February Work and Plans.

Extracts from the American Agriculturis

The Last Month of Winter has begun for the Northern farmer, while in the Southern States spring has already opened; whatever is to be done in the way of preparation can be no longer delayed. A late beginning makes a late season, and to regain time lost now, may be found impossi ble hereafter. A farmer who is behind hand is a prey to accidents and misfortunes of the season, and often finds his labor in creased, and the results lessened by reason of his own carelessness. On the other hand, the forward man gets the benefit of every advantage, and many disadvantages

he is ahead of them. HAULING OUT MANURE - While the ground is hard or covered with snow, the manure heaps can be hauled to the fields with the least trouble. Those who have profited by our hints for the past few months, will have the manure in good condition for hauling out now; others will have it lying around loose and frozen; and consequently useless for some time yet

of season are safely passed over, because

The Finest Manure is made by turning the heap over twice. To do this, begin at each end of the pile, and throw off the manure to a distance of three feet, build ing up the new heaps, and placing the coarsest manure in the centre. Then pro ceed until two heaps are made. These will soon heat, and a month or so afterwards the process may be reversed and the two heaps made into one again.

CABBAGES .- Every farmer should raise cabbages, both early and late. For early kinds, the seeds should be sown in a hotto use it for a hot bed, as it will be all the it has served this purpose.

SPRING WHEAT .- In many localities spring wheat will succeed if it is sown early. Open weather this month, may snow, but the seed is safe, the work is others are grumbling.

Plowing should be done, only when the soil will crumble loosely; when the plow smears the upturned surface, the soil will be injured While earliness and foremake haste with caution.

LOOK AHEAD! - A farmer should always think in advance of his work. The whole plan must be laid out in the head, before the hands are put to it. There is be done in the next two or three busy

GRASS IN THE SOUTH .- A great need in the South is grass for early grazing and hay. Some of the native grasses that have been fought and struggled with for years as weeds are found to be of great value By smoothing off a piece of grassy land, and using some fertilizer and encouraging the growth, a home supply of hay may be secured. It is often the case that a treasure may lie neglected under our feet, and some of the Southern grasses, long neglected, can be turned to profitable use.

WHY CANNOT WE GROW LARGER CROPS ?-There are localities where it may pay to grow small crops cheaply, where one may skin the land for a few years and leave it, just as in some places cattle are or have been killed for their hides and the carcasses left to decay. But every year these localities are growing more and more distant in the West, and in time land will be too valuable to be used in so wasteful a manner. In central and eastern localities the future prosperity of the farmers will depend upon the growth of larger crops by the expenditure of more labor on the land. To reach this end will be a work of time, but it will never be reached unless a beginning is made, and there was never a more propi tious time to begin than now.

VALUES ARE INCREASING.—Every relic of the long continued depressionthe seven lean years-now happily gone by, is passing away. Prices are advancing, and every purchased thing costs considerably more than a year ago. The farmer who values his land and stock may justly put up the figures from 25 to 50 per cent. His income must be made to increase in proportion, and this must be done to a great extent by increasing in every possible way the productive value of his property.

BETTER STOCK MUST BE KEPT .- The right stock too must be kept in the right place. The choice and management of animals require an accurate knowledge which must come from outside of his own farm practice. A farmer cannot test these things for himself and run the risk of losses that would be ruinous to him. All this has been done and recorded in books religion of the gospel grapples with the this has been done and recorded in books and agricultural papers, together with much other indispensable information, so line a blessing. It is by no means include the sale of his that A Farmer Must be a Reading Man; ed in the promises made to true Christians else he can never hope to be as successful as he should be. A dozen volumes of the American Agriculturist will form a nearly

on the contrary, chastisement forms a mechanical, and other useful knowledge by which our heavenly Father fits his for any one who lives by cultivating the children for their eternal rest in glory soil. The work of the farm, garden, and household has been discussed, described, and explained in these volumes for more than 30 years back, in a full, fresh, and instructive manner; with them one can instructive manner; with them one can that the influence of charting how to improve his own stock of the first property his own stock of the first proper instructive manner; with them one can hearn how to improve his own stock or where to procure the best animals, as well as to improve every method of working, enabling him to meet nearly every questions of this life are, in the hand of God, instructive manner; with them one can in divine truth. By this we understand that the influence of chastisement is not that the influence of chastisement is not avail themselves of this opportunity of procuring relief. Medicines will be forwarded by mail or express to any part of the country, when ordered.

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quick as possible. Any stint in feeding at character and situation, the promises of such times will tend to make the meat the gospel and the rewards of heaven. The tough and dry. Stall fed animals will fat - child of God is assured that all things work ten more readily than others, and young animals require richer food than older ones. In winter fattening much depends upon the warmeth of the stable. The warmer the cattle are kept the less food will be

## The Hunangdon Journal Around the Fireside.

The Trial-Hour.

If there should come a time, as well there may, When sudden tribulation smites thine heart, And thou dost come to me for help and stay And comfort—how shall I perform my part? How shall I make my heart a resting-place A shelter safe from thee when terrors smile? How shall I bring the sunshine to my face, And dry thy tears in bitter woe's despite? How shall I win the strength to keep my voice Steady and firm, although I hear thy sobs? How shall I bid thy fainting soul rejoice, Nor mar the counsel of mine own heart throbs? Love, my love teaches me a certain way, So, if thy dark hour come, I am thy stay.

I must live higher, nearer to the reach Of angels in their blessed trustfulness, Learn their unselfishness, ere I can teach Content to thee, whom I would gladly bless. Content to thee, whom I would gladly bless.
Ah! what woe were mine if thou shouldst come,
Troubled, but trusting, unto me for aid,
And I should meet thee powerless and dumb,
Willing to help thee, but confused, afraid!
It shall not happen thus, for I will rise,
God helping me, to higher life, and gain
Courage and strength to give thee counsel wise,
And deeper love to bless thee in thy pain,
Fear not, dear love, thy trial hour shall be
The dearest bond between my heart and thee.

## Awful Happy.

In the experiences and observations of the city misssonary there are lights and shades quickly alternating, and in the most miserable home some comfort is left and in the saddest heart there still lingers a beam of hope. A frail despondent woman, who had

often to be lifted up from deep depression and urged to look for help from the loving one, would seem to realize that Jesus was a sympathizing friend, and that He would uphold her by His grace. But her faith was so weak that she was soon brought down again almost to despair. On one occasion she was found by the visit r weeping with apparently a very intense sorrow. She was approached with words of comfort and an inquiry as to what was the occasion of her tears. After some effort, she said: "I am so awful happy I don't know what to do." This was repeated two or three times before she could explain that the Lord was so good to her, she could not help weeping for joy. When bed this month, unless plants started last she came to mention the special tokens of fall have been kept through the winter in his goodness that made so deep an impres cold-frames. It is not a waste of manure sion on her mind, they proved to be just such common mercies as others of his better for application in the garden after children are receiving every day with little emotion, and often without any grati

A man and his wife, who were utterly devoid of religion, who often drank to permit plowing and sowing, although the excess, were at length persuaded to attend under soil is still frozen. A cold spell a mission prayer meeting. They were fre may freeze the ground, or cover it with quently visited at their home, which was not a happy one, and they were pressed to side of the large cities. I sell none but the best, and guarantee satisfaction in every case. done; and one may rest contented, while accept the offers of the gospel. Their need of a Saviour was repeatedly urged upon their attention, until they became thoughtful and began in good earnest to seek the Lord. It was not long before light dawned upon their way, and they handedness are commendable, one should gave their hearts to the love and practice of the truth and were received into the company of Christ's followers. They are now active in Christian services, upholding the meetings in their neighborhood and inviting persons to come in. There time yet left for thinking over what should is light in their dwelling, and their door is always open to all who desire to do good and one noticeable outcome of their new life is their love for the brethren.-N. Y. Observer.

Finding "Girl in the Bible."

An English town missionary once found himself in the household of a very desperate looking family, and when the good man explained his mission the head of the house, a fierce looking man, replied :

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neck and heels into the street. "Is the word girl in the Bible? If so where is it to be found and how often? That is my question." "Well, sir, the word girl is in the Bible, but only once, and may be found in the words of the prophet, Joel, iii. 3. The words are 'And sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

"Well replied the man, "I'm dead beat! I durst to have bet five pounds you could not have told."

"And I could not have told yesterday," said the visitor. "For several days I have been praying that the Lord would open me a way into this house, and this very morning, when reading the scriptures in my family, I was surprised to find the word girl, and got the Concordance to see if it occurred again, and found it did not. And now, sir, I believe that God did know, and does know, what will come to pass, and surely His hand is in this for my protection and your good."

The whole of the inmates were greatly surprised, and the incident has been overruled to the conversion of the man, his wife and two of the lodgers.

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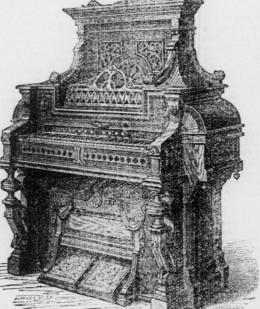
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