

Agricultural.

THE CROPS FOR THE YEAR.

According to the report of the Agricultural Bureau, the wheat crop for the year 1864, amounts to 160,095,853 bushels. It takes about five bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour, which would make the production equal to thirty-three and a half millions of barrels, or more than one and a half barrels to every one of the population of 20,000,000 whose industry produced it. The production of wheat is only about 9,000,000 less than in 1863, which was considered an excellent crop. The rye production was 19,872,957 bushels, or less than one million short of the production of the previous year. Barley 10,786,328—about the same decrease as rye in the years production. Oats 176,060,864 bushels, an increase six millions over the previous year. Hay 18,116,751 tons, or about a million and a half tons less in 1863. Corn 530,581,403 bushels, or about seventy-eight millions increase over the previous year. Buckwheat 18,700,540 bushels, an increase of nearly three millions. Potatoes 95,275,888 bushels, a decrease of four millions. Taking the yearly production, therefore, the balance is in favor of 1864, and the quality is much better. If the currency and taxes did not affect prices, all the leading articles of provisions which form the support of life would be less in price. The sergiman, another valuable crop, shows a large increase. In the production of animal food there is, however, a material falling off in nearly all the States. The production of flaxseed shows a very large increase—New Jersey and Pennsylvania taking the lead in the increase, in the first amounting to over fourteen per cent., and in Pennsylvania four per cent. Ten of the loyal States produce cotton. The falling off in tobacco is set down at sixty-seven millions of pounds. Balancing all the increase and decrease of vegetable and animal production, and there is shown to be an abundance of food for the population.

CONTRACTION OF HORSES' FEET.

Mr. Jennings, late Professor of Anatomy in the Veterinary College of Philadelphia, we regard as one of our most intelligent and skillful veterinary surgeons, and entitled to great confidence in his profession. He has written much and well for the different journals, on the diseases of animals; and the following article on the "Contraction of Feet of Horses," strikes us as a very clear and satisfactory statement of its cause and remedy, and deserving of attention. The tendency of a horse's foot, in a healthy condition, is to expand whenever the weight of the body is thrown upon them. Being a very complicated piece of mechanism, they are very easily disarranged, and once out of order are difficult to repair; hence the necessity of preserving them in a sound condition. Contraction is caused—1st. By cutting away the bars of the feet, which are the main stays for the support of the quarters. 2d. By opening the heels as the smith calls it, cutting away a portion of the frog, in consequence of which the moisture of frog becomes absorbed, losing its elasticity and not destroying its function, thus exposing the feet to injury by concussion. 3d. By standing upon plank floors. 4th. By improper shoeing. An ordinary observer will, upon an examination of the common shoe, notice that it includes from without inwards at the heels, thus forming a concavity for the feet to rest in; the consequence is a lateral resistance of the expansion of the hoofs, when the weight of the body is thrown upon them. The effect of this resistance is to force the heels together, creating a pressure upon the sensitive parts within the horny case; and the result is, that the moisture of the hoofs is rapidly absorbed, rendering the hoofs hard, brittle and liable to crack, and not infrequently causing corns, navicular joint lameness, bony deposits to be thrown out from the lateral wings or processes of the coffin bone, rendering the animal permanently lame, or maimed. These are but few of the bad effects arising from contraction; enough, however, to serve our purpose at present. To preserve a level hooving by making the shoes perfectly flat on the quarters, so as not to interfere with the expansion of the feet. Should contraction already exist to a considerable extent, level the shoes slightly outward at the heels, in order to facilitate expansion. Care should be used not to level too much, or bulging at the lower part of the hoofs at the quarters will be the result. The shoes should be level in the center, and twisted, as is sometimes done to serve trouble by the bungling smith. Proper applications, to soften the horny parts and promote elasticity, should also be used. Such preparations are put up in the form of hoof ointment.

TO MAKE FARM LIFE ATTRACTIVE.

Young men often leave their homes in the country for city employment because they dislike the hard and dirty work, and the want of the adornment of the homes of their childhood has not been attended to. Girls dislike to marry young farmers because they see a life of drudgery in the prospect, such as cooking large meals for hired men, and because the throng of laborers which must fill their houses preclude the idea of comfort and seclusion. By attending to the following points much of these evils could be avoided. 1. Build cheap, but good and comfortable laborers' cottages, and hire steady married men to occupy them and thus board at home. 2. Let the owner attend to strict cleanliness so far as may be practicable; that is, never enter the house with a heavy or dirty pair of boots, but take them off in an out-house whenever entering for meals or for the night, and replace them with slippers. The same care should be given to outer garments. 3. Attend to frequent washing and bathing, and a frequent change of clothes—it is nearly as easy to wash several garments slightly soiled as one loaded with dirt. 4. Let all rooms, and especially bed-rooms, be well ventilated, and every cause of foul and offensive air be removed. 5. Let the living-rooms be handsomely furnished inside—with books, pictures, minerals and specimens of natural history, philosophical apparatus, (all in proper cases,) materials for drawing, and everything else to make in-lodgers attractive to young people. 6. Let the surroundings of the house be appropriated to ornamental planting—trees, shrubbery, flower beds cut in smooth turf, &c., and have apple orchards and fruit gardens, so that a constant supply of delicious and fresh fruit may be obtained from them, from the season of the earliest strawberries in June, until the late frosts in autumn—and afterwards that a copious supply may be obtained from the fruit-room until the first of the succeeding summer. 7. Let all the operations of farming be carried on without hurry or excessively

hard labor, by means of the most systematic management; let agriculture be made attractive by its neatness and success.—Country Gentleman. THE BEST TIME TO SOW GRASS-SEED.—I have an impression, that experimental knowledge is the most valuable to the farmer. For more than half a century I have been experimenting to find the best time to sow grass seed. For more than thirty of the first years of my farming I did as my neighbors did; I supposed the spring months were the only proper ones for that purpose. But later in life by reading agricultural papers, I discovered that some enterprising farmers were successful in sowing their grass-seed in August or September. I tried the experiment with complete success; that being the season it would naturally fall, it appeared evident to my mind that it was the right one. But still later I have been particular, and have sowed grass-seed at any season when my ground was prepared to receive it, and if the seed was good it has uniformly vegetated and done well. Last fall we (my son and myself) after harvesting our potatoes from the low wet soil, which would not rot of seedling down in early spring, sowed head-grass and red-top seed on the 14th and 15th of October upon said potato field, doubting, but still hoping for the best; and now, the 8th of July, it bids fair to give us the best crop of hay produced on any of my farm lots. This grass probably will require two weeks longer to grow than that which has been seeded down longer. I think I never saw seed vegetate better at any season. Grass-seed will vegetate a long time after being sowed. In the spring of 1864, I seeded down a lot of good ground, but rather dry, with red-top seed; the months of June and July were uncommonly dry, and at the middle of August there was no appearance of a grass sprout on the piece. On the 10th of August, the same year, it began to rain profusely, and continued raining for several weeks till the ground was saturated. In September, more than four months after the seed was sown, every seed seemed to vegetate, and the ground appeared like a beautiful lawn. And on the whole, I have concluded that any time when our land is in a good state of preparation to receive the seed is the best time to sow it.—[Stas Brown, in Boston Cultivator.]

INCREASING SOIL.—By deepening the cultivation of your soil you add to its quantity. Thus, by having your soil eight inches deep, where before you only had it four inches, you double its capacity—something as though you had two acres now where you had only one before. Did you ever think of this? Eight inches of cultivated soil has double the strength of four. This is a new way of increasing your land—not new to our best farmers, who understand all this—and hence they cultivate deep—not deep at once, but gradually, each year a little deeper, or at every plowing.—Ploughing alone makes the soil mellow, has a wonderful effect, even without manure; but manure, it must be remembered, is the main reliance always. In deepening your soil judgment is required. The low part of the row should not be brought up at a time, unless it is rich—then plough deep. In clay soils little at a time is the true theory. Cut off half an inch of clay, more or less at each plowing. This, thrown up to the action of the elements, will be reduced to powder, and it at once goes to work drawing strength from the atmosphere—clear profit, you see; it has the effect of plaster. Then it is a manure in itself. These heavy clay beds are valuable beds of manure. As they are generally spread out with your soil, you need only to adjust your clovis plow manure your ground. But this must only be done when the super-soil is thoroughly friable, in good cultivated order. Too much clay brought up will stiffen your soil; and air, and heat and rain are kept out; and thus it remains stiff, cold, stubborn soil, on which little or nothing can be grown. Grass is the only thing that stands the least chance.—Valley Farmer.

TOP-DRESSING GRASS-LAND.—Many New England farmers top-dress grass land, and find it very profitable. We noticed as early as August that some farmers had begun to top-dress their grass-land. It should be spread down soon after the heads are dropped, and if the manure is lumpy, it should be pushed over immediately after spreading, in order to break the lumps in pieces. Then it should be picked over if the compost, as is sometimes the case, contains small stones, such as are in the way of hand-scythe and mowing machine. Farmers so unfortunately suffer the manure heaps to remain too long before spreading them. Some even wait until spring before doing it. This is bad economy, ordinarily speaking. It is said by some farmers, that if a side hill, liable to be washed, be top-dressed, it is better to let the manure remain till late in the spring before it is spread. If this is an exception, which some even doubt, it is no argument against fall spreading on level meadows. When heaps of manure are suffered to remain unspread over winter it will be observed in mowing, that the grass is much heavier where the heaps remained, thus proving that much of the value of the manure was washed out during the fall and winter. Let manure for top-dressing, then, be early spread.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

"WHAT IS A COMPOST?"—This name is properly applied to any manure made by mixing various substances of fertilizing value, so that by their action upon one another, or by the effect of the mixture, their value is enhanced. Thus, when we mix a bushel or two of lime slacks with ox-bone, or ashes, with a load of manure, the result is a compost worth more to the soil than both applied separately. So when we take bone dust, hen manure, and leached ashes or plaster, in judicious proportions, we make a compost which is good for manuring corn in the hill, for top-dressing for grass, &c., and so composed or "composed" as to be more conveniently handled, and worked more than if separate. "Compost" does not mean anything in particular, but all compound manures in general which farmers make.—American Agriculturist.

HOW TO MAKE AN OMELET.—The proper way to make an omelet, is to take three tablespoonfuls of milk for each egg, and a pinch of salt to each one also. Beat the eggs lightly for two or three minutes, and pour them into a hot pan in which a piece of butter the size of a walnut has been melted a moment before. The mass will begin to bubble and rise in flakes immediately, and the bottom must be lifted incessantly with a clean knife so that the cooked parts run in. An omelet should be cooked three or four minutes, and made in this way will melt in the mouth.—Scientific American.

VOLENT SOAP FOR REMOVING PAINT, GREASE, SPOTS, &c.—Four tablespoonfuls of spirits of hartshorn, four tablespoonfuls of alcohol, one tablespoonful of salt. Shake the whole well together in a bottle, and apply with a sponge or brush.

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S. RICHARD PAYNE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Where he will transact all business entrusted to him with promptness and care. Office with C. L. Ward, Esq., 3d Street, Towanda. Sept. 12, 1864. **JOHN N. CALIFF, ATTORNEY AT LAW,** Towanda, Pa. Also, Government Agent or the collection of Penalties, Back Pay and Bounty. No charge unless successful. Office over the Post Office and News Room. Dec. 1, 1864. **O. H. WOODRUFF, Dentist,** permanently located in Towanda. Office—No. 3, Brick Row over R. W. Eddy's Store. Entrance one door south of Powell's Keystone Store. Dec. 1, 1864. **W. A. PECK, Attorney at Law** Towanda Pa. Office over Means' Store, formerly occupied by N. N. Betts. Dec. 1, 1864. **W. T. DAVIES, ATTORNEY AT LAW,** Towanda Pa. Office with WM. WATKINS, Esq., in connection with Military Claims and to preparing papers relating to Exemption from the Draft. Dec. 1, 1864. **THOMAS J. INGHAM, ATTORNEY AT LAW,** LAUREL, Sullivan County, Pa. **D. R. H. MASON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,** offers his professional services to the people of Towanda and vicinity. Office at his residence on Pine street, where he can always be found when not professionally engaged. **H. B. MCKEAN—ATTORNEY AT LAW,** Towanda, Pa.—Having seen service, Military business of all kinds attended to. Office over Montanay's Store. April 21, 1863. **GEORGE D. MONTANAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW,** Office in Union Block, formerly occupied by Jas. MacFarlane. **J. J. NEWELL, COUNTY SURVEYOR,** Office at Bradford County, Penna., will promptly attend to all business in his line. Particular attention given to running and establishing old or disputed lines. Also to the surveying of all unpatented lands as soon as warrants are obtained. Orwell, June 17, 1863.

October 1864. GOLD HAS FALLEN! GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES! **TRACY & MOORE,** Are now offering a **SPLENDID STOCK OF GOODS** Bought since the **DECLINE IN GOLD!** And which they are selling at **GREATLY REDUCED RATES.** Stock embraces a good assortment of **DOMESTICS AND FANCY GOODS,** Including a fine variety of **DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS!** **SHAWLS CLOAKS, &c.** Latest style Ladies and Gents Hats and Caps, **BOOTS AND SHOES,** **CROCKERY, HARDWARE GROCERIES,** &c., &c. **October 27, 1864** **GREAT ATTRACTION** AT **MONTANAY'S STORE!** A FULL ASSORTMENT OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRESS GOODS, Purchased at the late decline in the market and will be offered to **CASH CUSTOMERS,** AT A REDUCTION FROM FORMER PRICES. Returning thanks for past favors they now invite the public to an examination of their very **LARGE STOCK OF ALL KINDS OF MERCHANDIZE,** SUITED TO THE VARIOUS WANTS OF THE **CITIZENS OF BRADFORD** And adjoining counties. **MONTANAY'S,** Oct. 11, 1864. **READ! READ!! READ!!!** **WICKHAM & BLACK,** Are now opening a Large Stock of **NEW GOODS** for **SUMMER TRADE.** **DRESS GOODS** and **DOMESTICS,** **SHAWLS & SKIRTS,** **HATS & CAPS,** **BOOTS & SHOES,** **CROCKERY** and **GLASS WARE.** **WICKHAM & BLACK'S** Is the place to get **CLOTHS,** **CASSIMERES,** and **all the Late Styles of** **GOODS—CHEAP.** **TAILORING** done to order, at **WICKHAM & BLACK'S** **WELLMAN'S MEAT MARKET,** (One door North of the Ward House.) **STILL IN OPERATION!!** The undersigned would inform his old friends and the public generally that he is still to be found at his old stand, one door north of the Ward House, where he keeps constantly on hand a No. 1. Meats of all kinds, which he sells at a low figure. In their season may be found Sausages, Corned Beef, Sugar Cured Hams, fresh from the Smoke House, &c., all prepared in the finest manner. **BOLOGNA SAUSAGE** always on hand. **Thanking his old customers for their generous patronage, he solicits the continuance of their favors.** Towanda, Jan. 1864. **G. W. WELLMAN.**

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