TO IMPROVE SANDY SOILS.

Mr. Editor: - There is a very erroneous but strong impression on some minds, that light, loose sands are valueless for purposes of cultivation. In their natural state, it is true, they are not very productive; a few crops of rye or buckwheat reduces their fertility, and o much manure is thenceforth requisi reinvigorate and keep them in heart that they are either turned out to pasture, or abandon ed in despair. I have bad some experie in the cultivation of this species of soil, and my success has induced me to attach to them a much higher degree of importance than is usually accorded. And I am fully persuaded that even the lightest and most sterile sands may, by proper management, and without any ruinous outlay of expense, either in time productive; in short, that our poorest plains | the ancient masters of the day.' land can be redeemed from this unjust impu tation of utter worthlessness, and made to equaling in abundance and richness those aforded by the most affluent soils upon which labor has ever yet been bestowed.

In the first place, in order to successful amelioration of sandy soils, it will be necessary completely and thoroughly to cleanse them from stumps. After this is affected, let them be plowed deeply, with a strong team, in the last of summer, turning in all the wild growth upon them to the depth of at least one foot; then harrow thoroughly and roll with as heavy a roller as you can procure. The next thing s to give the surface a good dressing of clay. vicinity of the field to be clayed, either in neath the sand, for sand and clay are never far apart. The finer it is, and the more greasy, the better and more durable will be its action; and the more liberally it is applied, the more thorough will be the improv ent consequent upon its application. best time for applying it is immediately after plowing, and to secure its being refined and broken up, it should be deposited in heaps and spread evenly over the surface, to remain exposed during the winter to the action of the frost. In the spring plow again not so deeply as before, in order not to disturb the sward, barrow, and again roll. You can now ow on rye, or plant, and the crop will come off in season to allow you an opportunity to other dressing of clay, which in quantity should be equal to the first-say forty cords to the acre-and spread as before.

This will entirely change the texture of the soil, and you will no longer have the barren ness of sand to contend with, but a soil en dued with all the essential requisites of per manent and vigorous fertility, and on which manure will act with as much celerity and en ergy as upon the richest loams. It may be thought that the quantity of clay recommended-eighty cords to the acre-is large, but this amount of stable manure, and bear in mind the very important fact that while manure is an article for which money has to be paid, the whole cost of clay is embraced in quantity requisite to insure a complete and thorough improvement being large will at se to retain its force. If the farmer cannot afford this, he can apply a less quantity at first, and add to it year by year; but in this case he must be contented with a much less lucrative return for his annual labors, as in order thoroughly to improve the soil, and overcome the many and serious imperfections of sand as it naturally exists. Therefore it is at once into the profits of the business, than to occupy years with only a limited annual

One great reason-and indeed I regard i as the principal one-why manure never acts vigorously on light sands is, that the extre perosity which characterizes it, causes the dung to keep dry, and consequently to remain inert. A lump of dry manure is no better i the soil than a chip or a stone, and will pro The clay gives cohesiveness to the particle nites them by a sort of glutinous attachmen and consolidation, and while it favors the ab of the dung. In a few years the soil will as garden mould, and the various grasses will to their roots, and supply a meisture and so

To every person, therefore, who is the possessor of sandy soil, I would say, clay it at grave, and a mean sort of a stone to mark once! No soil is so easily worked, and from it." "Why, it's a milestone, man!" said the no soil, when managed in this way, will la-other innocently. "Is it, indeed! If "2 M." bor secure to itself a more certain and rich don't spell tomb, I should like to know what reward. it does spell?"

New Jersey, August 1, 1869.

## RECREATION FOR FARMERS.

"Homph!" I hear some farmer say, "what does be mean by recreation for farmers?" I that state. A railroad conductor is represent-will try to tell you what I mean. At the as saying, - 'INDIANAPOLIS! FIFTER MINUTES round of duty, whatever its name or nature. None seem to be exempt from this law of our being. None can ignore it without serious loss to person and purse.

The loss to a person grows out of the fact of his physicians. "O father, father that we cannot continue one set of muscles screamed a son of the patient, who was lookin work, to the neglect of others, without sooner or later overworking the one and imcupations. Their necessary labor brings about all their muscular system into usc. can lakes was recently feeling his way along The extent of the use in their case is just in the dark, when the look-out ahead cried premature old age. We see them bowed the schooner the captain demanded, "What mind; they become taciturn in their homes. skipper, who was a Frenchman, answered, A sombre sadness seems to pervade all "Vat you do here viz your ole steamboat in around. three feet of water, eh?" and just then the

The wife is too often overworked and partakes of the same spirit. The children growing up in such at atmosphere lose interest in home-if they ever had any interest in it -and look forward with longing eyes to the time when they can escape to the city, the West, or the sea.

Too much of the emigration from our New England farms has its cause just here. know of individual cases in which this is true The homes are not pleasant to them by reason of unceasing work and the want of cheeress in the family

The remedy, I think, in a measure is to be found in farmers finding out that they can accomplish more, year by year, if they devote a portion of their time to recuperate their a portion of their time to recuperate their powers by relaxation. After a season of re laxation we bring new energy into all we have to do. Work is done with a will. More of cheerfulness accompanies it. Disappoint-ments fail to depress as formerly. Old things have passed away. The future wears a new aspect. "We have renewed our youth as the

Ans .- Jonah and the Whale I am aware that most farmers will say 'This is all very well; but we cannot possibly, bring it round.'' Just here is where the trouble lies, I am ready to admit. At the same Justices should have them.

time I would urge you to seek for some way to accomplish it. Take your wife into your unsel, and also the children. You will find that they will enter into a solution of the A difficulties with a will. Your combined wisdom will be sure to triumph in the end, be-

cause your interest is involved in it. When once the matter has been put to the test, no tear of it ever being dropped. Much ed the agency of the of seeming discontent and bardship will disappear. Try it .- New England Farmer.

## Humorous.

A sprightly little girl being asked, "What This Loan amounts to \$6,500,000. is nothing?" replied, "Shut your eyes, and you will see it.'

THE principal occupation of the "girl of the period" is said to be to sit at the window and watch for the "coming man."

An auctioneer recently advertised for sale or capital, be made highly and permenently a large quantity of oil paintings, "by some of

"MOTHER," said Ike Partington, "did you know that the 'iron horse' had but one ear?' yield not only remunerating crops, but crops 'One ear! merciful gracious, child, what do you mean ?" "Why, the engineer, of course." "I so through my work," as the needle

ing to the bust of Kentucky's great states man, recently, in a New York store. "No sir, that is clay," quietly replied the dealer.

A Cork paper publishes the following erra-"The words printed 'pigs and cows'

a man who uses tobacco and it would soon break up the practice." A friend of ours says "they ought also to pledge themselves to kiss every man that don't use it-and we go for that too.'

"IMAGINASHUN, tew mutch indulged in. says Josh Billings, "soon is tortured int reality; this is one way good hoss thieves are made; a man leans over a fence all day and imagines the hoss belongs tew him and sure enuff, the first dark night, the hoss

A MAN who had been arrested as a vagran rotested that he had a regular trade and alling, to wit, smoking glass for total eclipses of the sun; and as these occur only a few times n a century, he was not to blame for being out of employment a good deal.

Some time since a gentleman died in the town of Y-, who during life refused to believe in another world. Two or three weeks after his demise his wife received through a medium, a communication which read as follows: -"Dear wife I now believe. Please send me my thin clothes.'

A LITTLE five year old girl being asked y her ma, after an attempted bible lesson. why God did not want Adam and Eve to eat the fruit on a certain tree in the garden, replied thats he did not know, unless it was because "God wanted to "can" it for his own

"You seem animated by this fine scene, my dear Annie," said her lover. "No," said she, "I shall never be Annie mated till I am much better and more in accordance with the your wife, dearest;" and he gave her such a policy of enlightened economy, to give enough at first to effect the object desired, and enter body had hit against cur street door with a body had hit against our street door with a life preserver, it made such a noise.

HER "Photo" album richly bound, And shining fair with lustrous gold, I from the table raised and said "Is this your Bible I behold?" 'Ah, no!" she said with happy smile,

We maidens have, you know our whims And though devoutly pondered o'er. No bible 'tis; but Book of Hims.

AT a school in the north of England, dur ng a lesson on the animal kingdom, the eacher put the following question: "Can any ov name to me an animal of the order of ess animal A boy, whose face beamed with pleasure at the prospect of a good nark, replied, "I can! mother!" replied the boy in great glee.

leading out from Baltimore, were passing a milestone inscribed "2 M. to B." "Poor

A St. Louis minister, traveling through Indiana, says : "Soon after passing the capital of Indiana, my attention was called to the hit made by one of the pictorial papers as to the ease with which divorces are obtained in conditions of men are greatly advantaged by nat acknowledged the force of the caricature, an occasional relaxation from their daily but suggested that injustice might have been done to Chicago."

> in our house that lasted longer than a week." A STEAMBOAT captain on one of the Ameri-

A sailor launched a ship of force, A cargo put therein, of course No goods had he, he wished to sell : Each wind did serve his term as well : o neither port nor harbor bound, His greatest wish to run aground.

Ans.—Noah and his Ark.

Who had a certain dwelling place house complete and covered o'er. Where no man lived since or before. 'Twas not composed by human art, With wood, brick, stone, in any part; 'Twas in no den. 'twas in no cave,
'Twas in no rock, 'twas in no grave. "Twas not in heaven, nor in hell; Nor on earth, where mortals dwell; 'Twas not on the sea, nor on the main, Nor on the hill, nor on the plain. If you do know this man of fame, Tell where he lived and what's his name,

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JOHNKEEFE.

"I go through my work," as the needle said to the idle boy. "But not till you" hard pushed," as the idle boy said to the needle.

"Is that marble?" said a gentleman, point of Foreward of

Bedford, May 26, 1869. Mr. Midleton: Sir-I procured one bottle of your mediine and used one-half of it for Rheumatism, which effected a permanent cure up to this time. Jeannot hesi-tate in saying that it is the best zmedy I ever used. A Cork paper publishes the following erritum:—"The words printed 'pigs and cows'
in Mr. Parker's letter on the land question, in
yosterday's issue, should have been pros and
cons."

"Where Ignorance is Bliss," &c.—A Fact.
—Party (who has brought back the "music"
stool in disgust): "Look'ee' ere Mister Auctioneer, this thing ain't no manner of use at
all. I've twisted 'un round, an' ol' woman
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