

FARM LIFE IN THE OLD WORLD.

VIEW OF OTHER NATIONS IN THE FIELD AND AT HOME.

A sketch read by George W. Hensel, before the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, at its meeting Monday, January the 5th, 1885.

Farm Methods in Germany.

The traveler quickly notices the changes when he boards a Belgian government mail steamer at Dover for Ostend. The English speech and manners give way to Belgian.

The distance of many miles is made in four hours with a smooth sea; although it sometimes takes seven if it is rough and stormy.

The Belgian coast is low and sandy, and on the shore numerous wind mills, scattered all along the coast, have towers and immense arms flapping in the breeze.

The country around Brussels is rather rolling; the city is one of the finest in Europe, containing many public squares, which are great resorts of the people.

From Cologne to Bingen I saw little of agriculture except the vine clad hills along the river, which have been terraced in many places almost to the top.

Following the river Main for a long distance rich meadows line the banks of its tributaries, which are extensively cultivated.

The people through this section appear to live in villages which present the same general appearance of steep roofed and red tiled houses with the usual small out-buildings.

Women are seen in all the fields, doing the same work as in our country, but with a different style. As already noted the grain is cut with the sickle.

The servants, waiters, porters, &c., met at hotels, are generally intelligent, bright, very polite, and seem to be well educated.

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appear to be much pasture land. The heavy draught horses of the Normal are bred. Some very fine pairs of these horses are driven to brewers' wagons.

Approaching the Tyrolean Alps, along the valley of the Inn, the route leaves the level country in which Munch is situated, and enters the narrow gorges in which it crosses the Austrian frontier.

The valley of the Tyrol, with its neat and quaint looking little villages along the river, with every available spot of ground along the sides of the mountain under cultivation.

The country around Innsbruck is rather rolling; the city is one of the finest in Europe, containing many public squares, which are great resorts of the people.

The appearance of the country at first in Italy is rather disappointing. The familiar character of the Italian people is not seen.

Everything has an old look. One striking feature of the cattle of Italy is that they are all of a dirty white color, with very long horns, even are very generally used.

For at least 100 miles of the distance from Florence to Rome the country is almost a desert waste. The soil is all washed off the hills and not a spear of vegetation appears.

Some General Observations. Foreign farm life is a very imperfect view of our own. It is not a brief journey through Europe.

One sees but little agriculture passing near the shores of the Mediterranean through Pisa, Genoa, etc., until he reaches the rich and fertile lands of the Po valley.

Here one does not see much of the poverty which is characteristic of Italy, it being confined to the narrow strip of land along the coast.

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One of the finest markets I saw was in Munich. The meats, vegetables, and fruit were exceedingly fine. I also saw many of the markets at Innsbruck, the capital of the Austrian Tyrol.

medically and carefully done, and everywhere signs of thrift and good husbandry were shown. However poor the dwelling may be every thing looks clean.

The people of the mountain districts keep a large number of cows and goats. These are taken up on top of the mountains where they graze on the rich pastures.

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