

## AGRICULTURAL.

Grafting.—Every farmer should learn to do his own grafting. It is a very easy operation when once understood. A sharp penknife and a good fine saw are indispensable. Splitting the stock so that the bark shall not be bruised—and shaping the scion wedge-fashion both ways, preserving also the bark uninjured—and placing the *root* of the wood of both stock and scion exactly together, so that the sap can intermingle—there is no danger of failure, if properly waxed. We make a shoulder to the graft and think it adds to the certainty of success, though probably weakens it. We prefer also two eyes or buds to a graft, and would rather have only one than more than two. One year's wood should always be used when it can be obtained, as it is more certain to take and grows more vigorously.

We wish to remind those about preparing grafting wax, that we have found five parts of rosin, one part of beeswax, and one part of tallow, to be the best proportions. Melt them together in a skillet, (which is the best,) or a tinecup, and mix well. It should remain in the vessel and used as needed. Twenty or thirty scions can be waxed with one heating up. When much grafting is to be done, a fire for heating the wax should be made on the spot, between bricks or stones.

## MISCELLANY.

TERRIBLE TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.  
Five Persons Instantly Killed and Fourteen Mortally Wounded—Thirteen Thousand Dollars Scattered to the Winds.

[From the Evansville (Ind.) Journal of the 29th ultimo.]

We were yesterday visited by Mr. William Brill, an old and respected farmer of Johnson county, Illinois, and one of the most extensive in that country, who furnishes us with a succinct and detailed account of a tornado that passed over that neighborhood on the 29th.

Mr. Brill's farmhouse rests upon an eminence sufficiently high to give him a view of the section through which the destruction passed, and on the day of the 29th, he and his family had a perfect view of the sublime scene which the angry elements were enacting in a valley only half a mile south of his house.

He describes the appearance of the storm as the most terrific ever witnessed, or that the mind can conceive. A dense blackness enveloped the valley below, while it was quiet on the hills around, and this added to the distinctness of the whole. The most terrific roar, rumbling, and moaning filled the air, and the smell of sulphur was very strong. The unearthly noise seemed to drown the voice of those speaking close to each other.

The portion of the valley where the tornado passed was in the neighborhood of Tobacco post office, and with in a few miles, if we understand him rightly, of Golconda. The tornado moved from west to east, and appeared to keep in a chosen path. The country is very broken, but those living in the small valleys seemed to suffer most.

The following is the list of lives lost and total destruction as far as named:

John Harper was mortally injured, three of his daughters were killed outright, and five others of his family of nine mortally wounded. His home and every object of his place was entirely carried away, and nothing has since been found of anything. A wagon load of flour and sacks of meal was taken up by the tornado, and no trace of it was afterwards found—Thirteen thousand dollars in money was also blown away with the house. M. B. Bayne's house was also taken up and blown to atoms. His stock of boots and shoes and dry goods was carried for miles and scattered over the country. Everything totally lost. Esquire Worley had nine in the family; one killed and eight supposed to be mortally wounded. Houses and everything on the place were swept away. John Jones lost a child. Everything totally lost. Jonathan Water's farm was literally torn up and carried off. There is not an object left. Louis McGowan's farm was also totally destroyed. Houses, barns, and everything gone. Woodson West's farm was entirely destroyed, and everything on it swept off. Orchards were pulled up by the roots and carried five miles—Every one who escaped destruction in the line of the tornado, as well as those who were killed, were blackened as though by soot.

Mr. Brill was one of the fortunate few who lived off from the route of the tornado, and thus escaped with a slight loss.

He tells us that the scene, after the tornado passed over, was one of the most heart-rending it had ever been his misfortune to witness. Every farmer who lived in the path of the angry elements is homeless and totally broken up. Destruction is to be seen everywhere. He is of opinion that the hurricane at Natchez many years ago was no worse in its effects.

The three daughters of Mr. John Harper, afterward found dead, were locked in each other's arms. Cows, hogs, and farm implements in some cases were found at a great distance. Of course, nearly all the live stock in the line of the storm was destroyed. This tornado, in less force, visited many parts of the country, being what is known as the "equinoctial."

storm' but its violence in Johnson co. is without a parallel.

May others were also killed and wounded, one estimate being as high as a thousand.

## TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT REMOVED.

### CHARLES W. GIBBS,

MERCHANT TAILOR, has removed his shop to the "green houses" at the intersection of Valley and Main street, adjoining E. M. & B. Pratt's store, where he cordially invites all who need anything in his line—Goods and Trunks, furnished and gentlemen's clothing, to call and see the latest styles, on short notice, and at reasonable prices.

## TREMBENDOUS FIRE, AND VICTORY OVER HIGH PRICES!

THE undersigned has received from the Eastern cities a large and varied assortment of BOOTS AND SHOES of all sorts and sizes, of eastern manufacture, and stores, one door west of Franklin Hardware Store, East Market Street, Lewistown. He will constantly keep on hand a large assortment of HOME MADE WORK.

We will also take measures and make work to order, at short notice. Regarding the needs of our customers, we will call and make settlement, as I am bound to sell cheaper than the cheapest for cash.

W. C. THORNBURG.

## NEW GOODS.

WE have just returned from the East with a fresh stock of goods, which we are determined to sell cheap.

We have Grey Twilled all wool Flannel, at 50 cents and upwards. Canton Flannel 50 cents and upwards. A general assortment of DRESS GOODS.

In Ladies' Cloth we have Black, Drab, Grey, and Water Proof. Black Cloth for Ladies' Cloaks, which we are prepared to sell by the yard, ready made or make to order. Black and white plaid wool long Shawls, very fine, Balmorals,

## HOOP SKIRTS,

Hosiery, Gloves, Hoods, Nubias, Breakfast Cakes, &c., &c.

We have made arrangements to keep an assortment of Burke Zephyrs, a splendid article for knitting Shawls, Hoods, Pulse Warmers, &c. Cloths, Satinets,

## CASSIMERES,

Kentucky Jeans, for Men's and Boys' wear. Also, a full stock of GROCERIES, in fact everything usually kept in stores in this place, all of which we have determined to sell as cheap, if not cheaper than any other establishment in town.

J. T. BRISBIN & CO.  
West Market st., opposite the Jail, Lewistown, Nov. 1, 1865.

## NOTICE!

PERSONS in general, and especially those about going to house-keeping, will take notice that A. Felix is still manufacturing all kinds of

## FURNITURE,

and has now on hand a large assortment of goods suitable for house-keeping, such as Sofas, Tops, Settles and Cane Chairs, Windsor Chairs, Lounges, marble Top Tables, a general assortment of well made furniture of all kinds, and at low prices. We wish to draw the attention of purchasers to call and examine the stock. In connection we can furnish persons with Crockery, Queensware, Butterboards, Chutras, Tubs, Buckets, Wash boards, Tucker's patent Clothes Wringer—best machine out to save labor and clothing. Hair, skus, and Excelsior Mattresses, Wardrobes, Settees, Extension Tables, Wardrobes, Bargains can be had by calling at A. T. F. L. S. Store or Furniture Warehouse.

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## LEWISTOWN FOUNDRY

## AND MACHINE SHOPS.

The undersigned have taken the Foundry and Machine Shop formerly carried on by John R. Weeks, where we will continue the manufacture of our justly celebrated

## New Jersey Reaper & Mower,

With Borsey's Self Raking Attachment, the only reliable Self Raking Reaper. Also,

## HORSE POWERS AND THRESHERS

of the latest improved patterns, several different kinds of Plows, several different sizes of Coal Stoves, Hathaway Cook Stoves, &c. All kinds of

## IRON & BRASS CASTINGS,

made and fitted up in the most workmanlike manner, for Mills, Furnaces, Forges and Factories. We have added some new Machinery to the works, which will enable us to do work in the best possible manner.

All kinds of REPAIRING done at the shortest notice and on the most accommodating terms. Particular attention paid to repairing Reapers. Water Wheels always on hand. Circular Saws furnished and fitted up.

## REESE & SLAGLE.

## FARMERS! HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO THRESH GRAIN,

Geiser's Patent Self-Regulating

Grain Separator, Cleaver and Bugger,

THE undersigned, having made the necessary arrangement with the proprietor, will keep on hand, for the accommodation of owners of the machine in Mifflin and adjoining counties, such CASTINGS as are mostly needed for repairing the Geiser Machine. We are also prepared to do repairing, and add such improvements as are used in the latest new machines.

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## PALING.

GARDEN PALING, just received and for sale by WM. B. HOFFMAN.

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