Farm, Garden & Household.

WASTES OF THE FARM.

We spoke last week of the sources of waste on the farm in the want of proper management of manures, particularly in regard to their careless exposure to rains and the consequent loss through drainage. And when it is considered how great a proportion of the valuable constituents of yard manures are soluble in water, and consequently easily washed out and lost, it will be found that we have a multitude of sins and short comings to answer for in this direction. If what we have said shall have the effect to lead any to keep their manure sheltered and to apply it directly from the barn cellar, we shall feel that we have done some good.

Another great source of waste is to be found in the bad management of pastures. How many farmers take any pains to keep down the wild growths of every discription that come up in the pastures; the moss, the bushes, the mulleins, the white weed and all the noxious plants that infest our pasture lands?

Pastures are often overstocked, and this leads to deterioration. Some farmers turn in all kinds of stock, like horses, neat cattle or sheep, old and young together, and this is a source of injury and consequent waste. Of course the mere mention of these mistakes is a sufficient suggestion as to how to remedy them.

As to the effect of sheep upon pastures though opinions differ, we have no doubt it is generally beneficial. It is certainly so in the eastern parts of the State, where few sheep are kept, and where our pastures have long been fed by dairy stock, till it takes often from four to six acres to carry a cow. We have seen rough and bushy pastures more improved by heavy stocking with sheep and a daily feeding with cotten seed meal, in one season, than we ever saw one improved in any other way in twice or three times as long. But it may be true that it is better to change to horn cattle after two or three years feeding by sheep, and the reverse. Pasture lands properly managed are undoubtedly profitable, and hence the temptation to crowd and overstock them. Plaster and ashes mixed in the proportion of one-third of the former to two thirds of the latter, make an excellent top dressing. But it was not so much to go into details as to how pastures may be improved that led us to speak of them, as to allude to their general mismanagement as a prominent source of waste. The thrifty farmer will find means to improve them and keep them improving. If it is impracticable to use the yard manures upon them, he will use plaster or ashes or loam. As a general rule it is thought to be better not to plough them, even where this is practicable, as the herbage on old pastures, not too badly run out, is thought to be sweeter and more nutritious than that of newly seeded land. We have other ways that are equally good and less expensive.

The treatment of wood land is another source of waste which on many farms is a serious one. It is now generally understood to be better to cut them off clean and to let them grow up again, than to hack and trim them out, as many do. The thinning out system, has therefore been abandoned by the most intelligent farmers, leaving the thinning out of young wood lots to the care of nature. And this we believe to be the best policy.

And there is a great want of economy in the cutting and preparation of wood for fuel. How few farmers keep a year's supply on hand, well seasoned, dry and properly housed. How few have calculated the loss they sustain in burning green or unseasoned wood.

Even the most thoroughly seasoned wood contains about ten per cent. of water, but green wood contains at least 35 per cent. In drawing or hauling twenty cords of green wood, the farmer hauls at least 20 tons of water, or one hundred and twenty-five barrels and on burning it green he loses heat enough in evaporating the sap to boil about 12,000 gallons of water. It is poor economy therefore, to trouble the folks in the kitchen so much with the use of green wood. Let it be seasoned and dried under cover and kept in good supply.

Who can estimate the cost and the loss in fencing in this Commonwealth? How many old walls and division fences that ought to come down and be got out of the way? Thousands of acres are occupied with useless fence the farms cut up so as to increase the difficulties of running the mowing machine, and all the labors of the farm multiplied by frequent turnings in ploughing or using any other machine on the farm. It is a subject worth looking after with great care, and it will be found that necessary fences constitute a very serious source of waste and expense on a large number of farms.—*Mass. Ploughman.*

PROFITS OF FARMING.

At a recent discussion at the New York Farmers' Club in reference to the cash money profits of farming, it seemed to be generally conceded that the business failed to yield seven per cent. on the capital invested. We were somewhat surprised that none of the debators thought of giving the farm credit for the three great necessaries of life—house rent, table supplies and fuel. Viewed in this light, farming is the safest and best investment that can be made of capital. Take for instance, $20,000; let it be judiciously invested in a moderate amount of land, and all the stock and implements necessary to its successful cultivation. The proceeds from such an investment will support a family in a degree of comfort, and even luxury, that would cost six or seven thousand a year here in New York; and where is the safe, honorable mercantile or mechanical pursuits that will yield six thousand a year on a twenty thousand dollar investment? The profits of farming, except in a rare instance, will be found to diminish as we intend our operations beyond what is requisite for the comfortable support of a family, and this may be done as well on a thousand acres of land, and this is a strong argument for the subdivision of the great landed estates of the South.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENTS.

Too often, as we have traveled over the country this summer, have we witnessed a fine house, good buildings, and fence-line containing more or less rubbish, evidently the gatherings and pruning of the garden and lawn trees. Sometimes the street or roadway is clear of this; but while the grass is clipped inside the fence, that outside is left to grow long and rank, with more or less coarse weeds, presenting just that appearance to the man's grounds that the finding of a heap of dirt under the lounge would to the housewife, and giving him in our view no claim to a better name than would be applied to such a housewife.

Our horticultural readers should each and all strive to make the outward appearance of their grounds clean, neat and tasteful, first by keeping away all rubbish from the street, next by frequent mowing and destruction of weeds, and lastly by planting and caring for shade trees and flowering shrubs, giving themselves pleasure, and attracting notice from every passer-by; and again, as an example to those of their neighbors, who not being readers or have not learned to move out of their original tracks, continue to make brush-piles, keep hog-pens, and grow thistles, mullein, etc., in front of their house.—*The Horticulturist.*

Humorous.

A Single file—a bachelor.

The W(h)ine of life—constant complaint.

The Best eyelet-hole—the socket of the eye.

Song For a toper—"Comin' through the rye."

An Object of foul play—a hen-pecked husband.

A Good style of logic for prize-fighters—knock-down arguments.

Is the business in paper declared quite stationary?

When is a cat like a teapot? When you're teasin' it.

The Essay on Man—A woman's attempt to marry him.

An architectural inclination—The leaning tower at Pisa.

Misery loves company—so does a marriageable young woman.

Troubles are like babies—they grow bigger by nursing.

Why are negro urchins like Nellie's prettiest charm? Because they are little darkies.

Why is a quarrelsome, female a good thing to hang over a well? Because she is a windlass.

An exchange says that self made men, like other made men, are sometimes very badly made.

"Nominate your poison," says the bartender to the gent at the bar.

Sugar like a sweet temper, makes much insipidity agreeable.

Why is a water-lilly like a whale? They both come to the surface to blow,

"This is a grave matter," said the Medical student as he robbed the Church yard.

A pleasant style of suicide—to hang upon the notes of a pretty lady while she is singing.

"Are a man and his wife both one?" asked the wife of a certain gentleman, holding his aching head in both her hands.

"Yes, I suppose so," was the reply.

"Well, then," said she, "I came home drunk last night, and ought to be ashamed of myself."

My first is what lies at the door; my second is a kind of corn; my third is what no body can do without, and my whole is one of the United States. Mat-ri-mony.

A "Cultivator" was espied by a party of Nashville negroes, when one said: "A man can jist sit on dat ting an' ride while he's plowing." "Golly," said another, "de rascals was too sharp to think o' dat 'fore de niggers was sot free."

Two Gentlemen were conversing about wealth, when one observed:

"I don't care to be rich, but I would like enough so that I could live on four per cent. of my property."

"Well," said the other, "I am not so ambitious. I should be satisfied with sufficient for two per cent. to maintain me."

A Maine cotemporary describes a flag-raising at which there was "a very large assemblage," and the opposition journal says there was only two men and three boys present at the affair. Some one must have a very slender hold on the truth.

The following may be set down as one of the best jokes of the season:

Baptist Brother—I don't like your church government. It isn't simple enough. There's too much machinery about it.

Methodist Brother—It is true, we have more machinery than you; but then, you see it don't take near so much *water* to run it.

One Word More.—"Father, I think you told a fib in the pulpit to-day," said a little son of a clergyman.

"Why, what do you mean?"

"You said, 'One word more and I have done.' Then you went on and said a great many more words. The people expected you'd leave off, cause you'd promised them. But you didn't and kept on preaching a long while after the time was up."

"Du They."—A wager was laid that it was a Yankee peculiarity to answer one question by another. To sustain the assertion a down Easter was interrogated. "I want you said the latter, "to give me a straightforward answer to a plain question."

"I kin do it, mister," said the Yankee.

"Then why is it that New Englanders always answer a question by asking one?"

"Du they?" was Jonathan's reply.

A dandy strutting about a tavern, took up a pair of green spectacles which lay on the table, put them on his nose, and turning to the looking glass, said: "Landlord, how do these become me? Don't you think they improve my looks?" "I think they do," replied the landlord, "they hide a part of your face."

Asking too Much.—A young couple were sitting together in a romantic spot, with birds and flowers about them, when the following dialogue ensued:

"My dear, if the sacrifice of my life would please thee, gladly would I lay it at thy feet."

"Oh, sir, you're too kind. But it just reminds me that I wish you would stop using tobacco."

"Can't think of it. It's a habit to which I am wedded."

"Very well sir. Since this is the way you lay down your life for me, and as you are already wedded to tobacco, I'll take good care that you are never wedded to me, as it would be bigamy."

Artemus Ward once had an adventure in Boston which resulted as follows:

I returned in the hoss cart part way. A pooty girl in spectacles sot near me, and was tellin' a young man how much he reminded her of a young man she used to know in Waltham. Pooty soon the young man got out, and smiling in a seductive manner, I said to the girl in spectacles:

"Don't I remind you of some one you used to know?"

"Yes," she said, "you do remind me of one man, but he was sent to the penitentiary for stealin' a barrel of mackeral; he died there, so I concloud you ain't him."

I didn't pursoo the conversation.

Billings and the Bees.—The Bumbe Beel is one uv natures sekrets. They probably hev a destiny tew fill and are probably necessary, if a fellow only knew how. They live apart from the rest of mankind in little circles, numbering about 75 or 80 souls. They are borne about haying time, and are different from enny bug I know uv; they are the biggest when just born. They resemble some men in this respecks. Their principle bizness is making poor honey, but they don't make enny tew sell. Boys often rob them out uv a whole summer's work, but there is one thing about a bumbel bee that boys always watch dredful close, and that is their helm. I had rather not hev awl the bumbel bee honey there iz between here and the city of Jerusalam, than to have a bumbel bee hit me with his helm when he cums round suddin. They are different from other war-vessels, the helm alwas minds the bumbel bee.

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