

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910809796503321
Autore	van Van Wagenen Jared, Jr.
Titolo	The golden age of homespun // Jared van Van Wagenen, Jr. ; illustrations by Erwin H. Austin
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Ithaca ; ; London : , : Fall Creek Books, an imprint of Cornell University Press, , 2010 ©1953
ISBN	1-5017-1723-5
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (301 pages)
Disciplina	338.1097471
Soggetti	Agriculture - New York (State) - History
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Includes index. Reprint. Originally published: Ithaca : Cornell University Press, [1953].
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Foreword / Jones, Louis C. -- Preface -- Contents -- Illustrations -- I. The Homespun Age -- II. The Setting of the Stage -- III. The Pioneer Goes Forward -- IV. The Clearing of the Land -- V. The Glorious Ox Team -- VI. The Log Home in the Clearing -- VII. The Story of a Farm -- VIII. What Crops Did the Pioneer Grow? -- IX. The Crops of the Homespun Age -- X. Meadows and Pastures in Bygone Days -- XI. Living off the Wilderness -- XII. The Wooden Age -- XIII. Joiners and Cabinetmakers -- XIV. The Old Millstream -- XV. Shingle Shaving and Other Handicrafts in Wood -- XVI. Wooden Age Occupations -- XVII. The Sad Story of Silk Production and the Success of Tanning -- XVIII. Workers in Leather -- XIX. Some Minor Crafts -- XX. The Farm Implements of the Homespun Age -- XXI. The Ways by Which Our Fathers Threshed -- XXII. The Household Handicrafts -- XXIII. The Golden Fleece -- Postscript -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	"You have seen neglected oxbows, but what do you know of their making or of the training of a yoke of oxen?... What do you know of the rambling shoemakers who came to a farmhouse and stayed until each member of the family was newly shod with leather from the farm's cattle? Have you ever wondered about the processes by which our frontiersmen translated forest land into fields of wheat? What do you know about those two first crops of the pioneers, ashes and maple

sugar? What do you know of log houses, of shingle making, bridges, and flax growing, of spinning and weaving cloth for a garment that was homegrown and homemade? Here is folk history, the accumulated memory of old men and women whom the author knew,... memories he has substantiated by a lifetime of research."-from the Foreword by Louis C. Jones

The Golden Age of Homespun chronicles the occupations, handicrafts, and traditions that defined rural life in upstate New York-and throughout much of America-in the first half of the nineteenth century. First published in 1953, it is an engaging and affectionate account of how land was cleared, farms established, and homes built; of how each family fed, clothed, and warmed itself; and of the trades, crafts, and industries that augmented a primarily agrarian economy. Illustrated with 45 delightful line drawings that depict the activities and implements described by Jared van Wagenen, Jr., The Golden Age of Homespun is an invaluable record of how upstate New York farmers lived on and off the land in the decades before the Civil War-a vanished way of life that still holds strong appeal in the American imagination.
