[From the N. Y. Tribune.]

WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING.

BY HORACE GREELEY.

XIV.

PLOWING—DEEP OR SHALLOW.

Rules absolutely without exception are rare; and they who imagine that I insist on plowing all lands deeply are wrong; for I hold that much land should never be plowed at all. In fact, I have seen in my life nearly as large an area that ought not as I have that ought to be plowed; by which I mean that half the land I have seen may serve mankind better if devoted to timber than subjected to tillage. I personally know farmers who would thrive far better if they tilled but half the area they do, bestowing on this all the labor and fertilizers they spread over the whole; even though they threw the residue into common and left it there. I judge that a majority of our farmers could increase the recompence of their toil by cultivating fewer acres than they now do.

Nor do I deny that there are soils which it is not advisable to plow deeply. Prof. Mapes told me he had seen tracts in West Jersey whereof the soil was but eight inches deep, resting on a stratum of copperas (sulphate of iron,) which being upturned by the plow and mingled with the soil, poisoned the crops planted thereon. And I saw, last summer, on the interval of New-River, in the western part of Old Virginia, many acres of corn which were thrifty and luxuriant in spite of shallow plowing and intense drouth, because the rich, black loam which had there been deposited by semi-annual inundations, until its depth ranged from two to twenty feet, was so inviting and permeable that the corn-roots ran below the bottom of the furrow about as readily as above that line. I doi not doubt that there are many millions of acres of such land that would produce tolerably, and sometimes bounteously, though simply scratched over by a brush harrow and never plowed at all. In the infancy of our race, when there were few mouths to fill and when farming implements were very rude and ineffective, cultivation was all but confined to these facile strips and patches, so that the utility or the reality of deep tillage was not apparent. And yet, we know that crops often failed utterly in those days, plunging whole nations into the miseries of famine.

The primitive plow was a forked stick or tree-top, whereof one prong formed the coulter, the other and longer the beam; and he who first sharpened the coulter-prong with a stone hatchet was the Whitney or McCormick of his day. The plow in common use to-day in Spain and Turkey is an improvement on this, for it has an iron point; still, it is a miserable tool. When at five years old, I first rode the horse which drew my father's plow in furrowing for or cultivating his corn, it had an iron coulter and an iron share; but it was mainly composed of wood. In the hard, rocky soil of New Hampshire, as full of bowlders and pebbles as a Christmas pudding is of plums, plowing with such an implement was a sorry business at best. My father hitched eight oxen and a horse to his plow when he broke up pebbly green-sward, and found an acre of it a very good day's work. I hardly need add that subsoiling was out of the question, and that six inches was the average depth of his furrow.

I judge that the best Steel Plows now in use do twice the execution that his did with a like expenditure of power—that we can, with equal power, plow twelve inches as easily and rapidly as he plowedsix. Ought we to do it? Will it pay?

I first farmed for myself in 1845 on a plat of eight acres, in what was then the open country skirting the East River nearly abreast the lower point of Blackwell's Island, near Fiftieth-st., on a little indentation of the shore known as Turtle Bay. None of the Avenues east of Third was then opened above Thirtieth-st., and the neighborhood, though now perforated by streets and covered with houses, was as rural and secluded as heart could wish. One fine Spring morning, a neighbor called and offered to plow for $5 my acre of tillage not cut up by rows of box and other shrubs; and I told him to go ahead. I came home next evening, just as he was finishing the job, which I contemplated most ruefully. His plow was a pocket edition; his team a single horse; his furrows at most five inches deep. I paid him but told him plainly that I would have preferred to give the money for nothing. He insisted that he had plowed for me as he plowed for others all around me. "I will tell you," I rejoined, "exactly how this will work. Throughout the spring and early Summer, we shall have frequent rains and moderate heat: thus far, my crops will do well.—But then will come hot weeks, with little or no rains; and they will dry up, this shallow soil and every thing planted thereon."

The result signally justified my prediction. We had frequent rains and cloudy, mild weather, till the 1st of July, when the clouds vanished, the sun came out intensely hot, and we had scarcely a sprinkle till the 1st of September, by which time my Corn and Potatoes had about given up the ghost. Like the seed which fell on stony ground in the parable of the Sower, that which I had planted had withered away because there was no root; and my prospect for a harvest was utterly blighted, where, with twelve inches of loose, fertile, well pulverized earth at their roots, my crops would have been at least respectable. When I became once more a farmer in a small way on my present place, I had not forgotten the lesson, and I tried to have plowed deeply and thoroughly so much land as I had plowed at all. My first Summer here (1853) was a very dry one, and crops failed in consequence around me and all over the country; yet mine were at least fair; and I was largely indebted for them to relatively deep plowing. I have suffered from the frost (on my low land), from the rotting of seed in the ground, from the ravages of insects, &c.; but never by drouth; and I am entirely confident that Deep Plowing has done me excellent service. My only trouble has been to get it done; for there are apt to be reasons—(haste, lateness in the season, &c.)—for plowing shallowly for "just this time," with full intent to do henceforth better.

I close this paper with a statement made to me by an intelligent British farmer living at Maidstone, south of England. He said:

"A few years ago, there came into my hands a field of twelve acres, which had been an orchard, but the trees were hopelessly in their dotage. They must be cut down; then their roots must be grubbed out; so I resolved to make a clean job of it, and give the field a thorough trenching. Choosing a time in Autumn or early Winter when labor was abundant and cheap, I had it turned over three spits (27 inches) deep; the first being merely reversed; the second reversed and and placed at the bottom; the third being reversed and placed above the second. The soil was strong and deep, as that of an orchard should be; I planted the field to Garden Peas, and my first picking was very abundant. About the time that peas usually begin to wither and die, the roots of mine struck the rich soil which had been the first stratum, but was now the the second, and at once the stalks evinced a new life—threw out new blossoms, which were followed by pods, and so kept on blossoming and forming peas for weeks, until this first crop far more than paid the cost of trenching and cultivation."

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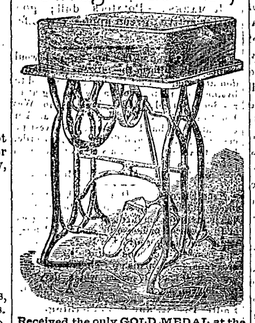

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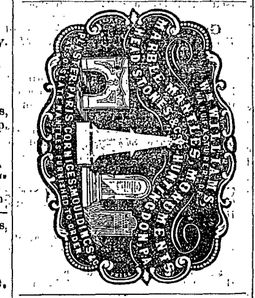

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READING RAIL ROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

COMMENCING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1866, until

GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM THE

N. W. North and North-West, for PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, POTTSVILLE, TAMAQUA, ASHLAND, STRASBURG, LANCASTER, COLUMBIA, &c., &c.

Trains leave Harrisburg for New York, as follows:

At 2 30, 5 35 and 8.10 A. M., and at 12 20, noon, 2,55, 11 P. M. connecting with similar trains on the Pennsylvania R. R., and arriving at New York at 10.15, 8 A. M., and 12.25, noon; 3.35, 9.20 and 3.00.00 P. M.; and 6.00; 3 A. M., respectively. Sleeping cars accompany the 2.20 and 5.35 A. M. and 12.20 noon trains without change.

Leave Harrisburg for Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersville, Ashland, Shamokin, Pine Grove, Allentown, and Philadelphia at 8.10 A. M., and 2 55 and 4.30 P. M. The 2.55 stopping at Lebanon only; the 4.30 P. M. train making connections for Philadelphia, Pottsville, Columbia and all intermediate stations between said points only. For Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven and Auburn, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna R. R., leave Harrisburg at 8.10 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.

Returning, leave New-York at 9 A. M., 12.00 noon, and 5.00 and 8.45 P. M., Philadelphia at 8.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M.; Sleeping cars accompany the 9.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M. trains from New-York without change.

The Passenger train leaves Philadelphia at 7 30 A. M. connecting with similar train on East Penna. Railroad, returning from Reading at 6.35 p m stopping at all stations.

Leave Pottsville at 5.45 and 9.00 a. m., and 1.05 P. M. Harrisburg at 9.20 a. m., Shamokin at 5.40 and 10.40 a m Ashland 5 06 a m., and 12.30 noon. Tamaqua 5.25 a m and 2.20 P. M for Philadelphia and New York.

Leave Pottsville, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad at 8 10 a. m. for Harrisburg, and 11 30 A. M. for Pine Grove and Treskow.

Reading Accommodation Passenger Train leaves Pottsville at 5.45 a. m., reaching Reading at 7.30 a. m., returning from Philadelphia at 10.30 a. m., returning, leaves Philadelphia at 4.45 P. M. Passing Reading at 7.40 p. m., arriving at Pottsville at 9.30 p. m.

Pottstown Accommodation Train: Leaves Pottstown 6.25 a.m., returning leaves Philadelphia 4.30 P. M.

Columbia Railroad Trains leave Reading at 7.15 A. M., and 6 15 P. M., for Ephrata, Lititz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c.

Perkiomen Railroad trains leave Perkiomen Junction at 9.00 a m 3.40 and 5.20 p m returning, leave Schwenksville at 6.40, 8.12 a m, and 12.45 noon, connecting with similar trains on Reading Railroad.

Colebrookdale railroad trains lea. Boyertown at 6 45 a m, and 2 20 p m, for Mt. Pleasant, arriving there at 10.25 a. m. and 7.20 p. m., returning, leave Mt. Pleasant at 7.00 and 11.00 a m., connecting with similar trains on Reading railroad.

Cheswold Valley railroad trains leave Bridesburg at 8.30 a. m., 2.05 and 5.02 p m., returning, leave Downingtown at 6.30 a. m., 12 45 and 4.10 p m, connecting with trains on Reading railroad.

On Sundays, leave New York at 8, 8 00 p m, Philadelphia 7 8 a m and 4.15 p m. Reading 9 a m train running only to Reading, leave Pottsville 8 A. M., Harrisburg 5 35 a m, 12 10 and 10, 9 p m, and Reading 12 45, midnight 3.35 a m for Harrisburg, and 7.20 a. m., and 12.55 midnight for M. Y. and at 9.00 a.m., and 12.55 p.m. for Philadelphia.

COMMUTATION, MONTHLY, SEASON, and EXCURSION TICKETS to and from all points at reduced rates.

Baggage checked through, 100 pounds, Baggage allowed each Passenger.

A. N. NICOLLS,

Reading, Nov. 26, 1866. *General Superintendent.*

HUNTINGDON & BROAD TOP

RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after THURSDAY, SEPT. 13th, 1866, Passenger Trains will arrive and depart as follows:

UP TRAINS.						DOWN TRAINS.			
EXPRESS	MAIL		STATIONS.	EXPRESS	MAIL				
P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.				
LV 5 55	LV 8 40		Huntingdon,	AR 10 10	AR 4 20				
6 02	8 46		Long Siding,	10 02	4 12				
6 17	9 00		McConnellstown,	9 46	3 55				
6 24	9 07		Pleasant Grove,	9 37	3 48				
6 40	9 22		Marklesburg,	9 22	3 32				
6 56	9 38		Coffee Run,	9 03	3 16				
7 03	9 46		Rough & Ready,	8 55	3 02				
7 18	10 01		Cove,	8 40					
7 24	10 05		Fishers Summit,	8 36					
AR 7 41	10 20		Saxton,	LV 8 22					
	10 47		Riddlesburg,						
	10 52		Hopewell,						
	11 10		Piper's Run,						
	11 20		Waterville,						
	11 45		Bloody Run,						
	AR 11 52		Mount Dallas,						

SHOUP'S RUN BRANCH.					
LV 7 50	LV 10 30	Saxton,	AR 8 05	AR 2 2	
8 05	10 45	Coalmont,	7 55	2 1	
8 10	10 50	Crawford,	7 50	2 0	
AR 8 20	AR 11 00	Dudley,	LV 7 40	LV 1 14	
		Broad Top City,			

Huntingdon Sep 22, '66. JOHN M'CLELLAN, Supt.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

TIME OF LEAVING OF TRAINS.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

WESTWARD.								EASTWARD	
MAIL.	EXPRESS.	PHILADA EXPRESS.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.	STATIONS.	EXPRESS.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.	MAIL.
P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
4 31	.....	11 55	.....	9 00	N. Hamilton,	.....	5 17	9 32	.....
4 39	.....	12 00	7 34	9 07	Mt. Union,	.....	5 10	9 25	.....
5 00	.....	12 08	.....	.....	Mapleton,	.....	4 52	9 15	.....
5 17	.....	12 16	8 10	9 30	Mill Creek,	.....	4 32	9 05	.....
5 30	7 37	12 22	8 20	9 40	Huntingdon,	11 14	4 20	8 50	6 50
5 46	.....	12 33	.....	.....	Petersburg,	.....	4 18	8 20	.....
5 53	.....	1 03	.....	.....	Barree,	.....	4 06	8 00	.....
6 07	.....	1 10	9 55	.....	Spruce Creek,	.....	4 02	8 12	.....
6 22	.....	1 26	.....	.....	Birmingham,	.....	3 49	8 00	.....
6 31	8 22	1 34	7 20	.....	Tyrone,	10 34	3 41	7 50	.....
6 41	.....	1 45	.....	.....	Tipton,	.....	3 30	7 40	.....
6 47	.....	1 53	.....	.....	Fostoria,	.....	3 25	7 34	.....
6 54	.....	2 00	7 42	.....	Bell's Mills,	.....	3 20	7 29	.....
7 15	8 55	2 20	8 00	.....	Altoona,	10 05	3 00	7 10	.....
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	

The PHILA EXPRESS Eastward leaves Altoona at 9.05 P. M. and arrives at Huntingdon at 10 21 P. M.

The FAST LINE Eastward leaves Altoona at 12 35 A. M., and arrives at Huntingdon at 1 45 A. M.

The CINCINNATI EXPRESS Eastward leaves Altoona at 5 45 P. M. and arrives at Huntingdon at 7 04 P. M.

PACIFIC EXPRESS Eastward, leaves Altoona at 7 00 A. M. and passes Huntingdon at 8 08 A. M.

CINCINNATI EXPRESS Westward leaves Huntingdon at 3.32 A. M and arrives at Altoona 4 50 A. M.

The FAST LINE Westward, passes Huntingdon at 7.08 P. M. and arrives at Altoona at 8 25 P. M.

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