

Original Poetry.

[For the Democratic Watchman]
Song of the Summer Winds.

By S. R. HALE.

We come, we come, from our Southern bowers,
With the song of birds, and the breath of flowers,
Thro' the bright, green woods we have heard the call
Of the singing rill, and the waterfall;
And the whispering grass, as we pass along,
But swells the echo of Summ'r's song.

We come, we come, o'er the high and broad,
Our sure robes are gleaming now,
And the mountains have 'tho' their crest of snow,
Are smiling out to their gay glow.

And the clustering buds, like a polished thing,
burst out to welcome the Summer song.

We come, we come, and the clear blue sky
spreads a sounding camp on high,
And the waters leap like a playful child,
Whose the gossamer-veil of summer smiles,
And their music comes just and strong,
As they warble forth the summer song.

We come, we come, with the bird and bee,
The bud, the blossom, and bursting tree,
With the silvery tones of the singing rill,
The glad, green height of the grassy hill,
And we softly weave, as we pass along,
To the free, bright things, a Summer song.

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Agricultural.

CLOVER HAY.—Clovers are justly considered as among the best, and most valuable of the cultivated grasses. Yet owing to an error in cutting and curing them, a very considerable portion of the most nutritive matter they contain is lost. As a proof of this, a correspondent of the Gettysburg Journal Telegraph, gives the following:

I have now a new field of clover, which is intermixed with which are small tufts of white clover, red top, brown top, and grass, which was cut when the hay in the field was in full bloom, and made in grasses, according to the rules laid down in each volume of your paper for curing this kind of hay. I must say that, although I had no much faith in the matter at first, the result has proved the correctness of the writer's views, and that I no longer doubt the truth upon which the practice is based. It follows, it is cut when it is blossomed, and remains undisturbed in the stack until the noon of the second day, and then the stack is exposed to the sun for a few hours, and then put in a stack, fully 100 lbs. of every pounds weight, cured hay, and there allow it to stand till cured, the hay will be heavier, brighter, of better flavor and possess far greater nourishment than hay of the same kind in the ordinary manner. It has been said the heads, which are mostly lost by drying in the ordinary way, are preserved in this way preserved. The flavor of the hay is also vastly superior. One ton of good clover, in this way, is worth, for feeding, two tons cured in the old way, and departs by lengthening, spreading and inclining of its head and leaves. The fermentation which it undergoes in the stack is never sufficiently vigorous to dissipate any of the alimentary properties, and is really sufficient to preserve the hay when cured, in this way preserved.

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Do THE PROFITS OF AGRICULTURE VARY MUCH IN DIFFERENT YEARS?—Sometimes they do, but generally not in the long run.

WHICH THEY DO NOT.—When a farmer devotes nearly all his strength to the growth of one staple, if that fails him, he is a loss, and his profits that year are cut off. If a farmer raises wheat alone, it is evident that in bad seasons, his support is taken away, or nearly so. The same rule follows, in the same circumstances; when, though the crop itself is not cut off, the price is suddenly and greatly lowered by the failure of the demand, or by some other cause.

But in general, the profits of farming are about equal, one year with another, for a very long term of years, because, 1. If any season is unfavorable to any particular crop, the same season is commonly favorable to some other crop which may supply its place. A cool, wet spring is unfavorable to corn, but it is good for grass. 2. If all crops should be very poor, the aggregate, though small, would command as high a price as a generous crop could. 3. In the very cases where the profits of buying very most valuable, in the instances first mentioned above, the profits of one year would compensate for the losses of another, so that a very fair average could be made every two or three years.

INFERENCES.—1. The good farmer, who cultivates a variety of crops, need feel very little anxiety about the seasons; what he loses on one hand, he gains on the other. 2. It is in general best to have a variety, if one can; it favors independence, and qualifies one year with another. The merchant, the mechanic, and the professional man, suffer much more from slender crops, than the farmer does. They may mourn. He need not.—Ohio Farmer.

PROPHET FOR THE TURNING Year.—Next month will be the time to put in seed for a large supply of roots for feeding next winter. Do not use up all the ground for other purposes. From five hundred to a thousand bushels of rutabaga turnips can be grown on an acre, and how can you get more or better winter food for your stock?

Lies on bogs show a careless feeder, and neglect of their comfort. A pig wants regular feeding, thrice daily by the clock. A dry lodging place, with plenty of clean straw, changed once a week. A pig thus treated never becomes lousy. But when they become lousy by neglect, a dose of sulphur in the feed, and washing with tobacco water about the parts of the body most infested, will effect a cure.

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