

Rural Economy.

IMPROVED FARMING.

The mere raising of heavy crops does not of itself constitute good farming, as the expense and outlay incurred may be excessive, and entail an absolute loss. It is not an occasional heavy crop only, but such a system of management, as while it insures an average high scale of production, at the same time enriches the farmer by its net profits, and also keeps up the land, that can fairly claim to be called "improved farming."

orcharding, is in knowing how and when to pick fruit, and how to get it to market so as to command the highest price and readiest sales. Every one's experience must govern him, and the more he studies this matter, the more expert he will become.

SMALL AND LARGE FARMS.

SMALL FARMS MORE PROFITABLE IN PROPORTION THAN LARGE ONES. Is this a conceded fact? I conclude so from the amount of testimony in favor of the proposition. But if so, is it a necessary consequence? Most assuredly not. With intelligent supervision—with capital and labor in proportion—certainly there is no reason why a large farm should not pay a better profit on its cost than a small one.

Now, if it is the fact that small farms do pay better, in proportion, than large ones, it is owing to one or all of the following causes:—A lack of capital, labor, or intelligent management and supervision. A man may do many kinds of work alone to good advantage, but there are other jobs that require from two to ten men.

Coaxing on the stubborn ones, Pushing on the lazy." Three men with a good "boss" to lead them will accomplish more than five alone. If a man is physically unfit to do that, let him seek out an industrious young man and give him a share of the profits of the farm as an inducement to faithful service.

Miscellaneous.

SOMETHING NEW FROM THE STUMP.

General Howard, in his admirable and instructive address before the Maine Freedmen's Relief Association, a fortnight ago, said, in speaking of the possibility of the white and black races living together at the South in peace and unity:

tial in enabling men of all races and conditions to dwell peaceably together, in effacing distinctions, and in diffusing the sense of brotherhood, as this very "spirit of Christ." It overthrew slavery in the Roman Empire; it gave the first great impetus to the abolition of serfdom in modern Europe; and certainly, if it was not the more general application of Christian teaching to the conduct of political and social life that we owed the commencement and the success of the emancipation movement in our day, we know not to what we did owe it.

General Howard's language is, we admit, "very unusual sort of talk for the stump," and more is the pity. We dislike as much as anybody the practice of dragging in religious ideas or religious allusions to give weight and eclat to every temporary proposition that may be propounded on the ordinary topics of the day, in the press or on the platform.

RELIGION TO BE CARRIED INTO BUSINESS.

Let no calculation of advantage or profit, no keenness of competition, induce the merchant, the manufacturer, or the tradesman to neglect the indication of right and wrong furnished by the ready application of "The Royal Law" by conscience. You are not mere money-getters or money-whippers.

question—gives his judgment of a sermon, like a theological oracle, as regularly as he hears one. But we have a bargain to strike with him. We stand at his counter to lay out a few shillings. We must keep our eyes open, and have our wits about us.

THE AMERICAN HAVELOCK.

In the admirable sketches by Major Nichols, of the "Great March" of General Sherman, the author furnishes the following interesting portrait of General Howard:

From nature, I turn to history. It is sunset on the Alps. A traveler is descending from the summit, when a storm arises, and the winds blow; and the snow filling the air, rapidly buries all traces of his path.

From nature and history I turn to the church. A disciple who has every motive to faithfulness is getting cold, indifferent, unspiritual. He has entered the backslider's path, and is making rapid progress in it, when by the providence of God, and a word from his pastor, he is led to become a tract distributor and a teacher in the Sabbath-school.

INTEMPERANCE AMONG WOMEN.

The alarming statement was made in the Temperance Convention at Saratoga, that the names of thirteen hundred rich men's daughters, in the State of New York, are on the list of applicants for admission to the Inebriate Asylum at Binghamton, in that State.

her, and a canvas shelter on deck suggested the idea that there might yet be life on board. The order instantly sounds to put the ship about, and presently a boat puts off to the wreck. They reach it; they shout, and now a strange object rolls out of that canvas screen against the lee shroud of a broken mast.

TOO ACTIVE TO FREEZE.

I looked to nature. It was a clear, cold, bright winter's day. The crisp, untrodden snow which covered the landscape, sparkled in the sunlight, as if with millions of gems.

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LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, 'COME.'

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