Apricultural Department.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Mar. 31. '69

Green Manures for Poor Lands.

Perhaps nothing in the whole province of farming engrosses so much the attention of those interested, as the question of preserving or increasing the fertility of the soil. There are several reasons for this, independent of the ever existing necessity for supplying farming land with properties taken from it by unjust cultivation.-They are, first, the great quantity of worn-out land, once fertile and productive, and made needful by the rapid growth of population, and the growing demand for the products of the farm; and, second, the soil of inferior quality brought into cultivation from year to year, by reason of the same necessity. Land that has been worked to death, and left to lie as baugh, of Delmar, sends us the fulwaste, must be restored to fertility, and that which has never been productive must be made so, in order to become profitable. It is not so difficult to make worn-out and barren land produce good crops, as one wo'd suppose from a hasty view of the innumerable failures to be seen all around. If the needful properties to grow crops are not in soil, it is vain to sow, and plant, without first putting them there; or if they are there, | \$102,38. but locked up, without making first the necessary conditions to release them, and give them vitality .-Every observing farmer knows that it is far easier to produce grass than wheat, and a common remark among | ed \$102,38: farmers is, "if I can raise a crop of clover I am sure I can raise wheat." One of the means of raising land is to lows: get it to produce clover, and plow it down when in full bloom. But clover contains a large percentage of potash, and in soils already abundantly supplied with this, such as slate and shale lands it is better to mix the clover with other grasses. Mixed grasses ley, the following exhibit of his dai have all the fertilizing properties of ry of 9 cows (two of them heifers) for barn-yard manure; and this furnish- 1868: es a satisfactory reason why old meadows and sod fields yield so abundant ly when farmed. Farmers know that and old sod field farmed in corn yield: the largest crops, and the best crops of wheat are raised from it. Why? The field has been lying until different kinds of grasses have grown up, each one gathering different substances from the atmosphere, and carrying them down into the soil through the roots, and enriching it. Hence when a crop of corn, or wheat is planted all the substances necessary for its growth and perfect development have been

provided for its use. By the application of lime on such soil the decomposition of fibrous matter in the soil is hastened, and they are converted into plant food. It too much is applied, a heavy growth of straw is produced, and it will grow so rank as to lodge and yield very little grain. By using a smaller quantity of lime, so as to make a healthy growth when the straw does not make an overgrowth the head generally fills perfectly. The object to be sought is to know what elements are needed in the soil, and in what conditions, to produce the crop we wish to grow. -There is no doubt that if we should give to the soil all the constituents of the crop, each year, we could always count with reasonable certainty on a large yield. Were the constituent elements of wheat inexhaustible in the soil, we might sow and reap, year after year, without dimunition in the yield or quality. On the contrary they are easily exhausted, and, unless supplied, it is not long until we can raise no crop at all.

Wheat contains lime, soda and chlorine, Soda and chlorine make common salt. The sowing of common salt on wheat fields must be advantageous. It is believed to strengthen the straw and make it hard, thus preventing rust. Rust appears only which cracks open easily, leaving the juice to ooze out and escape. The action of the hot sun and moisture upon this, readily produces rust. Especially is this the case with wheat grown in low soil where the dampness is

great. and development of plants. In its | vegetable nutriment locked up in the | the work the more oats. soil. The atmosphere is sure to nourish growing plants whenever the tender leaves open their pores to take in the neurishment it furnishes. It builds up the stem and developes the various parts of the plant. Not so with the roots of the plant. It may and coarse Indian meal, bread crumbs, send forth its rootlets in every direction, seeking food, and yet famish, droop and die, because the vegetable matter is not in an available condition to promote its growth. As it is impossible for every farmer to get stable manure in sufficient quantity to enrich his land, he must look to the great vegetable manure supplied by nature. It is the principle source of manure on the earth, and as such it must be applied by the farmer if he wo'd secure his own greatest advancement. By green manures, of course is meant, vegetable manures plowed down. By this method the soil will receive all, and more than is taken from it, for it receives in addition to the accumulated properties generated

are inexhaustible in nature, and cost

aware that green manures fructify the the soil, and that it pays best to plow down clover, mixed grasses, oats, buckwheat and sowed corn. They should not fear to loose a crop of hay, or miss crop of oats, or rye, or buckwheat by so doing, for the sacrifice of one crop will enable them to raise half a dozen crops with profit. Every few years green crops should be plowed down, in the absence of barnyard manure. It will keep up the fertility of the soil, as nothing else will, and enriches him who does it, as well as his land .- Experimental Furm Journal.

The Dairy.

The butter-and cheese controversy, ays the Tioga Agitator, grows more and more interesting and instructive. Since our last issue we have received reports from two dairies which eclipse all others reported, either in Tioga or Bradford counties. Mr. Jacob Rora lowing exhibit of receipts from his dairy of 21 cows, in 1868: Spring butter.

Cheese	
Fall Butter	1113.
Pork	200.
Eight Calves, sold for	100.
Butter retailed	6:
300 lbs. used in family	
Calfskins	16,
Five shoats raised	
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Total	\$2 1 51.
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Making an average to each cow of Deduct the cost of butter used in the family-\$13:,50-the average earnings per cow was \$98,07.

Remember this is the exhibit of a dairy of 21 cows; and each cow earn-Mr. Lafayette Gray, of Sullivan, un-

der date of March 8, writes us as fol-"Having for many years been reader of The Agitator, and feeling a ively interest in the welfare of my na

tive county, especially in the growth of Sullivan, I send you, by permission of Mr. Joseph Strange, of Gray's val

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in due time, and hope that the day is not far distant when Tioga county will stand even with Orange county in the butter and cheese market."

Tioga county butter aiready sells for Olarge county butter in New York. The truth is, that Tioga county is a better grazing county than Orange ever was, and will soon crowd it in the city market, both in butter and cheese, and in quantity and quality. The great curse of Tioga county-white pine-is being lifted, and its future as a dairying county is already assur-

Come on Bradford county; our dairies are larger, so far, and their aver- BOOT AND SHOE STORE. age better than yours!

How to Fit Collars to Horses of straw, the heads will fill and the SHOULDERS .-- It is very important to grain mature; for it is found that have a collar fit nicely and snugly to the shoulders of the horse. It enables him to work with a great deal more strength. It prevents galling and wounding, as the friction is avoided. Collars are made or should be so made, to throw the chief force on the lower part of the shoulder. The horse can apply but little strength on the upper part, and for this reason breast collars are coming greatly into vogue -as the strength is exerted on the lower part of the shoulder. But we started out to tell our readers how to make a new collar fit the shoulder of a horse. The collar should be pur chased of the proper size; just before putting it on the first time immerse it in water, letting it remain about a minute, and immediately put it on the hames so adjusted at the top and bottom as to fit the shoulder, and then put the horse to work. The collar being wet, will adapt itself to the shoulder, and dry on the horse .on straw of a soft, luxuriant growth, When taken off it should be left in the same shape it occupied on the horse, and ever after you will have a snug fitting collar and no wounds .-

Valley Farmer. A HORSE that is in the harness every day needs an abundance of food The never failing quantity of plant- and the right kind. Oats make more food floating in the atmosphere is ev- muscle than corn, and should always er available for promoting the growth form part of the food of a hard working horse. Corn gives plumpness and availability there is a marked differ imparts warmth. The colder the ence between that in the air and the weather the more corn; the harder

FOOD FOR CHICKENS .-- A writer recommends for chickens, for the first week after hatching, hard-boiled eggs, to be given, chopped fine, at least twice a day; wheat steeped in milk, etc. A change of fcod is necessary twice a week, substituting cracked corn for wheat.

A correspondent of the American Farmers' Magazine helped to build a corn crib, in Vermont, fifty-five years ago which is still in good order, and in which not a rat or mouse was ever known to be. It is on stone pillars, two feet high, each capped by a broad flat stone, smooth on the underside.

IT is contended by some that following corn with cats or barley, and then with wheat, is not in any sense a rotation, as all these belong to the

same family. THE Ohio Farmer asserts that nineby light, sir, heat and water, which tenths of the fost and ankle ailments of the horse are traceable to standing nothing. Observing farmers are well on dry plank floors.

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