

Agricultural Department.

Errors to be Avoided.

How many farmers are to be found who can plead "no guilt" in reference to some one or more of the following errors to which the Country Gentleman calls attention:

1. Allowing weeds, such as thistles, docks, stramonium, poison, hemlock, etc., to grow along the highway.
2. Allowing elders, burdocks and nettles to grow along fences, and Canada thistles, fox-tail, pig weed, rag weed, etc., to grow among and sometimes eclipse crops.
3. To plow, harrow, and seed or plant, land so wet that year after year it yields scarcely enough to pay tillage.
4. To allow boards to become knocked off board fences, and clapboards from barns; and the hinges of gates to become so deranged that they must be laboriously dragged over the ground in opening and shutting, quickly wearing them out.
5. To pile manure against the side of the barn until it rots and mires the cattle, instead of spreading it for crops, and leaving a neat, clean yard.
6. To admit pigs to door-yards to root up the grass, and help themselves to swill at the kitchen door.
7. To throw kitchen slops into a puddle at the back door.
8. To build barns on the public road, thus making a barn yard of the highway.
9. To scatter implements, such as plows, harrows, rollers, etc., about the barn-yard or along the sides of the road, exposed to all sorts of weather.
10. To throw rubbish, brush, etc., into the public road, to the offence of every traveler who has any appreciation of decency, instead of destroying or converting these materials into manure.
11. Badly built board fences, half lifted by frost out of the ground, and leaving half over—occasioned by a shallow and careless setting of the posts, and by not draining the holes.
12. Cornfields with a dense undergrowth of weeds, and potatoes with a dense overgrowth of the same.
13. Hedges and trees planted and allowed to grow up with grass, and consequently never being good for anything—instead of giving them good and broad cultivation.
14. Allowing cows and other animals to run in the streets, to pester neighbors, and dry up by being frequently lost at milking time.

LIME ON RYE AND WHEAT.—A correspondent asks us, "Why a field put down first to wheat and then to clover, and lime, is generally successful; while with first rye and then clover, and lime, it frequently fails?"

It is well known that, while wheat may flourish on limestone soils, rye is more frequently refused; still, on the application of progressed lime, such as that produced by the burning of shells, the rye crop is more likely to succeed than when limed with ordinary limestone of its immediate district. Rye always succeeds well the second year after liming, showing that salts of lime, rather than lime alone, are its requisites. When sufficient time has elapsed after the application of a coating of lime for all the combinations to occur with the lime with other constituents, so as to form a series of salts, the rye is more benefited, while the wheat contains so large a proportion of lime in the composition of its ash, that it is enabled to appropriate it more directly and in a more primitive shape. The stubble of wheat is a better preparative for clover than that of rye, large portions of sulphur and its compounds being found in the stubble of wheat, and such compounds being more friendly to growth of clover.

When wounds in the bark of fruit trees occur, the ragged portions of the bark around the edge of the wound should be cleanly and regularly cut, when the edges of the exposed portion of wood may be coated with a covering of Canada balsam. This will protect the bark from the oxidizing influences of the atmosphere, and at the same time permit the new growth to occur about the edges, so as to prevent further stripping of the bark. Some cultivators prefer the use of one ounce of gum shellac, dissolved in one quart of alcohol at 95 per cent strength. No larger portion of shellac should ever be used, as a thick coating is sure to crack and peel off instead of remaining firm to the surface. A thin varnish of shellac may also be used on the ends of branches when freshly trimmed. The alcohol evaporates immediately, leaving a thin coating of shellac, which becomes dry and firmly attached to the wood before any exudation of sap can occur.

FARMER'S ECONOMY.—Some farmers talk a great deal about economy. I know one who will go three miles out of his way, over a bad road, to save a few cents at the toll gate. Another, who is so economical of blacksmith's expenses, that instead of getting a tire set at the right time, will make it do a week or two longer, and some dark night may be found groping his way home with three wheels and a rail to his wagon, while a horse or two are unable to leave the stable on account of lameness, resulting from a misunderstanding of the word economy, as applied to the shoeing of horses. Many a man is so economical in matter of boards for barns, stables and sheds, that he builds them every year of corn or hay. These may be considered strange building material, but what I state is true. If an animal is exposed to the storms and colds of winter, it will take one-half of the food it consumes to keep it as warm as it would naturally in a good comfortable stable; the other half will just keep it along. So the half of the grain and hay is used for making a stable—expensive building materials, but this is the economy, however, that I would not recommend, nor that which will pay heavy war expenses.—*Rural New Yorker.*

AMERICAN PLOWS.—A correspondent of the London Mark Lane Express says: "The Americans have driven our plow makers out of Australia, Indian and colonial markets, owing to their lighter and cheaper articles. Unless our makers bestir themselves here, by using steel instead of heavy castings, they will be likely to be 'beaten on their own ground.'"

THE MINNESOTA FARMER AND GARDNER says: "The peaches grown about St. Paul are all protected in the winter by trimming the branches near the ground and covering them in the fall, the same as we do here half hardy grapes, raspberries, etc. It is the best possible way to preserve them from the severities of the frost."

Miscellaneous.

BOOK BINDERY.

The subscriber having withdrawn from the Argus his building would respectfully inform the public that he has removed his Plain and Fancy Bindery to the North Room of the McDougal formerly occupied by the Post Office, where he is now prepared to bind all kinds of books in the most approved and workmanlike manner. Having to share my profits with no second person I flatter myself that my prices will meet the satisfaction of the public.

Thankful for the confidence reposed in me and the public appreciation of my work, for the last two years, I shall endeavor in the future to merit the continuance of public support.

Particular attention given to re-binding Books. All work will be warranted. Terms, Cash.

Also, a large assortment of STATIONERY of the best quality, at the lowest prices. Justices' and Constables' BLANKS, of all kinds.

PICTURE FRAMES, round, square and oval; and pictures framed to order, cheaper than ever known here.

JOHANN F. BENDER.

Towanda, Jan. 11, 1860. Bookbinder and Artist.

LINCOLN TO BE ELECTED.

YET all these seem only to increase the business and prosperity of the Old Foundry and

MACHINE SHOP.

(South side of Pine st., one door East of H. S. Mercur's Store.)

The undersigned would call the attention of all concerned to the fact, that he is prepared to do, and will execute all work entrusted to him with dispatch, and in the most workmanlike manner.

FITTING UP MILL IRONS, REPAIRING STEAM ENGINES, from the simplest to the most complicated, in any of their parts, and WARRANTED to give satisfaction.

Flows always on hand of the most approved patterns, wood in the most substantial manner.

Having recently added considerably to his facilities for doing work, and employing experienced workmen in every department, he is confident that he can satisfy all who favor him with their patronage.

JOHN CARMAN.

Towanda, Oct. 15, 1860.

Coal, Lime, Cement, Fire Brick, Drain Tiles, &c.

THERE is a Lime Kiln at the Barclay Company's Basin, in Towanda, where is kept constantly for sale, fresh burnt *Hydrate Lime*, made from the best quality of New York lime stone at 25 cents per bushel, or \$1 per barrel, headed up in barrels, and 124 cents per bushel for slack lime. Lime shipped on loads from Towanda without additional charge.

Water Lime at \$1.15 per barrel, and *Fire Brick* at 8 cents each. *Drain Tiles* 2, 3 and 4 inch sizes at 2, 3 and 4 cents per foot, a very nice article for draining land or about dwellings. Merchants supplied with Barclay's Axes by the dozen. *Jack Screws*, for moving buildings, to let at 25 cents per day each.

Barclay Coal at \$2.25 per ton for Lump Coal and \$2.00 per ton for Smith Coal. Coal delivered in Towanda at 25 cents per load.

All the above for sale at the office of the Barclay R. R. & Coal Company, Towanda.

J. MACFARLANE, Gen. Superintendent.

Towanda, Feb. 22, 1861.

CAUTION.

"To be, or not to be—that is the question!"

Whether 'tis soldier in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous opposition, or by taking up arms against a sea of printing ink, and opposing, end them."

THE proprietor of the Argus takes occasion to advertise his Bindery to induce in an advertisement about a "sea of printing ink," which is hoping "to delude the public." As I have opened a Bindery on my own account, the inference is that if the public bring their binding to me, they will be disappointed in the result. For two years I have worked for Mr. PARSONS, and he has taken great pains to satisfy the public as the "best binder in America," as the columns of the Argus will testify. I have been all the while endeavoring to do better than he, but I have been engaged in a fraud, he has been the principal. But I refer to my work during that time as evidence that there has been no fraud practiced.

Having served a long apprenticeship at the Bindery business, I have recently begun business here on my own account, as I know of nothing which prevents me from following a legitimate and lawful calling for my support—endeavoring by good work and attention to my business to give public satisfaction.

March 15. JOHANN F. BENDER, Binder.

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THE New York Weekly Times is a large and elegantly printed quarto sheet, of eight pages, or forty-eight columns—devoted to Politics, Literature and General News. It is intended to be the cheapest and best Family Newspaper in the United States.

The first aim of the Times is, and will always be, to keep its readers thoroughly and reliably posted up, as to everything which may happen of general interest, in any part of the world. It comments fully and freely upon all topics of importance in every department of public action, and always in the interest of Freedom, Order, and the Public Good. While its influence will be uniformly conservative, it advocates every measure of just and beneficent progress, and resists the increase, extension, or perpetuation of Slavery, of everything else incompatible with the highest welfare of the whole human race. While it reports promptly and accurately all intelligence of general interest in every department of human activity, it never panders to vicious tastes, and excludes from its columns everything that might tend to excite or inflame improper for general family perusal. It seeks to promote the general welfare by urging the claims of

EDUCATION, MORALITY AND RELIGION upon the masses of the people; and in all its discussions, it endeavors constantly to be guided and controlled by the spirit of

MODERATION, PATRIOTISM AND COMMON SENSE.

In its CORRESPONDENCE, both Foreign and Domestic, the Times is confessed to be superior to any other American Journal. Its Reports of Congressional and Legislative proceedings, of Financial, Commercial and

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE, of important Legal and Criminal Trials, and of whatever may have special interest for the great body of the community, are full, prompt and reliable.

Special attention is devoted to full, accurate and trustworthy reports of the

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS, for which a special corps of Reporters is maintained.

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STANDARD NOVELS AND TALES, and miscellaneous selections of the highest interest.

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT is compiled from a variety of sources, many of them accessible to the American reader, and furnishes valuable information to the Farmer and Gardener.

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Any person who will send us a Club of TEN subscribers, at \$1 each, shall receive an extra copy for himself, or may retain One Dollar as his compensation.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, Published on Tuesdays and Fridays, and containing eight pages of reading matter in every number, is sent to subscribers at the following rates:

Single Copies..... \$3.
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Any person who will send us a Club of FIVE subscribers may receive an extra copy for himself, or retain Two Dollars and a Half as his compensation.

Terms—Cash invariably in advance.

All letters to be addressed to H. J. RAYMOND & Co., Proprietors of the New York Times, New York City.

OFFICIAL.

THEATRE DEPARTMENT, Feb. 4, 1862.

HOLDERS OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, dated August 19, 1861, and payable in three years from date, are hereby notified that provision is made for the payment of the Coupons of semi-annual interest which became due on the 19th instant, in coin, agreeably to their tenor by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, or by either of the Assistant Treasurers at New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. All such Coupons, together with schedules showing the number and amount of each Coupon and the aggregate sum of each parcel, must be presented for examination and verification at least three full business days before payment.

S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury.

Feb. 12, 1862.

CASH PAID FOR

POULTRY.

A good article of

THE BEST DRESSED POULTRY can be sold for Cash, at

Towanda, Nov. 20, 1861. PATCH'S.

Miscellaneous.

HOTEL KEEPERS.

DRUGGISTS,

FARMERS, AND ALL

WHO WANT

PURE LIQUORS

I HAVE just received from the City, a Large Stock of

IMPORTED PURE LIQUORS,

of every variety. My stock of LIQUORS has been purchased for CASH, directly from the Importers, whereby I am enabled to furnish Farmers for the approaching Harvest, a Superior and Pure article of Liquor, of any kind whatever, at LOWER PRICES than were ever before offered in Towanda.

HOTEL KEEPERS Will find it greatly to their advantage to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. I have facilities for purchasing, which enables me to WHOLESALE my goods at New York

Besides my Liquors are warranted pure and unadulterated. I have also on hand the Largest Stock and Greatest Variety of

Ever brought to Towanda, which having been purchased directly from the Manufacturers and Importers, enables me to compete with the Wholesale Tobaccoists of the city. Hotel keepers and others are respectfully invited to an examination of my entire stock of Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco. Also,

Groceries & Provisions,

Of every description, will be kept constantly on hand, at prices LOWER than elsewhere in this town.

Confident that I am enabled to sell my entire stock of Goods, either at Wholesale or Retail, less than like goods can be purchased this side of the City, I respectfully solicit the public to an examination at No. 5, Brick Row.

H. W. NOBLE.

Towanda, June 14, 1860.

THIS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT where you can find every fine assortment of WATCHES AND JEWELRY of all descriptions, also a good stock of CLOCKS, prices ranging from 10 shillings up, and warranted to give good satisfaction or no sale. I am also agent for the sale of D. E. LENT'S celebrated Barometers, which every farmer should always have. Prices from \$5 to \$20, according to finish. REPAIRING done as usual in a neat and workmanlike manner and warranted.

WM. A. CHAMBERLIN.

The New National Loan.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed by Hon. S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury, Agents for receiving subscriptions to the New National Loan of Treasury Notes, bearing interest at the rate of 7 1/2 per cent per annum, hereby give notice that a subscription book is now open at the above named office.

These notes will be of the denomination of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000, and are all dated 1st of August, 1861, payable in full in three years, or convertible into a twenty-year six per cent loan, at the option of the holder. Each Treasury Note has interest coupons attached, which can be cut out and cashed at any time, at six per cent, and at the rate of one cent per day on each \$50.

Any explanations required by the subscriber will be cheerfully made, and they will be glad to plan adopted, by an arrangement of the subscribers to the Loan, the undersigned reporting each subscription to the Treasury Department, from whence the Treasury Notes will be sent to each subscriber.

The Loan will bear interest to each subscriber from the date of their subscription, at this office.

The ample security of this loan, its great convenience, together with the patriotic desire to sustain the Government of our country in the present crisis, will, it is hoped, induce a liberal subscription from the citizens of this country.

Payments of subscriptions may be made in GOLD or CHECKS, or NOTES OF ANY OF THE CITY BANKS.

B. S. RUSSELL, Subscription Agent.

Towanda, Oct. 16, 1861.

THE WAR TO BE SETTLED!

THE OLD TAILOR SHOP STILL IN MOTION.

G. H. BUNTING, THE OLD STAND- BY TAILOR, would inform the public that he is still doing business at his old stand, where he is still prepared to execute all kinds of work in his line on the shortest notice.

Having lately secured one of the most perfect systems for cutting in existence, he can warrant smooth and easy fits with safety.

By an arrangement with the merchants, he is enabled to get up suits at a very low figure, for cash. He would inform the public that he is agent for A. Barthol's Sewing Machine, and that he is prepared to show it, and to furnish for cash, for from \$25 up to \$50, as may be desired.

N. B.—He is prepared to clean and mend garments at reasonable rates, and to sew on buttons—making them look nearly as new as new. Call and try him.

Cutting done as usual on short notice.

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Merchandise, &c.

CHEAPNESS, STYLE & BEAUTY.

NOW IS YOUR TIME

TO BUY YOUR

CLOTHING CHEAP

AT YOUR OWN PRICES.

PROCLAIM IT TO THE PEOPLE!

JUST RECEIVED.—A Large Stock of FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING, at J. CORN'S Elmira Branch Clothing Store. Says coolly, boldly and deliberately, that he takes the foremost of the Clothing Merchants of Towanda.

Eighteen hundred and sixty-one has come, and the light and beauty of Spring shines upon us, with all its radiant splendor. I shall continue to sell Clothing for Cash, cheaper than any other man, as my goods are all bought cheap for cash, and they will be sold cheap for cash.

My goods are all manufactured in Elmira, therefore I can warrant them well made. Enough for me to say, I have everything in the line of

CLOTHING!

GENTS FURNISHING GOODS,

HATS CAPS, &c.,

That is kept in any other Store in town.

My banner is on the breeze.

And long may it wave, For the land of the free, And the home of the brave!

While her Stars and Stripes Shine out like sun, Telling of our nation's ability!

That Freedom's bugle! This is a free country; therefore it is free for all to do their trading where they can do best, regardless of the cross and sour looks of old fogy merchants. I invite you to come and see me—country as well as the city are invited—every person, rich or poor, high or low, bound or free are invited to call.

Come one, come all, and stop your speed, We've Goods enough for all in need, The boys, themselves, are at their posts, And they alone can supply a host.

Other dealers in this town, To seek our thanks, and call at our posts, For selling the cheapest and the best, And selling more than all the rest!

Hurrah! hurrah! o'er hill a dale, Accept our thanks, and call at our posts, Among our assortments you'll always find, Goods to fit, and please the mind.

We're on hand, and always willing, To suit our Goods to your liking! So hold your horses, and come this way, We shall be glad to see you any day.

At JOHN WILLIAM'S Clothing Store, next door to H. S. Mercur's Dry Goods Store, Main Street, Towanda, Pa.

N. B.—We wish to be understood, that we are not to be undersold by any man, or combination of men.

No charge for showing our Goods.

Towanda, March 12, 1862. J. CORN.

News from the Great Rebellion!

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR!

R. W. EDDY,

HAS PURCHASED THE ENTIRE

stock and fixtures of E. S. BENDITT, first door south of POWELL'S Key Stone Store.

STILL LATER NEWS!

He has just returned from New York, where he has bought for cash, at war prices, a remarkably fine stock of goods, all made to order for this market, and warranted as represented, which he flatters himself, he can sell lower for cash than has ever been offered in this market, for the same quality of goods.

His stock consists of Overcoats, from \$5 up, Superior French Cassimere Coats and Silk Mixed Coats, and a lower grade.

PANTS,

Silk Velvet, French Cassimere, Silk Mixed Cassimere, Satinets.

VESTS,

Silk Velvet, Grenadine, Doe Skin, French Cassimere, Silk Mixed Cassimere, Farmer's Satin, Satinets, and low priced Undershirts and Drawers, he has 20 doz. at

ALL PRICES!

Wool Stocks, Celebrated British & Hose, a large assortment. Linen Shirts and Collars, a big lot. Neck Ties, Stocks, Suspenders, Gloves, Mittens, Umbrellas, Cane, Monkey Jackets, Baskets, Overalls, Overshirts.

HATS AND CAPS,

Of all kinds, and prices to suit the times. Also,

CHAS. OAKFORD & SON'S

Celebrated Philadelphia Silk Hats.

The best article made in the United States, all of which he is anxious to sell to the public at a low figure, for cash only.