

Rural Economy.

ENRICH THE SOIL.

To gather up the fragments that nothing be lost; to collect together and use for manure all the waste animal and vegetable matter that is no longer directly serviceable to man, should be the object of every farmer who wishes to reap a plentiful harvest, and at the same time to improve the soil he cultivates. And yet in visiting many farms it is not unusual to see ashes and rubbish scattered about, or thrown into heaps, often the accumulation of several years. A spot of land bare of vegetation marks where barrels were emptied of their brine; while woolen rags, bristles, hair and old bones disfigure what should be a well kept yard.

On visiting some back lot we shall find mounds, where the carcasses of animals that have died in the service, sheep, poultry and swine are buried too deep to be of use to the growing vegetable. Too many farmers seem to think if they each spring cart out the manure from the farm yard and stable, that they restore to the land what was taken away in the crop the previous year; but never was there a greater mistake. The manure is what the animal rejects. The most valuable portion of the soil, that which is assimilated first by the plant, and afterwards by the animal, is found not in the excrement of the animal, but in the animal itself. In this are found all the elements for the highest organisms.

Hence we see the value of the blood, hair, flesh and bones of animals; they restore to the soil not only the materials for producing the vegetable, but they constitute that portion of the vegetable which builds up animal tissue. Not only is the yield of grass and turnips greater when grown on soil manured with animal refuse, but an equal amount of it is more nutritious than that grown on land which is not so treated.

It is true that the amount of animal refuse which the farmer can readily obtain, is very small when compared to the mass of decayed vegetable matter that is under his control. But if he will industriously save what he has, he will add to his soil substances which make up in value what they lack in amount.

Hair, bristles, woolen rags and blood have only to be placed on the ground and plowed under. The parings of the hoofs of horses constitute a most valuable manure, and can always be obtained at no greater expense than the cost of gathering them up. The same is true of the refuse parings of tan-yards and currier's shops.

It requires more labor to render bones immediately valuable to the crop, than it does the other portions of the animal, for if applied whole, their decomposition is very slow. They require to be pulverized, and the finer the powder, the better the results. As a top-dressing for grain, grass, or turnips, there is nothing that equals this kind of fertilizer.

Ashes are in one sense the bones of plants; they contain all the earthy matter, and when the wood is imperfectly burned, there is considerable vegetable substance in the form of charcoal. There use as a top-dressing for grass and corn in the earlier stages of its growth, is always attended by the most happy results. All vegetable matter, and waste or decaying substances; even the siftings of coal ashes, chips and rubbish of various kinds, should be carefully collected; and wet from day to day with suds and slops of the house, it will become of great value. Too much attention can hardly be given to this feature in agriculture.—*Prairie Farmer.*

THE CROPS.

The prospects of abundant fruitfulness from all parts of the country are now most promising. Reports from all sections represent the crops as never before appearing to promise so bountiful a harvest. The hay crop, one of the most valuable, is now so far advanced as to be beyond any calamity, unless unusual wet weather should prevent its being properly cured—a thing not at all probable, considering the abundant rains of the Spring. The crop of 1860 was put down in the census at a little over nineteen million tons; that of 1866, by the Agricultural Bureau, at 21,788,627 tons, valued at \$317,561,837; but the yield of 1867 is likely to be over thirty million tons, a gain whose importance can hardly be overestimated.

Advices from all parts of the Western and North-western States indicate that wheat, rye, barley, and oats are all in a healthy condition. The Winter wheat looks better than it has for several years past, and the fruit crop promises to be quite abundant. On account of the high prices obtained during the last year, a much larger breadth of land was sown to wheat, and there is no doubt that there will be a larger quantity marketed this Fall than ever before. Owing to the rainy and cold weather, however, the corn-planting is unusually late, and in some sections where the planting was done before the recent heavy rains, the fields will have to be replanted. The New Orleans *Republican* say that the planters of that State have paid great attention to corn, for they are learning that merchants are loth to make advances to them for the purchase of the food they can so easily produce; so that the demand from the South will probably be less the coming year. The yield of Indian corn for last year was given in the census returns at 867,946,295 bushels, valued at \$691,666,295. For this year the promise now exceeds twelve hundred million bushels.

The wheat crop of the United States for 1866, is given by the Bureau at 151,999,906 bushels, valued at \$333,773,646. The yield this season is still subject to more contingencies than the hay crop; but the testimony from all sections is more universally cheering and favorable to the largest estimates than ever before in our experience.

Reports from the extreme South repre-

sent the cotton as looking healthy, but as two weeks later than usual, owing to the cool weather. This had recently changed, and it was now thought cotton would soon recover, and mature in July, in time to be out of reach of worms and frost. If so, it will be an average crop on the lands cultivated, which was of less breadth than usual, owing to floods and want of capital to supply laborers. The prospect for fruits of all kinds is equally promising.

The effect of such abundant harvests upon the finances of the country will be very great and beneficial; and the relief it will bring to all classes of laborers and producers never came at a time when it was more sorely needed. It should be accepted with devout gratitude, and a due acknowledgment of its divine origin.—*Evangelist.*

UNFRUITFUL ORCHARDS.

We know of many young apple orchards in Western New York which are of sufficient age, and the trees are of sufficient size, to bear remunerative crops of fruit; yet the owners and cultivators of them, as yet, have received no adequate return for the labor and expense incurred in establishing them. What is the reason? Is it because of the varieties cultivated are of unfruitful habit until then arrive at mature age? or has the growth of wood, induced by the fertility of the soil and the system of pruning adopted, been so great as to preclude the bearing of fruit? Doubtless to some extent both reasons are good, but chiefly, we think, the excessive growth of wood precludes the attainment of fair crops of fruit.

Our cultivators, as a class, practice but little that system of pruning which is adapted to bring a tree into a bearing condition. They are usually content when the orchard makes a good growth of wood and apples healthy and vigorous, thinking that in the future the reward will come in proportion to the amount of wood grown. If the trees are large, they must at some time produce large quantities of fruit. Perhaps so; but it is weary waiting, and "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and we think a majority would much prefer moderate crops of fruit as soon as the trees attain sufficient size to support their weight without injury; and we think, also, if such crops can be grown, it will be better for the interest of the fruit grower, and no detriment to his orchard. We do not advise over-cropping in any case, if it is possible, but reasonably and moderate production.

Now, it is a fact that apple trees may be forced into moderate bearing at a very early stage of their growth, by pruning, and we advise owners of thirty young orchards to avail themselves of this art, and cause them to produce some fruit. Prune in the winter for wood and in the summer for fruit." is an axiom, and let us act upon it. Pinch the growing shoots on a tree in the summer, bend down the branches, thrust down the sharp spade into the ground and sever the roots—in short aim to check the circulation of sap, making the growth less vigorous, and fruit buds and spurs will be produced and fruit will grow. Aim at the life of the tree, and straightway it produces fruit and seed that its kind may not perish from the earth. This is care, and not hard labor; the work must be done in the summer, when other farming operations demand much attention, but the orchardist who does it faithfully and understandingly will find his reward.—*Rural New Yorker.*

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