

HOUSE AND FARM.

The American Farmer's Future.
The following sensible article from a Germantown *Telegraph*, one of our most valued exchanges, is well worthy a careful reading. We have again and again urged the same views upon our farmers, and yet believe they can never exercise the influence they should, until they bring more trained intellects to bear their vocation, and have a greater diversification of crops. The time is past when a fool can succeed and do well on a farm. There is now no virgin soil to work in. The is not now the same state of economy practiced as in primitive days, but the great change is in the character of the implements used. No fool can drive the rattling reaper or mower, or regulate the tumultuous whirl of the thrasher. Nor can a fool manage a variety of crops—the one thing needed. "The nation," says the *Telegraph*, "is looking with gathering gaze at the growth of roads, mining and manufactures; the types of prodigious advance material development. The farmer has learned to feel that he has a direct interest in all this, because it gives home markets that render it necessary for him to depend upon the foreign demand. But the farmer has not yet learned (because the agricultural interest is not based on the same scale as the industrial,) that in all this opening higher and better civilization lie new aims to look to, new interests to develop; new importance to understand and care for. He has yet understood, because it is evident for the scattered and isolated cultivators to learn these things, that with the increased variety of manufactures there come changes for new crops that he can sow."

The capitalist can employ chemists and scientists to prepare processes and adapt raw material to wants. But the farmer has no experts at command and no scientist to advise him of the method of using what he wastes for lack of knowledge. The Agricultural Department tells him at times of new crops he can raise for which there is demand in the home markets, distributes seeds far and wide, which are always sure to find congenial soil. What is left is that our American farmers exhibit the same intelligent enterprize displayed by the centers of manufacture; that they should appreciate the new state of American civilization, and forward to make agriculture the mere follower and servant of manufactures, but the great leading advancing interest. As the crop was vast before we had cotton manufactures, so we will have the farmers drive ahead with other crops, not waiting for the home market, but forward to supply the market of the world.

What seems to be wanted is that the farmer should not be content to walk in the beaten track; to do as other did; to raise the same crops and to depend upon the same markets. The times require that he consult his own interest according to his own best judgment; he should read carefully and buy all the best agricultural books and publications, and especially be wide awake for new kinds of machinery, etc. If still be neglected we shall see letters repeated, one market overrunning with peaches, with grain, a third with cotton, casting away a crop of tobacco as useless etc.

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ted. This, for one thing, to meet all the market. If one or more fails another may succeed; some one or more products will always succeed, either in growth, being affected by the season or otherwise, in the market. It is seldom, if ever, that all products fail, both in productivity and price. Wool and mutton, and sheep in consequence, have been a loss to the general farmer for years till now recently. The fruit crops the present year are in the same condition; so are potatoes; so are some other products. Wheat is in demand; so are wool and mutton and sheep and other products. Thus the products of the farm is fluctuating, and this yearly to a greater or less extent. To prosecute one or a few branches alone is very risky; ruin is often the result. With the dairy this has less force; yet for the past few years there has been loss; loss with inferior and less properly managed herds. Wheat was a discouragement; now it begins to look up again. Thus changes are constantly occurring. We need not point out the folly of being governed by the changes; and yet this is done. There are two ways to take advantage of the these changes. One is to carry all the branches (where climate and soil will admit); the other is to thoroughly prosecute what is done—better culture, better stock, better treatment. During all the time of the low price of wool and the loss in sheep, there was those who made it pay. They had good lambs and near a market and secured good fleeces from their well-kept flocks, and their mutton being of good quality commanded a fair price; the whole put together showing a fair profit on the outlay; and when the times changed and wool and mutton were in high demand, they met their golden opportunity; they did not need to buy and then run the risk of a fall in the price. So with all kinds of produce of the farm. The best always finds a sale; and if largely produced, on judicious outlay, cannot help but remunerate when a good market is readily accessible. Cattle and sheep should be kept as well as the other usual stock of the farm. Poultry on a small scale can be made to pay well. The same may be said of swine. But there must be good breeds and good treatment; hap-hazard will not do. What farmer can not have a place set apart for fifty or a hundred hens? And if no more than a dozen twenty sheep are kept—the best kind, carefully fed and attended to, each sheep averaging its lamb or more, and often first quality as to size and condition, the amount and quality of wool to correspond—who cannot see that here is a nice little income with a fair percentage of profit? You can make much or little out of a sheep. You thus have your lambs to sell, your wool, your eggs, a porker or two, good surplus of butter from a few cows; you have your oats, your wheat, your corn, your clover, and cornstalks to feed, and your timothy to sell; you have some clover seed to dispose of, some apples, may be other fruit, grapes, berries, vegetables; you raise a calf or two, you raise in fine your own stock. You thus have a chance for a perfect rotation, extended or varied at pleasure. Your clover enriches your soil; so do your pasture and meadow properly managed; your corn improves your land. In a word, you have an interest in the market of every farm product, and you cannot fail to get a high price for some of them every year, and a loss on no one with proper attention. Do what you do in the best way, then you will ride the top of the wave.—*F. G. in Utica Herald.*

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