Agricultural.

Steam Ploughing in England.

Whatever may be the objections to the use tomed visitor with great force. I had read of them and had seen pictures of them, and knew of the amount of work that they accomplished; but to see them standing here, more than a dozen of them in shed after shed, showed how inadequate had been my preconceived idea concerning them.

John Fowler and Co., of Leeds, show several sets of apparatus with engines of from six to twenty nominal horse power, with the gang ploughs, grubbers, rollers, cultivators, and harrows to be used with them. It would be impossible to give a correct notion of the system of steam cultivation without quite full illustrations. In Fowler's system two engines are used-engines which are capable of traveling on the road, moving about the fields and carrying their apparatus with them. Under the boiler a horizontal drum carries a steel wire rope by which the plow is drawn. The plough, which turns from four to eight furrows, according to the power of its engine, is a gang of plows attached to an iron *frame, and so balanced that as it proceeds in either direction the gang which is to make the reverse cut is cocked up in the air. The ploughman sits over the centre of the gang, and has in front of him a steering windlass, by which the direction of the plough is regulated. The grubbers, cultivators, barrows, subsollers, etc., are all arranged in a similar way.

When at work, one engine stands at each side of the field, each with its rope attached to the plough, and this is drawn backward and forward between them, the engines moving foward long the headland for each new bite. In order to project the rope from frietion, it is supported here and there by little trucks called 'rope porters.' A pair of the larger engines and a six fur-

row plough will turn up from fifteen to twenty acres per day, almost irrespective of depth, within any usual agricultural limit The system has been in practical use for twenty years past, and has been undergoing constant improvement, until it seems now to be very nearly perfect. It is, of course only on firms of the largest size, where many hundreds are to be ploughed annually, tha these large double-engine sets of apparatus are used, but there are companies and associations of larmers in all parts of E gland which own one or more sets to be let up for hire, so that even a small farmer e-a have his ploughing done by steam at a me it bewhen it is considered that he is relieved from the cost of maintaining his horses throughout the year. The mere matter of economy, is a secondary consideration as compared with the quality of the work done. The greater speed of the steam plough gives a much more thorough pulverization and ac ration to the soil, the treading of horse's feet is entirely done away with, and the con dition of the land is greatly improved, especially as the subsequent operations may where fields are sufficiently large, all be done by steam-barrowing, rolling and seed dril ling. Indeed, the only drawback to this system seems to be the very large amount of capital that it is necessary to invest-a pair of twenty-horse-power traction engines, an eight-furrow plough, and 800 yards of steel rope costing no less than £2372 (\$11,860). To give an idea of the scale of the whole system it may be stated that a six furrow balance-plough is about thirty feet long, and weighs over two tons .- Col. Geo. E. Waring, in Harper's Magazine for January.

Killing Hogs.

Killing hogs is a business in which the community is interested, d perhaps . a small proportion acquainted with. It is termed 'butchering,' and often carried on in butchering style, while it is a business worthy of being conducted in a decent and scientific way. I do not propose going into a loog programme of telling how to catch a hog, and how to hold him, &c., but to throw out a few bints.

Do not suffer the hog to be run and worried by men,boys and dogs,getting his blood and flesh heated, just before he is killed. I believe this is one cause of meat spoiling. Sometimes we drive a hog or two to a neighbor's so as to kill together,' as it is termed, making use of the same force, same fire and other fixings; and we have known the hams and shoulders of hors thus driven, to come short before the next summer was over.

Let the hog be killed with as little noise and worriment and excitment as possible. A Jerseyman has one man to go into the pen selects his first victim and shoots him, or with a broad-faced hammer (like a shoe-maker's hammer,) knocks down the bog, when other men come immediately and stick, others drag out and go to scalding, and so on with a large number or hogs.

Scalding machines have become very common, and are a good institution; but everybody has not got one, and still use tubs I like the tub, and want nothing better for ordinary times; but I want a rope and tackle or one or two nands to work the hog. I would not allow a hog to be put in hot water while there is a sign of life in him but when dead, make an opening to the gam. brel-strings and book to, hoist the hog and dip him head a d shoulder into the scald do not let him remain more than a second or two, lest his hair 'sets;' hoist him and air him, and if needful, dip him again and again until done; then book into the lower jaw and sould the binder parts. I like slow scalds the best, as less likely to 'set the hair'. While the hind parts are getting scalded the face may be cleaned. Too little attention is generally given to cleaning the head, and atso the feet, leaving them for the women to worry over by the hour in some cold out kitchen. As soon as the hog is hung up and washed off let the head be taken off and set upon a barrel or block and regularly shaved

And now, while speaking of the head, I want to say how I cut up the head. I lay it on its side and take off the jowl (or lower jaw,) I then saw down across the face just above the eyes, being careful to run into the eye-sockets and on through, leaving the eyeballs with the snout end, so that there is no further trouble with gouging the eyes out of the face-piece; then without further separating of the parts, starting between the care. saw up and down wise, not caring to extend farther down towards the snout than to the saw mark across the face, but clean through at the other end. Now, having done with the ears for handles, I cut them off, then take out the brains for pickling, skin the and is within about five hundred yards of the depot of the Pullade plata is leading, and Lackswanna a superpolary rankfigate. throw the oasal organs away. The faces are to be corned. I use a saw but never an ax in disea of the property, one-third the hainmen of pur cutting up a hog, consequently the meat is clear of splinters and chips of bones. In chase money to be pair on the first day of April chase money to be pair on the first day of April chase money to be pair on the first day of April and April 'chinning's log' to cool, I saw down the property the ground reserved.

JOHN G. QUICK.

Recentor A small sized hog hook flattened answers very well for taking off the hoofs and toe nails of a porker, or you may use a pair of

What The Thamb Does

take hold of anything, a bit of bread, we we will say, that it is always the thumb who of the steam ploughs—and they are fast be- puts himself forward, and that he is always ing overcome—they impress the unaccus. on one side by himself, while the rest of the fingers are on the other?

If the thumb is not helping, there i nothing stops in your hand, and you don't know what to do with it. Try, by way of experiment, to carry your spoon to your mouth without putting your thumb to it, and

you will see what a long time it will take you to get through with a poor little plateful of broth.

The thumb is 'placed in such a manner on your hand that it can face each of the o'her fingers, each after the other, or all together, as you please; and by this we are enabled to grasp, as if it were a pair of pinchers, all objects whether large or small.

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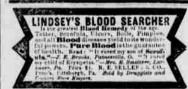
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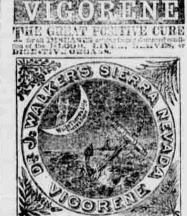


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