

SMALLER FARMS.

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Nearly all the farmers of the rich regions of Ohio, Indiana and other Western States are coming to realize that in general their farms are too large for the intense and careful farming now necessary to meet the demands of the market and to secure profitable returns.

Some of their posterity have attempted to retain the old farms as first established, and have resisted division, so that they have now on hand much more land than they can cultivate.

With these pioneers and their immediate descendants, it did not make much difference whether the farm was well tilled or not, as the facilities for marketing were poor, and the markets themselves were not constant, so that the supply with poor farming was always equal to the demand.

But times have changed, the country has become more thickly settled, the Western lands have all been taken up, markets have been opened, and competition has made it necessary to practice more careful and more intense methods of farming.

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Russian Peasant Women. The peasant women are particularly interesting. They are a race of small bright looking women, presenting a striking contrast to the men, who are on the whole a tall, sombre looking set.

Notes from the Pennsylvania Experiment Station. The State Experiment Station has recently issued the first number of a series of Bulletins of Information. It is the intention, in this series of bulletins, to present to the farmer in simple and concise form the results of investigation and the best available scientific and practical information on the various branches of farming.

Aching Joints. Announce the presence of rheumatism which causes untold suffering. Rheumatism is due to lactic acid in the blood. It cannot be cured by liniments or other outward applications.

The Bureau's Authority. When General Scott was asked his authority for spelling wagon with two g's, he said that the spelling was on the authority of Winfield Scott, commander of the armies of the United States of America.

Pear Culture in Michigan. After many years' experience in Berrien County, I would prefer for the pear orchard well-drained, strong, sandy loam to the stiff clay that is commonly thought best.

GRADUATION DAY at Peirce School, Philadelphia, is an important day, not only to those who on that day make their formal entrance into the business world, but to the public, also.

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A Glass Box for Perishable Articles. There seems to be no limit to the ingenuity bestowed upon the devising of means for accomplishing the transport of the perishable produce of distant climes to the English market.

Exporting Apples to Foreign Markets. In exporting apples to foreign markets, shipments of small lots do not pay, and nothing less than from twenty-five to fifty barrels should consequently be sent.

Three carpenters were precipitated 29 feet by the falling of a scaffold at Scranton on Friday but none were hurt.

SHERIFF'S SALE. REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Montour county, and to me directed will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Danville, county of Montour and state of Pennsylvania on

SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the following described real estate, viz: A tract of land lying partly in Madison township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania: Beginning at a post in the public road leading from White Hall in Montour county, Penna. to Muncy Hills, thence along land of Mrs. Moore and H. C. Monroe, south forty-six and three-fourths degrees east twenty-one and five-tenths perches to a post to corner of lands of said Monroe, thence along line of said land north forty-six degrees and forty minutes, east eighteen and five tenths perches to a white oak, thence along same lands south fifty-four degrees, east thirty-four perches to a post in line of lands of Glen Crawford, thence along said Crawford's lands and land of John Stettler, north eighty-one degrees east one hundred twenty-nine perches to a post in line of land of John Stettler and Wm. Harlin, thence along said Harlin's land and land of John Moser north thirty-nine degrees west one hundred eighty perches to a post in line of the aforesaid public road, thence along said public road south twenty-six and one-half degrees west one hundred thirty-four and nine ty-five hundredths perches to a point in the same, thence along the same south twenty-seven degrees west twelve and six-tenths perches thence south forty-four and one-half degrees west eight and two-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

95 ACRES and 79 PERCHES more or less, on which are erected a FRAME DWELLING HOUSE barn, grain house and other out buildings, and a well of good water at the house.

Settled, taken into execution, and to be sold as the property of William Derr.

MICHAEL BRECKBILL, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Danville, Pa. Nov. 27th, 1896.

ELECTION NOTICE. The annual election by the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

Harper's Weekly. IN 1897.

With the end of 1896 HARPER'S WEEKLY will have lived forty years. In that time it has participated with all the zeal and power at its command in the great political events of the most interesting and important period in the history of the country, and it has spread before its readers the accomplishments of science, arts, and letters for the instruction of the human mind and the amelioration of human conditions and of manners.

What the WEEKLY has been in its spirit and purpose, as these have been manifested principally in its editorial pages, it will continue to be.

It is impossible to announce with precision all that the WEEKLY will contain during the year 1897. It were as easy to announce what is about to happen in the world, what triumphs for good government are to be won, what advances of the people are to be made, what is to be the outcome of the continuous struggle between the spirits of war and peace, what is to happen in the far East, what is to be the state of Europe twelve months hence, what new marvels of science are to be revealed, or what are to be the achievements of arts and letters, for the WEEKLY is to be a pictorial record of all this.

Cartoons will continue to be a feature. Serial Stories. A New England story by Miss MAY E. WILKINS, will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. F. BENSON, the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House-Boat on the Styx," by Mr. JOHN KENDRICK BANGS, illustrated by Mr. PETER NEWELL.

More Short Stories will appear in the WEEKLY than it has been possible to publish during 1896. Departments: Mr. W. D. HOWELL'S "Life and Letters" have been among the most charming features of periodical literature; Mr. E. S. MARTIN, and others will contribute observations on what is going on in "This Busy World;" "Amateur Sport" will remain the most important department of its kind in the country.

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