FARMERS' COLUMN.

FARM NOTES.

—The farm products of Illinois for 1879 amounts to $200,000,000, said to be double the products of all the gold and silver mines in the United States.

—At a late meeting of the Ohio Wool Growers' Association resolutions were passed recommending early shearing of the sheep without washing.

—California has a seedling apple resembling the Belleflower in outside appearance, but with a flesh of beautiful rose-pink striped with yellow. It is of fair size and pleasantly tart.

—A correspondent of an Eastern paper writes: "Last season I kept the striped bugs from my cucumbers by saturating ashes with kerosene and applying a handful on a hill."

—The "Grain Cleaner" suggests to millers using any kind of separating machines having reciprocating sieves or shakers, to see that the machine is "braced up," well before making complaint on score of inefficiency. A valuable hint.

—A man stopping his paper wrote to the editor: "I think men ottend to spend their munny for paper, my dad dident, and everybody sed he was the intelligentest man in the country, and he had the smartest family of boys that ever dug tators." Of course he didnt' need a paper.

—Adam Kull, of Schuylkill county, possesses a curious freak of nature in the shape of a calf without eyes or tail. The sockets for the eyes are both naturally formed, but the pupils are missing. A little tuft of hair at the other end indicates the place where the caudal appendage should be but is not.

—The New England *Homestead* recommends the saving of all the ashes made about the premises of farmers. Even coal ashes are useful as an absorbent and loosener of the soil. Wood ashes contain a large amount of potash, an important element of fertility, and are particularly valuable for onions and as a dressing for strawberries.

—One hour lost in the morning by lying in bed will put back all the business of the day. An hour gained by rising early is worth one month in the year. One hole in the fence will by and by cost ten times as much as it would to fix it at once. One diseased sheep will spoil a flock. One unruly animal will teach all others in company bad tricks.

—The Pennsylvania State Dairyman's association will co-operate with the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society in preparing for the State Fair, to be held next September in the Main Centennial Building. The State Society has adopted the Dairy Association's premium list, which offers prizes for foreign dairy products as well as domestic.

—Why do not orchards bear equally well each season? The buds are now formed for next year. If the tree is engaged all the season in perfecting its fruit, how can it prepare embryo for the next season? No amount of manure can add to the blossoms for the next season, but may improve the quality of the fruit. After a heavy crop it is no wonder that the next one should be small.

—The prize short-horn steer at the recent Christmas fat-stock show in England was two years and five months old, and weighed 1,761 pounds. A prize steer in another class was three years and six months old, and weighed 2,491 pounds. The best Hertford was the cow Leonora, four years, three months and two weeks old, that weighed 2,000 pounds.

—It has been said that quail imported from England will not breed in this country, but the Allentown *Democrat* gives this: "Up in the vicinity of Weissport last summer a large number were distributed, and it is known that they engaged in breeding, for some of their progeny was seen by Mr. A. J. Brodhead—the young birds being at the time just able to flutter along and to hide in the underbrush."

—Pruning trees is a work that is generally done best in February and March. In both of these months, if there are warm days, devote them to that task. Every farmer should have a good pruning knife and a fine saw. Thin out the sprouts and cut off the dead and broken limbs or such as make the tree unshapely.

—The Doylestown *Intelligencer* says: "The farmers are feeling better. Such is the universal verdict. We have asked the question of many farmers recently, and they all agree that the outlook is brighter than it was a year or so ago. They all seem to feel more cheerful and more hopeful. And the sign is a good one, for in an agricultural community like ours it is the true index of the times. If the farmers are prosperous everybody else may be prosperous."

—A Canadian paper recommends the following: "One pint of crude carbolic acid, costing 25 cents, is sufficient for twenty gallons of soft soap, with as much hot water to thin it; then stir in the pint of carbolic acid and let stand over night, or longer, to combine. Now add twelve gallons of rain water and stir well; then apply to the base of the tree with a short broom or old paint brush, taking pains to wet the inside of all crevices. This will prevent both peach and apple borers. It should be applied in the latter end of June in this climate, when the moth and beetles usually appear."

—An Ohio experimenter with hotbeds with cloth sashes says: Three years experience with muslin sashes where the thermometer ranges from twenty degrees below zero to seventy degrees above satisfies me of their superiority. I make a square frame of one and one-fourth inch stuff with a single bar of the same size down the middle, cover it with common, heavy, unbleached muslin, paint it over two coats with boiled linseed oil and find it far better than glass. Have had no freezing or scalding, but better colored plants, more stocky, and better able to withstand early transplanting. After the hotbed is filled with manure, lay in the soil so as to come within three inches of the muslin, sloping exactly as it does. As the season advances the bed will settle about as fast as the growth of the plants requires it. This plan prevents the plants from becoming long legged, which is the main cause of the slow aftergrowth, and in the cabbage family of so many plants failing to make solid head."

—On the farm of W. Y. Croson, who lives near Strickersville, Chester county, one of a litter of small pigs escaped from its pen into the barnyard one night and was suckled by the cows. Ever after the little porker refused the nutriment provided by his nature and lived upon cow's milk. The cows indulged him in his peculiar taste, and patiently lay down that he might slake his thirst. A few days since, at the age five weeks, the little porker was sold away from his foster mother, having far outstripped in growth his brothers and sisters of the sty.

THIS AND THAT.

—The bower bird selects gaudy colored fragments for its nest.

—Kite flying is a sport with the grown people of Southeastern Asia.

—The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Ireland is postponed till next year.

—The man who borrows five dollars is still suffering from the panic of '73.

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—Ebensburg has a colored George Washington, a barber, who claims that his great grandfather was a slave on the Mount Vernon estate.

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—Six thousand five hundred dozen eggs were sold at the Cambria Iron Company's store, Johnstown, Pa., during Easter week, from Wednesday to Saturday.

—Governor Marks, of Tennessee, was a poor boy who took care of his widowed mother, and, unable to take a college course, made the most of the training of a common school.

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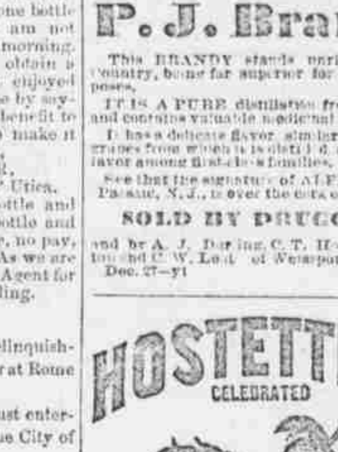

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JUMBLES.

—The Czar's affinity—Abdi-Kate.

—The stamp act—applause in a theatre.

—Facts are stubborn things. Mules are facts.

—Cremation will end all terrors of "the cold, cold grave."

—The women convicts in the Kentucky penitentiary wear men's clothes.

—Never cry over spilt milk. Ten to one there's water enough in it already.

—They've at last found use for Alaska. It is to furnish a job for a census-taker.

—Leadville disdains mere colonels. The usual remark is, "Senotor, shove the bacon."

—A young lady writes to an exchange: "For my part, I prefer an evening passed at home with a pleasant book, to attending balls, parties and theatres." Oh, certainly. When a young lady hasn't a beau, nor a new bonnet, nor a new walking costume, she genearlly prefers to remain at home with a book—which she is to mad to read.

—A fact for Naturalists.—Young house-keeper—"Dear me! What very small eggs for twopence halfpenny each. It seems quite extravagent to take them!" Affable Diary Woman—"Well, yes, m'm, so it does. But I've always noticed that new-laid eggs are small."

—The reason that Darwin's "missing link" is so hard to find is because dead men tell no tails.

—Ladies, beware of the man with a clove in his breath; he may show the cloven foot one of these days.

—"What is heaven's best gift to man?" she asked smiling sweetly on him. "A hoss," he replied, with prudence.

—"What religion do you belong to?" asked a London police magistrate of a boy brought up before him the other day on the charge of wandering about without home or occupation. "The Strand, sir," was the waif's reply.

—It may interest American dancers to learn that the "Liverpool lurch" and the "Boston dip" are no longer the fashion, having been replaced by the "Boston grip" and the "Southern cuddle."

—The hornet and the mule are too tender-hearted to look upon suffering. They always turn their back when they strike.

—A penny edition of the New Testament has been brought out by a London publisher, who, low as the price is, finds it profitable.

—"The darkey's hour is just before the dawn," remarked Sambo, when he started out before daybreak to steal a young chicken.

—For prudential reasons, says the New York News, we advise folks in general not to tell other people more than they know themelves.

—The only thing American about a brass band is the way small boys paddle through mud and dust to catch enough of the tune to whistle.

—"Pa the bare wun hund dolls," is the way a half-millionaire of Chester, Pa., wrote it, but they don't go back on the check on that account.

—Bishop Bedell is of opinion that if ministers would only speak the truth in funeral sermons the demand for such discourses would be rapidly decreased.

—Theodore Tilton was asked by a New Hampshire woman if he really thought Beecher was guilty, and he evaded the question in a way that made her hair stand up.

—A dressmaker got mad because her lover serenaded her with a flute. She said she got all the fluting she wanted in her regular business. If she went on that principle why did she get ruffled?

—A man who quit keeping a diary because he never could find anything to write in it, was the next day run over by a cart, beaten out of $3 on a dog trade, blackguarded by a fishwoman and drawn on a jury. He will resume his diary.

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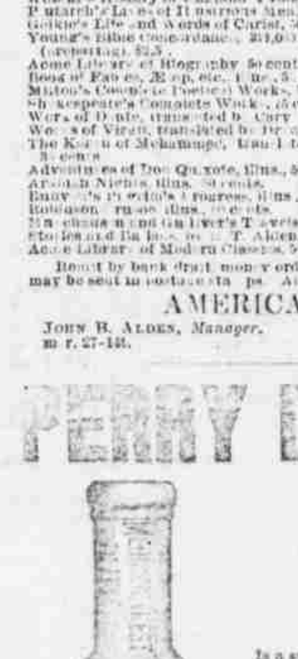

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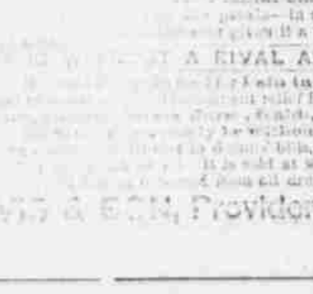

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18	63	35	8[illegible]	52	1 [illegible]
19	64	[illegible]	[illegible]	53	1 6[illegible]
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