted at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, the first American cotton mill. In 1792, the first cotton gin was invented, in Georgia, by Eli Whitney. Up to that time the seed had been separated from the lint by hand pick-

The first power foom working cotton in the United States was started at Waltham, Mass., in 1805. From that day on to the present there has been in this country, with a brief interruption during the late war, a steady increase in both production and manu- TIN, COPPER & SHEET-IRON WARE facture. The production has been confined to the South, of course, while the manufacture has, up to late years, been mainly confined to the North. A change in the labor system of the Southern States is now bidding fair to work a change in our people, causing them to turn their attention more to manufacturing and machinery. This fact, associated with the advantages for manufacturing presented by our section, will in a few years to come, most likely, make us emphatically the "Cotton States " In other words, it will carry the manufacture of cotton almost exclusively to the region where the cotton is produced .- The South.

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as the other two. WINTERING ROSES .- A correspond ent of the Country Gentleman says: Perhaps my plan of wintering roses may be useful to some other amateur. I had a hot bed frame not in use, and after losing my roses in the house year after year, I concluded to improvise a small cold-pit. I sank in the ground a very large dry goods box. Over it I placed a hot-bed frame and sash, put the potted roses in the box, and the thing was done. As the cold grew intense, I drew up earth around the sides of the frame. and covered the sash with an old piece of carpet, and did not then see my roses until the spring, when they were simply watered, the carpet removed, and the plants left under the sash for two or three weeks before removing. I have practiced this method for three or four winters, and with perfect success. The plants fairly jump when the sun strikes them in the spring, and they are in a healthy, growing condition when I transplant to the border. I wish new to make a permanent cold pit, in order to use the hot-bed frame in the spring.

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