From N. Y. Tribune WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING.

BY HORACE GREELEY.

XXXIV. SHEEP AND WOOL-GROWING. Ours is eminently an agricultural of both Grain and meat. Of Cotton, quired to shoot them. It seems to me annually, whoreof we export fully two ly justifiable in placing poisoned food thirds. But of this we reimport a por- where these cut-throats will be apt to tion in the shape of fabrics and of find it while making their next raid on thread, and yet, while we are largely his Sheep. I should have no scruple clothed in woolens, and extensive sec- in so doing, provided I could guard of adapted to the rearing of Sheep and other than the culprits. the production of Wool, we not only

import a considerable share of the where ample barns are provided. I Woolens in which we are clad, but we judge that the losses of sheep by dogs also import a considerable proportion may be reduced to a minimum by of the Wool wherefrom we manufacture proper precautions. Elsowhere than the Woolens fabricated on our own in wild, new frontier settlements, every soil. In other words: while we are a nation of farmers and herdsmen, we refuge beneath the hay floor of a good lasses. fail to grow so much Wool as is need- barn, and be trained to spend every ed to shield us against the caprices and night there, as well to seek this shelter inclemencies of our diverse but gener. against every polting storm. Even if ally fitful climates. There is a seeming excuse for this in the fact that extensive regions in South ture with their fold; and they should America and Australia are devoted to be driven home for a few nights, if nec-Sheep-growing where animals are essary, until they had acquired the they are exclusively fed, at all seasons. I am assured that sheep thus lodged

neither housed nor herded, and where on those native grasses which are the will very rarely be attacked by dogs spontaneous products of the soil. I or wolves. presume Wool is in those regions produced cheaper than it can permanenttion. Here are my reasons:

British manufactures constrained the in the Eastern and Middle States entire repeal of the duties on imported To-day, large and long-wooled sheen wool, whereby Sheep-growing had of the Cotswold and similar breeds are previously been protected, the farmers grown with far greater profit in this apprehended that they must abandon section than the fine-wooled Merino that department of their industry; but the event proved this calculation a med Saxony, except where choice spectimens of the latter can be sold at high mistake. They grow more Sheep and prices for removal to Texas and the at better profit to-day than they did Far West. The growing of these when their wool brought a higher highpriced animals must necessarily price under the influence of protective | be confined to few hands. The averduties, because the largely increased age farmer cannot expect to sell bucks ceivable that they should not afford to greater than on almost anything else grow wool, for which they receive their farms will produce; and they say what they know.

The satisfactory experience of this higher average prices than the British The satisfactory experience of this farmers do, who feed their Sheep on class may be repeated to day in the

to \$500 (gold) per acre. must wait three or four years before receiving a return of his outlay. If he begins poor, with but a few cows and a team, he naturally wants to rear mutton is a wholesome and generally at the few cows and a team, he naturally wants to rear mutton is a wholesome and generally at the few cows. per head each year, though not even a this fact, and act so as to profit by Red Front. lamb is sold, while its increase in num-

III. Almost every farmer, at least ars, which seem to flourish by cutting, if he finds time to cut them, and which the ruggedness of his soil precludes his will preclude to the ruggedness of his soil precludes his will be ruggedness of his will be ruggedness his will be ruggedness his will be ruggedness his will be ruggednes -his unpaid police-his vigilant and thorough-going assistants. Give them sufficient; and they are very sure to

come out ahead in the Fall. IV. Our farmers in the average are a good flock of Sheep, the most secluded farmer may have fresh meat every week in haying and harvest-time if he chooses, and he will find this better

fresh meat is excluded. V. Now, I do not insist that every farmer should grow Sheep; for I know that many are so situated that they cannot. In stony regions, where them, and would thereby increase their profits as well as the comfort of their families.

The most serious obstacle to Sheep OUR COLUMN FOR THE PEOPLE husbandry in this country is the abundance and depredations of dogs .-Farmers by tens of thousands have sold off, or killed off, their flocks, mainly because they could not otherwise protect themselves against their frocountry. We produce most of our food quent decimation by prowling curs. and export much more than we import which were not worth the powder re we grow some three millions of bales that a farmer thus despoiled is perfect-

> In a well-settled, thrifty, region, flock of sheep should have a place of

sent some distance to pasture, an unbarred lane should connect such pas habit of coming home at nightfall; and

As yet, our farmers have not generally realized that enhancement of the ly be on any considerable area of our value of mutton, whereby their British own soil; and yet I believe that the rivals have profited so largely. Their United States should, and profitably fathers began to breed sheep when a might, grow as much wool as is need. fleece sold for much more than a cared for their own large annual consump- case, and when fineness and abundance of wool were the main consideration. I. When the predominant interest of But such is no longer the fact, at least

price of their Mutton more than makes at \$1,000, and even at \$5,000, as some Ohio Cheese up to them their loss by the reduced have been sold, or at least reported.prices of their wool. So while I do not | He must calculate that his sheep are expect that American wool will ever to be sold when sold at all, at again command such high prices as it prices ranging from ten dollars down has done at some periods in the past, I to five dollars, if not lower, so that am confidentithat the general apprecia- mechanics and merchants may buy tion in the prices of Meat, which has and eat them without absolute ruin occurred within the last ten or fifteen and he must realize that 100 pounds of years, and which seems likely to be mutton at 10 cents, with 6 nounds of enduring, will render Sheep growing | wool at 30 cents, amount to more than more profitable in the future than it | 60 pounds of mutton at 8 cents, and 10 has been in the past. At all events, pounds of wool at 60 cents. Farmers while our farmers are generally oblig | who grow sheep for mutton in this or pound. Cheaper for the same qualed to sell their Grain and Meat at vicinity, and manage to have lambs of ity than elsewhere. rices somewhat below the range of good size for sale in June or July, as the British markets, it is hardly con- sure me that their profit on these is

the produce of lands worth from \$300 neighborhood of any considerable city in the Union. Sheep-growing is no ex-II. Interest being relatively high in this country and capital with most are fitly placed for its prosecution. farmers deficient, it is a serious object Wool may never again be so high as tion to cattle-growing that the farmer | we have known it, since the Far West | GLASS & QUEENSWARE. and keep all his calves for several acceptable meat, whereof the use and years in order to adequately stock his popularity are daily increasing; so that its market value will doubtless be Wood and Willow-Ware. farm, so that little or no income is in greater in the future than it has been the meantime realized from his herd; in the past. I would gladly incite the whereas a flock of Sheep yields a fleece farmers of our country to comprehend

bers is far more rapid than that of a berd of cattle. in the old States, finds some part of his land infested with bushes and briexterminating by the plow. In every

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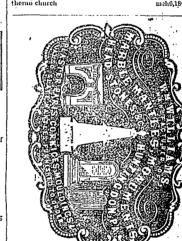
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