## Farm, Garden & Household.

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### WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING.

BY HORACE GREELEY.

IV.

PREPARING TO FARM.

I write mainly for beginners—for young persons, and some not so young, who are looking to farming as the vocation to which their future years are to be given, by which their living is to be gained. In this chapter, I would counsel young men, who, not having been reared in personal contact with the daily and yearly round of farmer's cares and duties, purpose henceforth to live by farming.

To these I would earnestly say, "No haste!" Our boys are in too great a hurry to be men. They want to be bosses before they have qualified themselves to be efficient journeymen. I have personally known several instances of young men, fresh from school or from some city vocation, buying or hiring a farm and undertaking to work it; and I cannot now recall a single instance in which the attempt has succeeded; while speedy failure has been the usual result. The assumption that farming is a rude, simple matter, requiring little intellect and less experience, has hurried many a well-meaning youth under debts which the best efforts of several subsequent years will barely enable him to pay off. In my opinion, half our farmers now living would say, if questioned, that they might have waited longer before buying or hiring a farm.

When I was ten years old, my father took a job of clearing off the mainly fallen and partially rotten timber—largely White Pine and Black Ash—from fifty acres of level and then swampy land; and he and his two boys gave most of the two ensuing years (1821-2) to the rugged task. When it was finished, I—a boy of twelve years—could have taken just such a tract of half-burned primitive forest as that was when we took hold of it, by an expenditure of seventy to eighty per cent. of the labor we actually bestowed upon that. I had learned, in clearing this, how to economize labor in any future undertaking of the kind; and so every one learns by experience who steadily observes and reflects. He must have been a very good farmer at the start, or a very poor one after ward, who cannot grow a thousand bushels of grain much cheaper at thirty years of age than he could at twenty.

To every young man who has had no farming experience, or very little, yet who means to make farming his vocation, I say, Hire out, for the coming year, to the best farmer who will give you anything like the value of your labor. Buy a very few choice books, (if you have them not already,) which treat of Geology, Chemistry, Botany, and the application of their truths in Practical Agriculture; give to these the close and thoughtful attention of your few leisure hours; keep your eyes wide open, and set down in a note book or pocket-diary each night a minute of whatever has been done on the farm that day, making a note of each storm, shower, frost, hail, &c., and also of the date at which each planted crop requires tillage or is ripe enough to harvest, and ascertaining, so far as possible, what each crop produced on the farm has cost, and which of them all are produced at a profit, and which at a loss. At the year's end, hire again to the same or another good farmer and pursue the same course; and so do till you shall be twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, which is young enough to marry, and quite young enough to undertake the management of a farm. By this time if you have carefully saved and wisely invested your earnings, you will have several hundred dollars; and, if you do not choose to migrate to some region where land is very cheap, you will have found some one willing to sell you a small farm on credit, taking a long mortgage as security. Your money—assuming that you have only what you will have earned—will all be wanted to fix up your buildings, buy a team and cow, with the few implements needed, and supply you with provisions till you can grow some. If you can begin thus experienced and full-handed, you may, by diligence combined with good fortune, begin to make payments on your mortgage at the close of your second year.

I hate debt as profoundly as any one can but I do not consider this really running into debt. One has more land than he needs, and does not need his pay for it forthwith; another wants land, but lacks the means of present payment. They two enter into an agreement mutually advantageously, whereby the poorer has the present use and ultimate fee simple of the farm question, in consideration of the payment of certain sums as duly stipulated. Technically, the buyer becomes a debtor; practically, I do not regard him as such, until payments fall due which he is unable promptly to meet. Let him rigorously avoid all other debt, and he need not shrink from or be ashamed of this.

I have a high regard of scientific attainments; I wish every young man were thoroughly instructed in the science which underlies the art of farming. But all the learning on earth, though it may powerfully help to make a good farmer, would not of itself make one. When a young man has learned all that seminaries and lectures, books and cabinets, can teach him, he still needs practice and experience to make him a good farmer.

—"But wouldn't you have a young man study in order that he may become a good farmer?"

—*If he has money*, Yes. I believe a youth worth four or five thousand dollars may wisely spend a tenth of his means in attending lectures, and even course of study, at any good seminary where Natural Science is taught and applied to Agriculture. But life is short at best; and he who has no means, or very little, cannot really afford to attend even an Agriculture College. He can acquire so much of science as is indispensable in the cheaper way I have indicated. He cannot wisely consent to spend the best years of his life in getting ready to live.

He who has already mastered the art of farming, and has adequate means, may of course buy a farm to-morrow, though he be barely or not quite of age. He has little to learn from me. Yet I think even such have often concluded, in after years that they were too hasty in buying land—that they might profitably have waited, and deliberated, and garnered the treasures of experience, before they took the grave step of buying their future homes; with regard to which, I shall make some suggestions in my next.

THE New York Farmers' Club says the following fertilizers are best for the respective crops: White beans—barnyard manure; onions—hen manure, salt and lime, Irish potatoes—marl; sweet potatoes—little or no manure; cabbage—the rankest barnyard manure, lime, ashes, and no pig manure, sweet corn—the richest manure to be obtained; tomatoes—well-rotted stable manure on poor soils, on rich soils no manure.

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Common Scents—Musk and Verbena.
The best flowers for winter wear—Furze.
The best sea-weed—A cigar on the beach.
Boot makers always have a sole in their business.
A delicate parcel—a young lady wrapped up in herself.
Men of mark—Those who can't write their own names.
Relatives that ought to make good pedestrians—Step sons.
A man with an "open countenance" is always *read* in the face!
Why is the sun like a good loaf? Because its light when it rises.
The right man in the right place—A husband at home in the evening.
When a draft passes through a bank, does it give the clerks a cold?
Why is a convent like an empty house?—Because it is a nuninhapited place.
Be temperate in diet—our first parents ate themselves out of house and home.
Most likely—If a mermaid wore a veil, we suppose it would be a "water fall!"
The time to clinch an argument—When the attention of your audience is riveted.
A lady advertises that she wants a gentleman for breakfast and tea. The cannibal!
"P'lice don't!" as the thief said to the constable when he was about to arrest him.
The individual who fell into a train of thought was rescued without much injury.

Frost is the greatest artist in our clime;
He paints in nature, and descrimes in rime.

When is a newspaper the sharpest? When it is filed.
The latest boon to the French people—The Empress's ba-boon.
JACOB is said to have been the inventor of the practice of watering stock.
WHAT a difference it makes whether you put Dr. before or after a man's name.
The latest sensation on the turf is a race between a clothes-horse and a night-mare.

JOHN'S wife and John were *tete a-tete*;
She witty was, industrious he:
Says John, "I've earned the bread we ate;
"And I," says she, "have *urned* the tea."

AT a Concert recently, at the conclusion of the song, 'There's a good time coming,' a country farmer got up and exclaimed, "Mister, you couldn't fix the date, could you?"

LORD BUCKINGHAM was once at a dinner where a Mr. Grubb was required to sing. He begged to be excused, urging that he knew not what to sing. "Sing, I'd be a butterfly," suggested the nobleman.

A CRUSTY old doctor declined to pay his paver's bill, saying the pavement had been spoiled and then covered up with earth to hide the bad work. "Doctor, was the reply, "mine is not the only work they put earth over.

A LITTLE boy stubbed his toe and fell on the pavement. "Never mind, my little fellow," said a bystander, "you won't feel the pain to-morrow." "Then," answered the little boy, "I won't cry to-morrow."

A PLATE of apples was passed round a party of children. There was a fine red one at the top, which a little girl took. "How greedy you are," said her next neighbor, "to take the largest. I meant to have had that.'

DAVY CROCKETT happened once to be present at an exhibition of animals in the city of Washington, when a monkey seemed to attract his particular attention, and he abstractedly observed:

"If that fellow had a pair of spectacles, he would look like Major Wright of Ohio."

The Major happened to be just behind Crocket, and tapped Davy on the shoulder. Turning around Davy very formally remarked:

"I'll be hanged, Major, if I know whose pardon to ask, yours or the monkey's."

THE BITER BIT.—'I say, neighbor Snobs, if you don't keep your hens out of my garden I will shoot them.

'Very well, Doolittle, shoot away; only if you kill any of my hens, throw them into my yard.'

Crack went the old fowling piece, morning after morning, and the large fat hens were pitched into neighbor Snobb's yard like rain. After a fortnight or more, Doolittle discovered Snobbs never had any hens, and that he had been shooting his own, they having broken out of his own hencoop.—*N. Y. Pic.*

A PROMISING MISSOURI JUVENILE.—They have some promising children around Ironton. Not long since a big boy appeared in school one morning, when the following dialogue occurred between him and the teacher:

'Can you read?'
'Don't know,' was the reply.
'Can't you spell easy words?'
'Don't know.'
'Do you know the alphabet?'
'Yes.'
'Try this word.'
'Horse.'
'What does that spell?'
'Don't know.'
'What do you ride at home?'
'Mules.'
'Try this word.'
'Bread.'
'What does that spell?'
'Don't know.'
'What do you eat at home?'
'Acorns.'
'Try this short word.'
'Bed.'
'What does that spell?'
'Don't know.'
'What do you sleep on at night?'
'Sheepskin.'
'Try another.'
'Glass.'
'What does that spell?'
'Don't know.'
'What do you put in the windows at home?'
'Pap's old hats.'
'Try again.'
'Water.'
'What does that spell?'
'Don't know.'
'What do you drink?'
'Whiskey.'
'You can take your seat and study your lesson.'
'Mister, I reckon you couldn't give a feller a chaw terbacker, could yer?
'Take your seat.'
'Now, look here, you needn't put on any style; you're a nabolitionists, and I ain't goin' to this 'ere school any more. Mam told me if you sassed me to come home, and I'm goin'.'

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| 7.24 | 10.05 | Fisher's Summit | 8.36 | 2.51 |
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