From The N. Y. Tribune. WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING. BY HORACE GREELEY.

XXXVIII. AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.

I must have attended not less than fifty State or County Fairs for the exhibition (mainly) of Agricultural Mapresume I did; but I cannot now say what. Hence, I conclude that these Fairs are what they might and should le In other words, they should be improved. But how?

largest and best part of these shows, premiums, or replace them by medals the reform must begin with them - of no great cost, and devote the mon-Two-thirds of them go to a Fair with ey thus saved to higher and nobler no desire to le: ra therefrom -no belief ends. in borse-racing.

ciation, the average public speaker's mankind? Whatever it might be, the crowd, he does well; but let two undeniable facts, and characterize it : jockeys start a buggy-race around the exactly as it is. convenient track, and the last auditor 5. If our counties were thoroughly they get all they want.

melon, let him send that. If he can this essentially; and the first step i send all of these, so much the better -- to induce, by concerted solicitation, at There is very rarely a thrifty farmer least half the farmers in the county to who could not add to the attractions pledge themselves each to exhibit and merits of a fair if he would try. - something at the next annual fair. If he could send a coop of superior fowls, a likely calf, or a first-rate cow, better yet; but nine-tenths of our far-a person on account of the vigorous with they have nothing to do, except in brush. Some other persons have married for reasons equally extraordinary. Judge Hugh Breckenridge, of they lounge into it with hands in their the supreme Court of Pennsylvania, home protesting that they could beat nearly everything they saw there.—
Then why did they not try? How can we have good fairs, if those who might make the best display of products save themselves the trouble by not making apy? The average meagerness of our Fairs, so generally and justly complained of, is not the fault of those who sent what they had but of those who sent what they had, but was done.

2 It seems to me that the reis grea articles exhibited. A competent person should be employed to give an hour's off-hand talk on the cattle and horses on hand, explaining the diverse merits and faults of the several breeds with a direction that no public notice farmers to breed more intelligently, and more profitably. Then let the when the will was filed. implements and machinery on exhibition be likewise explained and discussed, and let their superiority in whatever respect to those they have superseded or are designed to super-bede be clearly pointed out. So, if there be any new grain, vegetable, or fruit, on the tables, let it be made the subject of capable and thoroughly impartial discussion, before such only as choose to listen, and without putting the mere sightseers to grave inconve nience. A lecture room should always be attached to a fair ground, SPLENDID STOCK of NEW GOODS yet so secluded as to shut out the noise inseparable from a crowded exhibition. Here meetings should be held each evening, for general discussion; every one being encouraged to state concise-ly the impressions made on him, and the improvements suggested to him,

by what he had seen. Do let us try to reflect and consider more at these

gatherings, even though at the cost of

3. The well supported Agricultural Society of a rich and populous country must be able, or should be able, to give two or three liberal premiums for gen_ eral proficiency in farming: If \$100 could be proffered to the owner or manager of the best tilled farm in the county, \$50 to the owner of the best orchard, and \$50 to the boy under 18 years of age who grew the best acre of corn or roots that year, I am confichines and Products. From all these, I should have learned something, and be given to agricultural progress. Our premiums are too numerous and too petty, because so few are willing to contribute with no expectation of personal benefit or distinction. If we had but the right spirit aroused, we goods. Our prices to continue low As the people compose much the might dispense with most of our petty

that they can be taught anything. Of 4. Much of the speaking at fairs course, not seeking, they do not find. seems to me insulting to the intelli
If they could but realize that a farm If they could but realize that a farm gence of the farmers present, who are lasses. cr's fair might and should teach farm- grossly flattered and eulogized, when ers somewhat that would serve them they often need to be admonished and in their vocation, a great point would incited to mend their ways. What use be gained: But they go in quest of or sense can there be in a lawyer, entertainment, and find this mainly doctor, broker, or editor, talking to a crowd of farmers as if they were the Of all human opportunities for in most favored of mortals and their life struction in humility and self-depre- the noblest and happiest known to

is the best. He hurries to a place and yet become, we all know that the where he has been told that his pres- average farmer's life is not what it is ence and utterance are earnestly and thus represented; for, if it were, thougenerally desired, perhaps to find that sands would be rushing into it where his invitation came from an insignifi- barely hundreds left it; whereas we all cant and odious handful, who had see that the fact is quite otherwise. No some private ax to grind so repugnant good can result from such insincere to the great majority that they refuse and extravagant praises of a calling to countenance the procedure, no mat- which so few freely choose, and so ter how great the temptation. Even many gladly shun. Grant that the where is no such feud, many, having farming ought to be the most envia satiated their curiosity by a long stare ble and envied vocation, we know at him, walk whistling off, without that in fact it is not; and agreeing waiting or wishing to hear him. But that it should be, the business in hand the speaker at a Fair must compete is to make it so. There must be obstawith a thousand counter-attractions, cles to surmount, mistakes to set right, the least of them far more popular and impediments to overcome, before farwinning than he can hope to be. He ming can be in all respects the idolizis heard, so far as he is heard at all, in ed pursuit which poets are so ready to presence and competition with all the proclaim it and orators so delighted to bellowing bulls, braying jacks, and represent it. Let us struggle to make squealing stallions, in the county; if it all that fancy has ever painted it; he holds, nevertheless, a quarter of but, so long as it is not, let us respect

shuts his ears and runs off to enjoy the canvassed by township committees, spectacle. Decidedly, I insist that a and each tiller of the soil asked to Fair-ground is poorly adapted to the pledge himself in writing to exhibit diffusion of Agricultural knowledge- something at the next county fair, we that the people present acquire very should soon witness a decided improvelittle information there, even when ment. Many would be incited to attend who now stay away; while the What is needed to render our annu- very general complaint that there is al fairs useful and instructive far be- nothing worth coming to see would be yond precedent, I sum up as follows: heard no more. As yet, a majority 1. Each farmer in the county or of farmers regard the Fair much as township should hold himself bound they do a circus or traveling menagto make some contribution thereto, if | crie, taking no interest in it except as only a good hill of corn, a peck of polit may afford them entertainment for tatoes, a bunch of grapes, a squash, a the passing hour. We must change

One of the newspapers mentions mers regard a fair as something where- manner in which she wielded a sweeppockets, stare about for an hour, and go the witty author of "Modern Chival-

of those who, having better were too lazy to send anything. Until this is wife from seeing the hearty manner in radically changed, and the blame fas- which she was eating ham and eggs at | ned Fruit and Vegetables, etc. tened on those who might baye contributed, but did not, our fairs cannot help being generally meager and poor.

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