[The following signs of rain are quite philosophical and, stated as they are here, they constitute a literary curiosity that well deserve preservation. The author is supposed to be the same person who discovered the art of vaccinnation.]

The hollow winds begin to blow, The clouds look black, the glass is low The soot falls down, the spaniels sleep, The spiders from their cobweb creep; Last night the sun went pale to bed, The moon in haloes hid her head; The boding shepherd heaves a sigh For see! a rainbow spans the sky; The walls are damp, the ditches small Closed is the pinkeyed primpernal; The squalid toads at dusk are seen, Slowly crawling o'er the green; Loud quacks the ducks, the peacocks cry Hark how the chairs and tables crack Old Betty's joints are on the rack; And see you rooks, how odd their flight, They imitate the gliding kite; Or seem precipate to fall, As if they felt the piercing ball; How vastless are the sporting swine; The busy flies disturb the kine; Low o'er the grass the swallow wings, The cricket, too, how sharp he sing, Puss on the hearth, with velvet paws

Sets wiping o'er her whiskered jaws; The wind unsteady veers around, Or settling in the south is found; The whirling winds the dust obeys, And o'er the rapid eddy plays; The leech disturbed, is newly risen. Quite to the summit of his prison: 'Twill surely rain, I see with sorrow, Our jaunt must be put off to morrow

## American Farming.

We have noted frequently, as the occasion arose, how far superior the American farmer is in every respect over the European; and how much of this superiority is due to the maintainence of purely American institutions. The subject presses itself continually on our attention, in connection with events as they almost daily rise. Here | EXPENSES DECREASED, PRICES REDUCED is a letter before us from Palestine, giving and greater convenience secured to cus a' graphic account of the agriculture of that region. The people themselves, setting aside their peculiar views and practices, are by no means a bad set. They a contempt for European civilization, on account of the prevailing drinking-habits of these countries. They are almost to a are remarkable sober; indeed, they affect remarkably degree, and then their industry in their own peculiar way is far superior to that of Italy, Spain, or some other south European peoples. And then land is comparatively cheap. In many places it requires irrigation; but on the whole the natural advantages are really superior to much that we have in our own western country, while the proval element in many the superior and the proval element in means.

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So we find farming pretty much as it was in Noah's days. Wheat is mostly brought in on the backs of camels, and trodden out by the feet of mules, though here and there two and three horse threshers have been introduced from England. Maize is cut off below the ears, and the grain tramped out in the same way. The best farms now have at least the modern MR. H. R. STEVENS:Dear Sir-I will most cheerfully add my test fan for blowing out of the chaff. The granery is simply a hole dug in the ground, and lined with chaff to keep out the dirt. The English plows are yet unpopular. They cut a forked stick. On one end of the fork they put a broad iron shoe, like a cultivator-tooth, and a pair of oxen is hitched to the end of the other fork, the plowman takes hold of an end beyond where the forks unite. The clumsy thing weighs about thirty pounds, and even there costs three or four dollars to get ready to use. It is continually broken, and a considerable portion of the working-time is lost in patching the thing. The farm-men work from sunrise to sunset, the actual day being about the same as ours here in Philadelphia, though the climate is much warmer than ours. For all this long service compensation is twenty-five cents per day, and harvest time they get a half bushel of wheat extra. They grind their own corn, mixing wheat and maize together, making a sort of black bread, which is eaten with onions or cactus berries, and To H. R. STEVENS, Esq. this forms almost their sole food.

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We take up this Palestine case because it represents a very different phase of civilization to that very often referred to. We look at Italy, Spain, Ireland, and similar places which are under a severe theocracy, or else, to these countries where drunkenness, murder, robbery, or similar crimes prevail, and look to the existence of these facts as the cause of the want of progress; but here is a people who are free from the particular vices, and who are not so despotically ruled as regards mental choice, and who are in so far as their material prosperity is concerned, just as bad as they.

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