

Farm, Garden & Household.

GUESSING IN FARMING.

It is a little surprising that, notwithstanding the improvement in nearly everything appertaining to farming, so little has been effected toward inducing farmers to operate in a systematic manner, and keep records and generally and specifically. But for one farmer that does so ninety-nine keep all their accounts "in their heads," for they never know, but guess it, that, or the other crop pays best; whether they can afford to sell their produce at such and such a price, or not. They can't tell if it is for their interest to continue such a course of husbandry, use such fertilizer, cultivate a field in such a manner, or even at the end of the year they are sure whether they are on the profit or loss side of the ledger. They guess it is about so.

Neighbor Smith came in last evening while I was filling up my record, and said, as he noticed my occupation:

"What you doin'—book-keepin'?"

"Yes, a little. Fixing up my accounts. I suppose you keep farm accounts, don't you?"

"Me? No. It's too much bother. I can keep my 'counts in my head."

"Don't you think it is better to have something you can rely upon? Anybody is apt to forget."

"It's well enough for storekeepers and such to keep 'counts; but I don't see no need of a farmer doin' it."

"Isn't it as much for our interest to look after our business as it is for the storekeeper to attend to his?"

"Well, yes; I s'pose so; but, what's the use of a feller's s'ending time to write down every thing about what he does?"

"It pays, Smith."

"I don't see how."

"Well, see here. How was your corn crop this year?"

"Pretty fair; though the frost hurt it some."

"Shall you plant some more next year?"

"Nartin. I allers plant corn."

"What for?"

"What for? Why, because I allers do."

"Yes; I see. Now, Smith, how much did that field of corn pay you?"

"Pay me? Well, I guess about—"

"That isn't it. Do you know?"

"Well, not exactly; but I call late—"

"Never mind; but really now, do you know whether you made or lost money in raising that field of corn?"

"Dunno as I do, for sartin."

"Now, look here, Smith. There is my 'cornfield record.' I have written down every thing connected with it, and to-day I have summed it all up, and I know all about it. Here is the size of the field, the kind of soil, what grew on it last year, when and how many times it was ploughed, harrowed and furrowed, and also the amount and kind of manure used, how it was put on, and what I used for top dressing. Then, here is the time of planting; time and manner of cultivating; how far apart; where the rows and the hills; number of stalks in the hill; when the corn came up, and what variety it was; when it was harvested, etc., etc. And here I have got, in exact figures, the price of everything connected with it: Planting, hoeing and harvesting; the value of the corn, beans, pumpkins and fodder; value of manure; rent of land; and every item set down in full. So I know exactly how much it cost me to raise that piece of corn; and, thus, whether it pays me to continue raising it under such circumstances."

This is only an example. All other farm operations should be recorded in somewhat the same manner, and then there would be an end of the continual "guessing" and "thinking" and ignorance in regard to those things we should know about.—G. E. B. in Working Farmer.

WHEN IS A FARMER RICH?

Arthur Vale, Willoughby, Lake Co., Ohio, writes: "We have many farmers in this county who have good houses, barns and orchards, and who are out of debt; and yet they work as hard as ever, and seem as unsatisfied as when they were poor. The question arises, 'When is a farmer rich?'"

The best evidence that a farmer is rich is a pleasant bedroom in his house, containing a spare bed. On no occasion will any of the family need to occupy it; and there will be such conveniences that the guest will come out ready for the breakfast table. This room not only represents several thousand dollars, but also good furniture, carpets, and shade in summer. In most families this room is not obtained until the oldest girl has a beau, or the oldest boy gets the mitten. Moreover, the folks have early cucumbers; and, from July till frost, sweet corn; twice a day the year round, there is milk to strain; the horses are not heard stamping in the night; the hogs cannot run; nobody eats pork butter, or drinks coffee without cream pickles are taken out of cider vinegar; if a child has a sore throat, there is no running to a neighbors for honey; even in September few hens are kind enough to lay; if the old man suddenly starts for the county seat, a package of cake and cheese is handed him, and he does not mutter because a clean shirt is not ready; in May some apples can be found in the bottoms of barrels, and in August there is lard in crocks and pork in the brine. After breakfast, the father will be likely to read a chapter in the Bible, and then bow before the Creator, confessing His tender mercies.

We care not how many fat cattle a farmer may have, nor how many dairy cows; nor hogs, in a yard four rails high, fed with wheat and bran from barrels which steam in the sun; nor how many acres running off toward a river; nor how many thousand dollars are at interest; nor how much folks may stand aside when he goes into the store; if there is not a spare bed in his house, he is a poor man.—N. Y. Tribune.

WEDDING POTATOES WITH SHEEP.—It may not be known to farmers in general that it is a common practice in some of the potato-growing districts to turn flocks of sheep into the potato fields for the purpose of eating a potato vine. This pasturing sheep is very advantageous when the crop is a late planted one, so that the hoeing cannot be completed until the haying or harvest is finished. At the growing season it is the planter's aim to keep down the grass and weeds so that they may be covered with dirt by the cultivator, and hoe, when these are used, pasturing with sheep will attain this object. Early planted crops, the cultivation of which is completed in the first half of the summer

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LEBANON BERKHEIMER, Executor with the Will annexed. March 15, 1867.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Christian Hoffman, deceased.

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