

The Farmer and Gardener.

"Don't attempt too much."

The "besting sin" of a great many people is that they attempt more than they can accomplish—begin to build without considering the cost of finishing the structure planned—and the caution above written, is one as often needed by the farmer as by the members of any other class of community. Especially is it a folly of the farmer to "attempt too much" in extending his labor over a large space; and the more we see of farm management, the stronger is our conviction that concentration in expenditure of labor and capital is the great need of our system of agriculture.

The contrary plan of expansion very generally prevails; the farming is "laid on thin," the ground is "run over" rather than cultivated, when, to secure any reasonable profit, it only needs to be farmed well and thoroughly, employing no more land than can be fitted for the crop in the best manner.

Just look at the matter. Is it good policy to expand the labor of putting in a crop over six acres, when at the same time a result may be realized from three or four? That is, put double the labor in preparation and culture, and twice the manure per acre, and, taking out additional cost of seed, rent, and taxes that must be paid, were you to sow the larger number of acres, you will get as much or more profit from the three as from the six. Besides, the satisfaction of looking at and gathering the crop, and the credit it will be to you as a farmer.

It is too frequently the case that a great number of poor animals are kept at no profit, while a few good ones would give a handsome return. A cow which makes only just enough butter to pay for her keeping is a poor investment, when we may as well have one which will do twice as much, and cost no more for pasture and mow.

The same is true of growing stock. Good cattle, well fed, will grow and will sell at good prices—"scalawags" are poor property to the owner, hard to keep, and still harder to dispose of at cost, to say nothing of profit. Better two or three good calves than a dozen stunted scrubs; better a few prime sheep than a large flock of worthless ones; better to count value than number, and bushels and tons than acres, with only light crops.

Farmer attempt too much when they furnish other interests with capital to the neglect of their own farms. There is no outside investment equal to one judiciously made at home—Draining, manuring—all real improvements—return better interest than stocks or mortgages, and should employ the capital of the farmer—Country Gentleman.

A Hint to Some Farmers. The following which is derived from an anonymous source may give a useful hint to more than one. But if only one, we shall be satisfied as well as gratified.

"Nathan, where is the shovel? here I've been hunting long enough to do my work today, and cannot find the shovel!"

The farmer was wrath. "I don't know where 'tis, father; somewhere about, I 'pose. The two joined in the search.

"Nathan, you have lost the shovel where you have worked, I know—Why don't you ever put the tools in their places?"

"Where is the place for the shovel, I should like to know, father?" He couldn't tell. It had no place. Sometimes it was laid in the wagon, and occasionally accompanied that vehicle when harnessed in a hurry.

Sometimes it was hung up with the harness, to fall down when not wanted, or get covered up when it was—A great deal of shoe leather had come to naught by that method. It had at more than the obnoxiousness of Sir John Franklin, and defied discovery. So it was with all other tools—They would seem to vanish at times, and then come to light rusty as old anchors.

The farmer's barn was crowded—He had no "spare room" there. There were several in his dwelling. But the barn was always crammed—it was a kind of mammoth sausage—stuffed every year. So there was no room for a special apartment for tools. In his imagination he never saw his hoed hung on a long chain, his chains all regular in a row, his rakes and his forks overboard; certainly he was never anxious for such a convenient room.

His father never had a tool-house, and his father was called a good farmer. So he was thus in his day—but there are better husbandmen now, let me say, and I desire to shock no one's veneration.

pers and Miners! Hatchets, axes, saws, tree-scrappers, grafting-tools, hoes, diggers, shovels, spades, pick-axes, cross-bars, plows, harrows, cultivators, seed-sowers, sieves, trawls, rakes, flails, pitch-forks, chains, yokes, muzzles, ropes, crow-tine, baskets, measures,—all were there neatly and compactly arranged.

It was Goodman's wife—to save him from the deluge of unthrift! Here every night the tools were brought in and wiped clean and hung up in their places. The next morning a job could be commenced at once. Goodman knew. He partitioned off a large room in his new barn for tools. It was central and easy of access. It was a pleasant place for a visitor; the tools were the best of the kind. Every new shovel or rake, or fork, or bow, was well oiled with linseed oil, which left the smooth and impervious to water. Goodman frequently says, "I had rather have the few hundred dollars I have spent for tools now invested than the same in railroad stock. It pays better." Now there is no patent on Goodman's plan, and I hope many will go into—the more "successful imitations" the better.

CARRIER'S ADDRESS.

The bugle notes of thundering war, Of empire smashed and kicked ajar, Of States dissolved, Union torn, Of glory for the victor's sword, Are coming up in every breeze, With great portent, to make our knees, Together smite and shake their joints, As did Balaam's, when the points Of glory for the victor's sword, Within his sumptuous banquet-room, Tobacco, opium, rice and corn, And glossy negroes, which adorn The blooming fields of "Disey's Land," Where princely rulers give command, Are waving their discordant strains, Which bow their horrors o'er the plains, Where proud Columbia's temples stand, (The glory of a happy land)

With valiant hope to shatter down Their domes and columns to the ground, As Joshua did, in days by-gone, With old ram's horns, an ancient tool, Wild Yancy, Tombs and Cheesnut too, With Hammond's maddals in their view; And Barnwell, Ribbit and Henry Wise And men of every shape and size, On whom a southern sun hath shone, Are joining in the trumpet tone Of treason to the fairest law, That o'er inspired kings will awe. Now brethren, where the cane-breaker groan, And cotton bolls, as white as snow, Are shining with their silver beams, And grand magnolias shade the streams, While alligators swim and play And glide bunched dash the spray; Where cultured women, noble men,—As good and gallant now as then,—Their fathers under Marion led,—Are found (as fair as of the fair And leave at of the levee are there); Don't drink the whiskey, cut the fire, Give birth to earthquakes in your fire; Don't let volcanic heavings break The country, (which your valleys shake), In fragments,—that Arabic gun Cannot explode its iron shell, Agglomerated shrap, by which, The Constitution may hit his Iron cables to each part, That all may pulsate from one heart!

I've said the tone of Jericho Received its final overthrow, By blowing trumpets long and well, Heard the ancient city fall; But horns of beasts and ocean shells—And trumpets winding in the dells—And bugles sounding in the vale—And drums resounding 'round the crags, On mountains where Eolian blasts, Lo! loose their winds in gentle breeze, To fan the meadows, flowers and trees—Will beat against this fabric grand, Like rattling waves, 'gainst rock of sand.

The Constitution can't give way, While gun and blaster roars the day, With no good reason, but the fact, That Abram Lincoln's called to act, As steersman for the Ship of State For four years hence, without a mead, Around whose bow some garlands cling, Whose prizes diamonds can sing.

Columbia's Temple rises high—Its turrets basking in the sky; It reaches from the granite rocks Of Maine, envenanted in Ocean's locks, To California's golden sand, Where San Francisco's towers stand; From lakes distilled in winter snow, To where perpetual summers gleam; It holds the wealth of Ophi's mine, Golconda's jewels it confides; Arabian splendors deck its walls, And matches brighter gems his halls; Its golden domes drink up the dews, From azure fountains in the skies; And from its spires, arch-angels wave The flag that wraps the dying brave.

And shall we from arch-angel's gripe, Pull down that flag, tear off each stripe, Blot out the glittering stars that shine Within its foldings so divine? Arrest the eagle in his flight, To mansions of unfading light? Pluck out the plume from his wings And hush the anthem that he sings? Say,—shall we tear one column down And leave in ruins, there to frown, Like Balbes, Thebes, Persopolis, Or "Tadmoir in the wilderness," This temple, which, at freedom's birth, Assembled scraps built on earth? Shall "Hail Columbia!" notes no more, In triumph, through its chambers pour, As cooing doves, fresh from fields, Where victory reared on their shields, And broken pillars strew the ground? Shall we, on its verandahs, hear, The last time, falling on the floor, The sighing sea-shells, on the shore Of coral islands, o'er the roar Of cataraets that thunder down, Where polar frosts and icebergs frown?

Let planets, comets, cease their flight And leap into endless night; The rock-bound earth in fragments break,

And suns and moons, in darkness take Their final flight from Heaven's crown, E'er freedom's temple tumble down!

Stand by its gates, with flaming blade, Cherubic Sentinel! Arrayed In armor of immortal shen And not to daring rebel in!

New, patrons of the Gleaner,—having taken a promenade through the gilded halls and labyrinthine splendors of the temple of Liberty, and mingled for a time with the disem-bodied spirits of the patriots who erected it, surrounded by their companions in glory—the seraphs and arch-angels—who cleared them in their labors; you can take a glass of good domestic wine, enjoy your sumptuous New Year dinners, make a short prayer for the perpetuity of the American Union, accept my best wishes for a happy New Year, and very much oblige me by handing me a quatrain.

January 1, 1861.

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