

Farm, Garden & Household.

PROFITS OF FARMING.

The Massachusetts Ploughman says: "Under the head of 'Does Farming Pay?' a few weeks ago, we called attention to the advertisement of Mr. Daren, of Wolcott, stating that he had acquired a competency by farming, he desired to dispose of his farm. In that article we requested Mr. D. to give us some account of his mode of operations that we might lay before our readers. We are now happy to be able to present some common sense and well considered remarks of his not only in regard to his own farming, but also in relation to farming in general, which we think will be read with interest. We copy the most important parts of the communication:

The surest, and most reliable and most important crop of the farm is the grass. Out of grass and nature's own crucibles come meat and milk, and cheese, the more enduring form of milk; boots, shoes, clothing, the very foundation of existence; and he who makes two spears grow where but one grew before is certainly a benefactor to the race, in his way.

Within the last fifteen years I presume I have raised and sold from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars' worth of Swedish turnips, but question whether or not I am any richer for it. I think I could have raised as many dollars' worth of corn and fodder, which would have returned me to repeat the process; and turnips make heavy drafts upon land. I have also dabbled some in other lands, but found dabbling did not pay; first, it interferes with milk raising, taking invaluable hay time; and, secondly, you are not apt to raise enough to get a good run of trade, and therefore the best price. Fruit and cider I have sold considerable of, never I think more than one hundred and fifty barrels of apples in one year. But when they are plenty they sell but little above expense; half a crop generally pays as well as a full one, by bringing a better price. At best you get a crop only every second year; and if one fails, you have lost three years' use of your land, beside expenses, if you cultivate. So I put my orchard into grass some four years since and am as sure of it as crops yearly as the rain is to fall. Of course one would raise fruit and sauce enough for his own family, or try, and would often have a little to sell. These ideas apply perhaps only to my personal taste or the peculiar soil on which I am situated, or more surely, it may be, to the proper milk raising distance from market. Nearer the cities, where land is very precious, and small fruits must be the only paying thing; and farther into the country, where land is cheap, stock, butter and cheese, fruit and grain, are the things, as being not so perishable, easily transported and plenty of land to draw from.

Another consideration is, grass and milk are produced with much less labor than other kinds of farming, quite as important in these times. One man can very comfortably take care of fifteen or twenty head of cattle, spread the manure and plant three or four acres of corn with only a few days help, except during the hay season. Some of the time during the war I had a man only three months in the year, but wouldn't advise being too much alone. If you can get good company life is run on a higher plane. Justing each other is fruitful of ideas and vastly more pleasurable than whiskey; souls are made of them.

I have had a light run of grape fever, but been pretty cautious not to devote too much time and territory to them; planting them about walls, buildings, etc., to determine the kinds that succeed best and their profit. Of wine, I used to keep quite a number ten or twelve years ago, but realized no profit except in manure, and of all that I know of having kept a strict account with them only one man made above expenses, seventy-five cents, throwing in the refuse of his table at that. I do not care for them as food, not that I have any prejudice, or think we would be sharper than a Jew without them. I "could eat a raw rat if manners were in question," as well as Thorax, I'm confident. I used to let cattle run over the mowing in the fall, have done with that as far as may be, especially as they injure to mow and especially as they are the cause of four hundred pounds or more in the small space of an animal's hoof all over the ground. The soil can't aerate under that. I wouldn't have a hoof on meadow land if I could help it I know with scythe altogether.

Now for the profit. I estimate the income from good cows at one hundred dollars apiece. This distance from market (ten miles), the sale price and sold at the door; nearly double that marketed and retailed versus. Extra cows considerable more, from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars apiece. I have, and I could pick out many another such, twenty-nine acres lying near the house, six in pasture, three perhaps in wood and waste, and twenty acres left, on which, when it is all in condition, (some five acres not yet reclaimed), I affirm and I think modestly, that I could get sixty tons per year; one and one-half tons at each cropping, which should keep fifteen cows and a horse the year round, except turning half a dozen dry cows into the country during the summer. Now isn't the way plain, modest, sure? For when grass in moist places falls, all else will have failed before it, and there is a famine.

To be sure, there are operations that tickle the fancy more; here is a man that has sold eight hundred dollars worth of grapes from half an acre, or another that I heard of yesterday in—, that netted clear of all expenses, fourteen hundred dollars from cucumbers and celery on threefourths of an acre, or you may pocket a hundred dollars on a little patch of turnips, cabbages or squashes. Are we all, because of these strokes of luck or wisdom, to pull up stakes and devote all to celery and strawberries, or grapes and cabbages? No wisdom in that, or luck.

ABOUT APPLES.

There is scarcely an article of vegetable food more widely useful or more universally liked than the apple. Why every farmer has not an apple orchard, where the trees will grow at all, is one of the mysteries. Let every housekeeper lay in a good supply of apples, and it will be the most economical investment in the whole range of culinary. A raw mellow apple is digested in an hour and a half, while boiled cabbages require five hours. The most beautiful dessert that can be placed on the table is a baked apple. If eaten frequently at breakfast, with coarse bread and butter, without meat or fish of any kind, it has an admirable effect on the general system, often removing constipation, correcting acidities, and cooling off febrile conditions

more effectually than the most approved medicines. If families could be induced to substitute apples—sound and ripe—for pies, cakes, and sweetmeats, with which their children are too frequently stuffed, there would be a diminution in the sum total of doctor bills in a single year sufficient to lay in a stock of this delicious fruit for the whole season's use.

Humorous.

WHAT medicine does a foolish man take for a scolding wife? He takes an elixir.

It is a miserable thing to live in suspense; it is the life of a spider.

The richer a man makes his food, the poorer he makes his appetite.

WHEN is a recruit supposed to be raw? Until he has been exposed to fire.

War is a newspaper like a wife? Because every man ought to have one of his own.

"SONNY, dear, you have a very dirty face."

"Can't help it, marm, dad's a black republican."

WHY wasn't Eve tried for eating the apple? Because there was no court of appellate jurisdiction.

No wonder that Westou is a good walker. It turns out that he used to be a collector for a newspaper.

WHY are young ladies like arrows?—Because they never go off without a bow (beau), and they are always in a quiver till they get one.

SOME of the Chinese in California have silver watches so large that they use the outside to fry potatoes in.

"I HAVE lost flesh," said a toper to his companion. "No great loss," said the other, "since you have made up in spirits."

A PRINTER in Texas, whose first son happened to be a very short, little fellow named him Brevier Fullered Jones.

A PERSON being asked why he had given his daughter in marriage to a man with whom he was at enmity, answered "I did it out of pure revenge."

A WRITER dwelling upon the importance of small things, says that "the always takes note even of a straw, especially if there happens to be a sherry cobbler at one end of it."

AN editor never leaves any money at home for fear of fire, and never carries any with him for fear of robbers, nor deposits it in the bank for fear of speculating bank officers.

Abem! Yes as a class, editors seem careful!

DRINK for a gardener, rum shrub; drink for an undertaker, beer; drink for a sailor, port; drink for a railroad traveler, porter; drink for a bird-catcher, gin; drink for a prize-fighter, punch; drink for a deserter, brandy; drink for a doctor, champagne.

An old lady who had never travelled in the cars, resolved last year to visit Boston. She had no sooner alighted from the car than a man took hold of her arm with the usual "Have a hack?" Looking him full in the face she drawled out hesitatingly, "Wa'al I dunno, be they good to eat?"

SEVEN gamblers were about to be hung, when one of them remarked sorrowfully, "Well, Jim; we've had our last trump."

"No," replied Jim; "one more, and that will be a game of seven up." "Well," remarked the other, "there's one consolation, that game will hold out till the 'last trump' is played."

The Kennebec Journal gives a conversation between two little girls, aged respectively five and six. "Emma," said one of them, "wouldn't it be awful if somebody should shoot our school mistress?" "Yes," was the reply, "but then wouldn't it be nice not to have any school?"

An irascible old gentleman, was taken with sneezing in the car lately. After sneezing in the most spasmodic manner eight times, he arrested it for a moment, and extricating his handkerchief, thus addressed his nasal organ indignantly saying, "Oh, go on, go on—you'll blow your infernal brains out presently."

For several weeks the Springfield, Leader kept the following conspicuously at the head of its local column:

"Boy wanted at this office."

A few days since, the editor's wife presented him with a boy, which in a highly significant way, shows the value of advertising.

"Pa," said Charlie to his parental ancestor holding a Sunday School picture book, "What is that?"

"That my son, is Jacob wrestling with the angel."

"And who was licked?" inquired the young hopeful.

An exchange speaking of the magic strains of a hand organ, says:

"When he plays 'Old Dog Tray' we noticed eleven little pups sitting on their haunches in front of the machine, brushing the tears from their eyes with their fore paws."

An old bachelor who had become melancholy and poetical wrote some verses, for the village paper, in which he expressed the hope that the time would soon come when he should:

"Rest calm within a shroud,
With a weeping widow by my side,"

but to his inexpressible horror, it came out in print:

"When I shall rest calmly within a shroud,
With a weeping widow by my side."

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

Two lots in the City of Omaha Nebraska.

Two tracts of 160 acres each within three miles of a depot on the Pacific Railroad back of Omaha.

First tract of bottom lands timbered and grazed two miles from Omaha City.

One third of 7,000 acres in Fulton County Pa., including valuable Ore, mineral and timber lands near Fort Littleton.

Over 4,000 acres of valuable ore, coal and timber lands in West Virginia.

Also, A lot of ground (about one acre) at Willow Tree, in Snake Spring Township, on Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike, three miles East of Bedford, with frame dwelling house, cooper shop, stable, &c. thereon erected.

Also, 225 acres one acre lots, adjoining the Borough of Bedford, with lime stone rock for kiln or quarry on the upper end of each.

Also, 325 acres of land in Woodbury Co., Iowa, 325 acres in Reynolds Co., Missouri.

480 " " Shannon " " "

270 " " Bollinger " " "

80 " " Franklin " " "

O. E. SHANNON,
Bedford, Penn'a.

June 21, '91

SPLENDID ARTICLE of Blank Deeds

on the best parchment paper, for sale at the Inquirer office.

NEW BOOK, STATIONERY AND PICTURE STORE.

The undersigned has opened in Shaffer's building, Julia street, a NEW

BOOK, STATIONERY AND PICTURE STORE.

Having purchased the largest stock of Books and Stationery ever brought to this place, at the

LOWEST WHOLESALE PRICES,

He flatters himself that he will be able to sell

CHEAPER

than any other person engaged in the same business. His stock consists in part of

SCHOOL BOOKS, MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, STANDARD POETRY, POPULAR NOVELS,

Also HYMN BOOKS for all Denominations, EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOKS, MISSALS, &c.

CHILDREN'S Story Books, Books on Parlor Magic, Books on Games, Song Books, Dime Novels, etc.

His stock of

SCHOOL BOOKS!

Embraces Osgood's Series of Readers, Brown's Grammars, Brook's Arithmetics, Davie's Algebra, Bank's Speller, and all books used in the Common Schools of Bedford County; also COPY-BOOKS, of all kinds.

STATIONERY!

of every description at lowest prices, will be found at his store, including Fool-cap, plain and ruled, Ledger Cap, Letter Cap, Bill Paper, Commercial Note, Ladies' Note, ENVELOPES of all kinds and sizes, Plain and Fancy, Fine White Wove, etc., etc. STEEL PENS, Pen-Holders, Slates and State Pencils of all numbers, Ink-Stands of the most beautiful and Convenient designs, and INKS of the best quality at the lowest prices.

Also a large assortment of KEITH'S ENGLISH LAMP'S Plain and Fancy Soap, SMOKING and CHEWING TOBACCOS, Cigars, Pen-Knives, PERFUMERY, etc. A specialty will be made of the PICTURE DEPARTMENT—Five Large Portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Johnson and other distinguished Americans, Fancy Pictures, Stereoscopes and Stereoscopic Views, Picture Frames, &c., &c., will be always kept on hand. Porte Monnaies, Pocket-Books, hand-some Porte-Folios, etc. Violins, Accordions and other Musical Instruments, Checker-Boards, Chess-Men, etc.

Hoping to meet the patronage of the public, he has selected his stock with great care, and is bound to sell cheap to all who will give him a call.

JOHN REEFER,
Bedford, Dec. 13th, 1867.—1f

BOTTOM FALLEN OUT!

DOWN! DOWN! DOWN!

—WAY—

DOWN! DOWN! THEY DROP

ONE LOW PRICE AND ALL GOODS MARKED

IN PLAIN FIGURES

G. R. OSTER & CO.,

Are now receiving at their NEW STORE a large and splendid assortment of

DRY GOODS,

FURS,

CLOTHING,

CARPETS,

FLOOR CLOTHS,

HATS & CAPS,

BOOTS,

SHOES,

QUEENSWARE,

WILLOW-WARE,

WALL AND WINDOW PAPER, OILS, TOBACCO, CIGARS, &c.

Together with an extensive assortment of

FRESH GROCERIES!

Which for extent and CHEAPNESS is unrivaled in Bedford County, all of which they offer Wholesale or Retail at PRICES that DEFY COMPETITION. Piles of

CALICO PRINTS

and MUSLINS

From Six and one-fourth cents up as to quality.

They invite all to call and see for themselves and be convinced.

TERMS POSITIVELY CASH ON DELIVERY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

Bedford, Pa., Dec. 13, 1867.—m3

SOMETHING YOU NEED.

CLEAVER'S WONDERFUL LINIMENT.

IT'S EFFICACIOUS AGAINST ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE SKIN.

If you have a cut, old sore, frost-bite, tetter, or any ailment requiring outward application you should use it.

If your horses or cattle have cuts, kicks, sprains, grease, scratches, or old sores, you should use it, for you can get nothing better either for yourself or horses, and cattle.

You can procure it of store keepers, and dealers, in patent medicines throughout the county. Manufactured only by

JAS. CLEAVER,
Hopewell, Pa., Nov. 8—3m.

WASHINGTON HOTEL.

This large and commodious house, having been re-taken by the subscriber, is now open for the reception of visitors and boarders. The rooms are large, well ventilated, and comfortably furnished. The table will always be supplied with the best the market can afford. The Bar is stocked with the choicest liquors. In short, it is my purpose to keep a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. Thanking the public for past favors, I respectfully solicit a renewal of their patronage.

N. B. Hacks will run constantly between the Hotel and the Springs.

may 17, '67 ly. WM. DIBERT, Prop'r.

LIVERY STABLES, in rear of the "Mengele House," Bedford, Pa.

MENGELE & BURNS, Proprietors.

The undersigned would inform their friends, and the public generally, that they are prepared to furnish Horses, Buggies, Carriages, Sporting Wagons, or anything in the Livery line of business, in good style and at moderate charges. Terms: Cash, unless by special agreement.

Jan 24 '68. M. MENGELE & BURNS.

YES! OYES! OYES!

The undersigned having taken out auctioneer license holds himself in readiness to cry sales and auctions on the shortest notice. Give him a call. Address him at Ray's Hill, Bedford County, Pa.

Oct 18, '6m WILLIAM GRACEY.

ALL KINDS OF BLANKS, Common, Adm'nistrators' and Executors', Deeds, Mortgages, Subjunct Notes, Promissory Notes, with and without waiver of execution, Summons, Subpoenas and Executions, for sale at the Inquirer office, Nov 2, 1866

HARDWARE.

A NEW HAND AT THE BELLOWS.

AT THE OLD STAND OF BLYMYER & SON.

The undersigned having purchased, the entire stock of G. BLYMYER & SON, and having added thereto by

FRESH PURCHASES

in the East. Respectfully announces to the public that he is now prepared to sell at lowest

CASH PRICES,

or approved COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Everything in the Hardware line, such as CARPENTERS', JOINERS', CABINET

AND SHOEMAKER TOOLS, AND FINDINGS,

CROSS CUT AND SAW MILL SAWS,

GRIND STONES, AND FIXTURES,

SADDLERY of all kinds

NAILS,

by the keg or pound,

WAGON, FIRE, STRAP IRON,

NAIL ROD, DOUBLE AND SINGLE

SHEAR, BLISTER AND CAST STEEL

HORSE SHOES, by the keg or small quantities,

DOUBLE AND SINGLE BITTED AXES,

CUTLERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

KNIVES AND FORKS, very cheap,

the very best POCKET KNIVES,

PORTMONIES AND POCKET BOOKS,

SILVER TEA AND TABLE

SPOONS in sets.

BRITAINIA WARE

in sets, trays, &c.

PAINTS, OILS,

AND VARNISHES,

Window Glass, all sizes, sashes and Lamp Chimneys, Wooden and Willow Ware, Wash Boards

Churns, Manila Rope, Halter Bed-Cords, and Twine, Brushes of every description, Shoe Blacking, Shovels and Forks Grain Shovels, Chains of all kinds, Sausage Cutters and Stuffers, Sole and Kip Leather, &c. Also,

VERY BEST FRENCH CALF SKINS,

Buffalo Robes, and a general variety of goods kept in a first class Hardware store.

Our object shall be to be governed by the golden rule, "to do unto others as you wish to be done by," we intend to sell at fair rates, and by fair dealing hope to merit a continuance of the patronage bestowed upon BLYMYER & SON.

THOMAS M. LYNCH.

Nov. 13, 1866.

REMOVAL! REMOVAL!

B. W. BERKSTRESSER & CO.,

Take pleasure in informing their many friends and customers that they have moved the Bedford CLOTHING EMPORIUM to Shuek's Old Stand, one door west of the Washington House, where they have opened the largest stock of

READY MADE CLOTHING,

ever brought to Bedford and consisting in parts of

OVER COATS,

DRESS COATS,

BUSINESS COATS, PANTS, VESTS,

to match.

They have also a good assortment of

ARMY CLOTHING

at very low prices; BLOUSES,

OVFR COATS,

PANTS,

BLANKETS, &c., &c.

Our CASSIMERE DEPARTMENT

is full and complete.

TRIMMINGS

in greatest variety.

Our Notion Department is also quite attractive

GENTS' UNDER CLOTHING from \$1 to 2.50

OVER SHIRTS of every style and price,

HOSIERY,

GLOVES, NECKTIES,

BOW SUSPENDERS, LINEN AND PAPER CUFFS, LINEN COLLARS.

We have the largest Stock of PAPER COLLARS in Bedford and the greatest variety.

In HATS we defy competition, as we have the largest stock and direct from the Manufacturers. The latest styles always on hand.

MUSLINS, DELAINES,

CALICOES,

TICKINGS, FLANNELS, CLOAKING CLOTHS,

in great variety.

Persons buying for CASH or PRODUCE would do well to call and see us.

But remember, our TERMS are Cash or ProDUCE.

Remember the place! One Door West of the Washington House, Nov. 8, '66.

CASH BUYERS TAKE NOTICE

AND

SAVE YOUR GREENBACKS!

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED AT

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

AT J. M. SHOEMAKER'S STORE.

Having just returned from the East, we are now opening a Large Stock of FALL and WINTER GOODS, which have been bought for Cash at New Prices, and will be sold CHEAP. This being the only FULL STOCK of Goods brought to Bedford this season, persons will be able to suit themselves better in Style, Quality and Price than at any other store in Bedford.

The following comprise a few of our prices, viz:

CALICOES:

10, 12, 14, 15, 16, and the best at 18.

MUSLINS:

10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and the best at 22.

ALL WOOL FLANNELS from 40 cts. up.

FRENCH MERINOES, ALL WOOL DELAINES, COBURGS, &c.

Men's wear, CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, JEANS, &c.