

For the Farmer.

Keep up the Fertility of the Soil. From the Germantown Telegraph.

As the merchant becomes embarrassed by the failure of his credit, so does the farmer by the impoverishment of his soil. A lawyer, who accords more consideration to politics, or the "isms" of the day, than to the causes entrusted to him by his clients, finds his profession, in time, profitless, and himself and family famishing for bread.

"A most important axiom to be kept in mind by every farmer is, to break up and cultivate no arable land to be laid down again with depreciated strength; in other words, no crop requiring the plow or cultivator and hoe should be put into the ground in a worse condition than it was before the work began.

By adding more aliment to the soil than the crops abstract from it, we make a regular annual deposit from which we are permitted to draw a never-failing dividend, and to see our arable lands not only increasing in fruitfulness with every successive crop, but in actual market value; for a well sustained fertility is a characteristic as desirable as it is rare.

"We go over the ground too rapidly," as the hare said to the hounds. We should check this whirlwind headway of "clearing new grounds," which has walked into the beautiful forests of the West, until there is scarcely fire and fencing wood left. Why, really, I am astonished. The morus mulicaulis mania will hardly re-build forests as fast as the "clearing" mania will cut them down.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the lands cultivated in this country, are capable, under a high state of cultivation, of producing twice as much as they now produce."

"This year I have fed five calves with half the labor and better success than I fed three last year. My plan is to let the calf be with the cow until the third day; then take it away, and commence feeding. Set the milk twenty-four hours, then skim it. Then I take good hay and put it in a kettle and steep it well, until the liquid is of a dark color."

"Take the average of all the upland mowing in the country, and the yield will not probably exceed 1500 of hay to the acre. And three-fourths of this land is capable of yielding two tons to the acre."

Pumpkins among Corn.

In the Farmer of February 6th, in answer to certain queries of a correspondent, you express some doubt whether "any gain is made by the introduction of the pumpkin into the cornfield."

The question of utility in cultivating corn in the same field with pumpkins, is not by any means raised now for the first time. It is older, to my certain knowledge, than the "Missouri compromise," and may date back, for aught I know, to the first hill of corn and the first pumpkin.

It seems to me reasonable that a plant so well adapted to the shade as the pumpkin, and one which receives so large a share of its nutriment from the atmosphere, can be planted with corn, without injury to the latter, and without much detriment to the soil.

Weaning Calves.

A farmer sends his plan of weaning calves, to the Country Gentleman, as follows. As this is the season when the information is most desirable, we give it now:

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"As cattle have become high and scarce, I think farmers should pay more attention to the rearing of young stock."

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