
Tuesday, April 1s, 1881.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Mr. Tobias Martin, of Mercersburg, 30 acres, with 5,000 trees, consisting of apple, pear, peach, and cherry trees, and
3.on oprape vines. This he named the
Yranklin Garden, and it has now been bearing for five years.
LIst year hh hand an abuudant crop of
pears, peaches, and grapes, and was not
 hee eanned his fruit in gallon cans add then
marketed it. His Susquelanana peaches averaged him 86 a bubhel. He nent five
tons
to mrket.
He realized tons to market. Ho resiized $\$ 300$ for
canned fruxit, which was sent to Baltimore, oven some to Eugland. His land is a rieh gravel, a lithle mixed with sand, layy
ligh,ona southera slope, almost surrounded by limestone. The trees are grown on a new and improved system, originated
by Mr. Martin himself, the heads being so low that for several years the fruit may
ail be within reach from the ground. The trees grow very fast, in one season making from three to five feet of wood
in one summer. We measured eter of a smoke-honse tree, planted four
years ago, which wes extreme to the other. 24 feet from one $\underset{\text { Mr. Martin bought two adjoining }}{\text { Min }}$ each, two miles west of Mercersburre ern slope, nearly touching the North crra lepe, nearly youching the North
mountain, beautiful spring issues out
of the limestone rocks west corner of the Southern furm water rushes down through the juting is sufficient to turn a grist-mill. The land north of the spring opnsists of a looses
gravel and sand mixed with small pebbles gravel and sand mixed with small pobbles
and fint showing it to time submerged.
and organization of a company to to plan an orehard with 20,000 trees. With this object in view he visited home inffu-
entinl men, among whom were for, Geary Entinl men, among whom were Gov. Geary, rietta, Pa, Hon. J. W. Forney, editor of
tne Philidelphia Prese, Rev. James Colder, president of Hillsdale college, Mich-
igan. Hon. T. A. Scott, igan, Hon. T. A. Scott, vice president
of the P. R. R. company, and othera, solieititing their co-pperation. Ho met
with success beyond his expectations, and in the spring of 1866 he succeeded in obtaining a charter, with a capital stock of
$\$ 100,000$ of which $\$ 20,000$ worth sold in shares of 8500 each. The remainsing 880,000 worth is still unsold, and not more than $\$ 10,000$ worth will be offered, ns the company prefer not to sell
more than is neceessary to develop the property. None of the stock hasp ever to chosen members. The tract of land been planted in apple, peach, which has trees, and also appape, vieach, and pear
personal surevrision of lass been general superitendant of the company. It is worth organization of the see thik beautifur, thring joung thit
firm harm, which is now begiuny young truit
fruit. The orehard is nore blocks. These blocks out in fourby avenues 42 foet wide, with a central all named one way and the avenues are other, after the phan of the streets of Philis planted with some ono variety of fruit, and at the cortuer of the block is an index board, showing the number of trees, (196
in each block,) thus enabling the oveineer to direet the Workmen to any block or tree on the farm.
 Vranklin farm. About 60 aeres are in
timber. The yellow loonst growing timber. The yellow loonst prowing spon-
taneous, and chestaut is plenty on the adjacent North mountain. The remaining 173 aceres are in cultivation for reguture, \&c. There are on the firmus pase farm houses and two barma, the houses on the fruit farm are built of brick, and the farm buildings of the opring farm are of
limestone. Thero are six other tenement houses upon the place, which are occupied
by the families of the day lubarers. Brainage Equairatent to Change of Climate. Land druinge has been the subjeet of
many remarks apoken and written - all of a favorable churacter, yet as a aystem in
this country, it has made coumparatively but littlo progreas. The time will come probubly, in the remote future, if the
physieal condition of the word ' remaios Wo nape as it ir row, when iil iperessed an mproved wanagement of the moil with
a view to ficereased production und this cha mast readily ho done by removing Ihe surplua wator in the goil by drainge.
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