

Farm, Garden & Household.

Every year we are led to regard with thankfulness the beneficent provision which ordered the territory now occupied by this great nation, to be subject to so varied climatic and meteorological influences, yet so closely connected, and the inter-communication between its parts so intimate. This year the seaboard has been wet, and the inland States have been rather dry. If grain has been damaged for flour in one State, the well secured harvests of others easily supply the need. If, of the East, the crop of potato crop, as it seems probable that we shall, we can look to the West for a supply, and to the South for a substitute. The hay of New England may have been gathered in too poor a condition for market, and so while the farmers will lose their wanted profits, the railroads will now, thanks to improvements in hay-presses, bring the hay a thousand miles, and not make the price too high for our city markets. Eastern farmers who have been in the habit of selling hay may now learn an important lesson if they will, namely, that hay kept on the farm and fed out or made manure of, is worth a good deal more to them than if sold at any ordinary prices. The hay being used for sale must be used; part of it will be fed, the rest made into manure. Another lesson—the poor hay, either that which has been wetted in curing, or that which has stood until it is hard, grown too tough, and wily to be profitably used, must be either chaffed short and steamed, or wet down with a little meal or oil-cake, bran or other similar feed, and left to stand until incipient fermentation commences. The value of the grain thus used need not be matched by the labor will not be grudged when the results are seen.

September is a happy month; it brings the golden fruits of the orchard, and the golden corn ripens under the autumn suns. There is now, a harvest of golden fruits—no gold is too a days—each September usually yields to those who have early crops to sell. During this month the prices of grain in Europe become settled, ordinarily. They may be such as to excite speculation, or the prices here may quietly settle down to what we may consider about remunerative prices.

Save time to attend the Fair, and be sure to take or send something to help the show. Have it in the best possible order, and don't expect so confidently to get the prize as to be uncomfortable if you lose it. It is no shame to be beaten, but it is to be ashamed for a poor article to take a prize over a better one. Therefore rejoice that something more excellent than your's could be raised and that the raiser brought it. A good part of your reward should be in having contributed to make a fine show. A man seldom gains credit to himself by declaring openly that things he has, at home, are much better than those exhibited. Such statements, if made, should be said privately and generally in self-commendation for not having brought the articles. The unsuccessful competitor seldom gains more than an unenviable notoriety by openly impugning the motives of judges.

Every one is happy to receive prizes, and the hope that he may, is a great inducement to present articles in competition. The honor or sad credit should count for much, the money for very little, and really the unselfish motive of contributing to make a fine show, should be the chief inducement to exert oneself for the fair. An exhibitor going to the fair with these feelings will not leave his wagon loads of fruit, vegetables, and dairy products outside, while he searches through the exhibition tables to find out if he will be worthy certain of the prizes, before he decides to exhibit. There is nothing criminal in this, but it is certainly not honorable and commendable.—American Agriculturist.

Humorous.

WHAT man is keener than a razor? A Sharper.

JOHN Billings says there is nothing more touching in this life, than to see a poor, but virtuous young man struggling with a mousethumb.

To prevent hair from coming out, soak your upper story in a solution of vinegar and glue water, and then stand on your head for about an hour.

GENIUS will work its way through, as the poet said when he saw a hole in the elbow of his coat.

A merchant's advice in selecting a wife was, 'Get hold of a piece of calico that will wash.'

A MODERN philosopher, taking the motion of the mahogany side-board with a second, says that if you take off your hat in the street to bow to a friend, you go seven miles bareheaded without taking cold.

MAMA! said a little fellow whose mother had forbidden him to draw horses and ships on the mahogany side-board with a sharp nail.—'Mamma, this ain't a nice house. At Sam Packet's we can cut the sofa and pull out the hair, and ride the shayvel and tongue, over the carpet; put here we can't have any fun at all.'

THE VICE THAT PAYS.—The following is attributed to an eminent personage, perhaps the most eminent of the French empire.—A lady was declaiming in his presence against the use of tobacco, and prayed that he would arrest the encroachment of a habit which had grown to be a vice. 'A vice it may be called, to be sure,' was the reply; 'but find me a virtuous man who yields the Treasury one hundred and twenty million francs a year.'

A FEW DAYS SINCE, as a lady connected with a certain mission was visiting one of the public institutions for the reformation of juvenile delinquents, she would ask the little urchin for what misdemeanor they were in there. It went off till she came to a rather hard-looking boy, who evidently didn't like the system when she asked: 'What are you in here for?' 'For stealing a coat, marm.' 'Well, aren't you sorry for it?' 'Yes,' (grumly.) 'Won't you try to do better next time?' 'Yes, I'll steal two!'

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