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Life on a Share-crop Plantation

FARRIS CRAIG is a cotton planter. His farm is set and raw from Fifty-seven years of sun and wind and rain on the acres of rich bottom land by the Mississippi. Upon his place are black boots trod with mud from the rutted roads. His hat is gray, wore flat, he is gray, wore flat, and his bare feet the rubber boots and a red mud trail over a brown sweater that buttons down the front.

That is a first glimpse of a typical planter. Did you ever wonder how it would feel to be a planter on a southern plantation or a farmer in Arkansas? Were you ever curious to see whether a share-cropper's life is really as hard as they say it is?

The writer of this used to wonder about those things—and that is why he spent his last vacation on a typical cotton plantation in eastern Arkansas.

It was at Nokomis, Ark., not far from the great cotton center, Memphis, Tenn. The plantation was 700 acres of land traversed by the new big levees built by army engineers a few years ago to curb the spring eruptions of the great river. Cotton is the big thing in that part of the country, though alfalfa, b. a.y. and corn and some vegetables are commonly grown, also. A dozen or more families of colored people live in three or four small houses on the Craig plantation. The planter, Farris Craig, lives in a southern frame house that is starting equally with him in the formative stage of a great many of the homes on which they work.

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