Farm, Garden & Household.

From the New York Tribune.

WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING.

BY HORACE GREELEY.

Good and Bad Husbandry.

Necessity is the master of us all. A farmer may be as strenous for deep plowing as I am—may firmly believe that the soil should be thoroughly broken up and pulverized to a depth of fifteen to thirty inches, according to the crop; but, if all the team he can muster is a yoke of thin, light steers, or a span of old, spavined horses, which have not even a speaking acquaintance with grain, what shall he do? So he may heartily wish he had a thousand loads of barn-yard manure, and know how to make a good use of every ounce of it; but, if he has it not, and is not able to buy it, he can't always afford to forbear sowing and planting, and so, because he cannot secure great crops, do without any crops at all. If he does the best he can, what better can he do?

Again: Many farmers have fields that must await the pleasure of Nature to fit them for thorough cultivation. Here is a field—sometimes a whole farm—which, if partially divested of the primitive forest, is still thickly dotted with obstinate stumps and filled with green, tenacious, roots, which could only be removed at a heavy, perhaps ruinous cost. A rich man might order them all dug out in a month, and see his order fully obeyed; but, except to clear a spot for a garden or under very peculiar circumstances, it would not pay; and a poor man cannot afford to incur a heavy expense merely for appearance's sake, or to make a theatrical display of energy. In the great majority of cases, he who farms for a living can't afford to pull green stumps, but must put his newly cleared land into grass at the earliest day, mow the smoother and pasture the rougher portion of it, and wait for rain and drouth, heat and frost, to rot his stumps until they can easily be pulled or burned out as they stand.

So with regard to a process I detest, known as Pasturing. I do firmly believe that the time is at hand when nearly all the food of cattle will, in our Eastern and Middle States, be cut and fed to them—that we can't afford much longer, even if we can at present, to let them roam at will over hill and dale, through meadow and forest, biting off the better plants and letting the worse go to seed; often poaching up the soft, wet soil, especially in Spring, so that their hoofs destroy as much as they eat; nipping and often killing in their infancy the finest trees, such as the Sugar Maple, and leaving only such as Hemlock, Red Oak, Beech, &c., to attain maturity. Our race generally emerged from savageism and squalor into industry, comfort and thrift, through the Pastoral condition—the herding, taming, rearing and training of animals being that department of husbandry to which barbarians are mostly easily attracted: hence, we cling to Pasturing long after the reason for it has vanished. The radical, incurable vice of Pasturing—that of devouring the better plants and leaving the worse to form and diffuse seed—can never be wholly obviated; and I deem it safe to estimate that almost any farm will carry twice as much stock if their food be *mainly* cut and fed to them as it will if they are required to pick it up where and as it grows or grew. I am sure that the general adoption of Soiling instead of Pasturing will add immensely to the annual product, to the wealth, and to the population, of our older States. And yet, I know right well that many farms are now so rough and otherwise so unsuited to Soiling as to preclude its adoption thereon for many years to come.

Let me indicate what I mean by Good Farming, through an illustration drawn from the Great West:

All over the settled portions of the Valley of the Upper Mississippi and the Missouri there are large and small herds of cattle, that are provided with little or no shelter. The lea of a fence or stack, the partial protection of a young and leafless wood, they may chance to enjoy; but that it is a ruinous waste to leave them a prey to biting frosts and piercing northwesters, their owners seem not to comprehend. Many farmers far above want will this Winter feed out fields of Corn and stacks of Hay to herds of cattle that will not be one pound heavier on the 1st of May next than they were on the 1st of December last—who will have required that fodder merely to preserve their vitality and escape freezing to death. It has mainly been employed as fuel rather than as nourishment, and has served, not to put on flesh, but to keep out frost.

Now I am familiar with the excuses for this waste, but they do not satisfy me. The poorest pioneer might have built for his one cow a rude shelter of stakes and poles, and straw or prairie-grass, if he had realized its importance, simply in the light of economy. He who has many cattle is rarely without both straw and timber, and might shelter his stock abundantly if he only would. Nay: he could not have neglected or omitted it if he had clearly understood that his cattle must somehow be supplied with heat, and that he can far cheaper warm them from without than from within.

The broad, general, unquestionable truths on which I insist on behalf of Good Farming are these: and I do not admit that they are subject to exception:

I. It is very rarely impracticable to grow good crops, if you are willing to work for them. If your land is too poor to grow Wheat or Corn, and you are not yet able to enrich it, sow Rye or Buckwheat; if you cannot coax it to grow a good crop of anything, let it alone; and, if you cannot run away from it, work out by the day or month for your more fortunate neighbor. The time and means squandered in trying to grow crops where only half or quarter crops can be made, constitute the heaviest item on the wrong side of our farmers' balance-sheet; taxing them more than their National, State, and local Governments together do.

II. Good crops rarely fail to yield a profit to the grower. I know there are exceptions, but they are very few. Keep your eye on the farmer who almost uniformly has great Grass, good Wheat, heavy Corn, &c., and, unless he drinks, or has some other bad habit, you will find him growing rich. I am confident that white blackbirds are nearly as abundant as farmers who have become poor while usually growing good crops.

III. The fairest single test of Good Farming is increasing productiveness of the soil. That farm which averaged twenty bushels of Grain to the acre twenty years ago, twenty-five bushels ten years ago, and will measure up thirty bushels to the acre from this year's crop, has been and is in good hands. I know no other touchstone of Farming so unerring as that of the increase or decrease from year to year of its aggregate product. If you would convince me that X is a good farmer, do not tell me of some great crop he has just grown, but show me that his crop has regularly increased from year to year, and I am satisfied.

MOTHERS should remember that the limbs of children require as much clothing as any part of the body in all seasons, and especially during winter. A distinguished French physician, just deceased, remarked only a short time ago, that during his twenty-six years of practice in Paris, twenty thousand children had been borne to the cemeteries a sacrifice to the absurd costume of naked arms. Dr. Warren thinks that Boston sacrifices five hundred babies every year by not clothing their limbs. The arms should be covered, from the wrist to the shoulder, with thick knit woolen sleeves.—*Philadelphia Day.*

Humorous.

LOVE must ever love the feet that never weary in running on love's errands.

A CHARM—Whisper ice cream, in a girl's ear and she is with you.

"MR. BROWN, papa wants to know if you won't take a skiff and scull mamma across the river?" "No; but tell your papa if it will be any favor, I'll take an axe and scull him."

DURING a trial the other day, a constable, testifying with regard to a lady, said: "I know nothing of her but what women say of one another, and that is not worthy of belief."

"KATY, have you laid the table cloth and plates yet?"

"An sure, I have, mum—everything but the eggs; and isn't that Biddy's work?"

A FEMALE school teacher, in her advertisement, stated that she was "complete mistress of her own tongue." "If that's the case," said a caustic old bachelor, "she cannot ask too much for her services."

"MOTHER can I go and have my photograph taken?"

"No; it isn't worth while."

"Well, then, you might let me go and have my tooth pulled—I never go anywhere."

AT one of the ragged schools in Ireland, a clergyman asked the question, "What is holiness?" A pupil, in dirty tattered rags, jumped up and said, "Plase yer riverence, it's to be clane inside.

Two women were in one of the Yorkville cars the other day. They were not quite clear on the subject of their destination, when one of them cried out:—"The fool doesn't know where she is going and I am following her."

"IS ANYBODY waiting on you, Miss?" said a polite dry goods clerk to a young girl from the country.

"Yes, sir," said the blushing damsel, "that's my fellow outside. He wouldn't come in."

"OH, mother, do send for the doctor!" said a little boy of three years.

"What for, my dear?"

"Why, there's a man in the parlor who says he'll die if Jane don't marry him—and Jane says she won't."

"WHAT do you use to make yourself look so delicate?" said one young woman with an eruption on her face to another, who looked like the departed.

"Why," said she, "sometimes I eat slate pencils and chalk, and then for a change, drink vinegar and chew green tea. When these fail, I lace tighter, and wear the thinnest shoes I can buy."

A YOUNG gentleman, or an elderly one, after having paid his addresses to a lady for some time, "popped the question." The lady, in a frighted manner, said, "You scare me, sir." The gentleman did not wish to frighten the young lady, and consequently remained quiet for some time, when she exclaimed "scare me again." This time it was the gentleman's turn to get scared.

A MIRACLE OF HONESTY.—At a party one evening, several contested the honor of having done the most extraordinary thing; a reverend gentleman was appointed judge of their respective pretensions.

One produced his tailor's bill, with a receipt attached to it. A buzz went thro' the room that this could not be outdone, when,

A second proved that he had just arrested his tailor for money that was lent him.

"The palm is his," was the generous cry, when a third put in his claim:

"Gentlemen," said he, "I cannot boast of the feats of my predecessors, but I have returned the owners two umbrellas that they left at my house."

"I'll hear no more!" cried the astonished arbitrator. "This is the very acme of honesty, it is an act of virtue of which I never knew any one capable of. The prize—

"Hold!" cried another. "I have done still more than that."

"Impossible! cried the whole company. Let us hear."

"I have taken my paper for twenty years and have paid for it every year in advance."

He took the prize.

ELEVEN TURKEY'S.—Friend "Jerry" is a good-natured, civil fellow, who attends to his business and provides well for his family, but has one little failing, in this, that when he goes to his home in the suburbs at night, he is usually more or less under the influence of contraband fluids. One night, a little after dark, he started for home with a nice turkey, safely done up in a strong wrapping paper, under his arm. Jerry found the road from the station to his pretty cottage, some half a mile distant, uncommonly rough that night. He several times stumbled and fell over all sorts of obstructions in the path. Each time he fell he dropped his turkey, but contrived to pick it up again. On entering his house, he steadied himself as well as he was able, and said to his wife:

"Here, wifey, I've got 'leven turkeys for you."

"Eleven turkeys, Jerry! What do you mean? There's only one."

"There must be 'leven turkeys, wifey, for I fell down 'leven times, and every time I found a turkey. There *must* be 'leven turkeys."

A BEAUTIFUL PASSAGE.

The following is from the "Reveries of a Bachelor," by Ike Marvel:

"A poor man without some sort of religion is at best but a poor reprobate, the foot ball of destiny, with no tie liking him to infinity and the wondrous eternity that is even worse—a flame without heat—a rainbow without color, a flower without perfume. A man may, in some sort, tie his hope and his honor to this shifting ground tackel, to his business or the world, but a woman without that anchor, called faith, is a drift and a wreck! A man may be in some sort of moral responsibility out of relation to mankind, but a woman, in her comprratively isolated sphere, where affections and not purposes is the controlling motive, can find no basis in any other system or right action but that of faith. A man may craze his thoughts to trustfulness, in such poor harborage as fame or reputation may stretch before him, but a woman—where can she put her hopes in storms if not in heaven? And that sweet trustfulness—that abiding love—that enduring hope mellowing every page and scene in life—lighting them with a radiance, when the world's storms break like an army with canon. Who can bestow its all, but a holy soul, tied to what is stronger than an army with cannon? Who has enjoyed the love of a Christian mother, but will echo the thought with energy, and hallow it with tears?

AN ASTOUNDING RESULT.—It is a rather curious fact for the consideration of historical students and those of vital statistics, says the New Orleans Picayune, that, although almost two generations in the life of man has passed, and the whole number of colored men who participated in the battle at Chalmette in January, 1815, did not exceed 500, the number of people of that class who under a law passed by the present General Assembly conferring upon such persons a pension, has brought to light the fact that between 700 and 800 colored veterans have already presented themselves, and furnished the necessary affidavits of themselves and witnesses to secure the issuance of certificates upon which pensions can be secured. This is a pregnant fact in the vital statistics of Louisiana, and one which plainly exhibits the very remarkable result before undreamed of anywhere, that there is a region of the world where lapse of time takes a certain number of white men to their graves, while it actually adds to a given number of the black race and drives death away from them entirely.

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