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Tuesday, May 30, 1871.

### FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

#### Agricultural Implements.

A recent number of Hearth and Home thus speaks of a new style of plows and harrows

The "Committee on Implements" at most agricultural fairs pass judgment upon new inventions and appliances from their appearance only. Should the God-frey Revolving Mold-board Plow come before such a committee, it would probably be passed by without notice, or condemned at once as impracticable. In fact, there was hardly ever a more unpromising looking implement than this plow.—
So far as beam, standard, share, and handles go, this is just like any other plow, and it is only when we come to the moldboard that we find any difference. The mold-board is, as the name indicates, revolving. There is a very short stationary mold-board, but the main portion of it consists of a disk attached to the beam in such a manner, that it can readily revolve. As the furrow-slice is lifted by the share, it comes in contact with the disk, which revolves, and by its motion breaks the soil and scatters it. One of our staff, who employs Scotch workmen only, took this plow to his farm with many misgivings. His men had been ac-customed to the long Scotch plow, and he feared that an implement so different from those to which they had been accus-tomed would meet with little favor.— The plow was tried in different kinds of land, and the verdict came back that it was "the best plow ever put into the ground." A skim-plow or jointer may be attached if weeds or long manure are to be plowed under. It seems to work with as much ease to the team as any other plow. In alluvial soil, it so thoroughly erumbles, pulverises, and scatters the soil, that its work appears more like that of a spade than like that left by an ordinary plow. Having described this strange plow, will now try to give our readers some idea of the

#### NISHWITZ HARROW.

In noticing the Godfrey Revolving Moldboard Plow, we alluded to the unprepossessing appearance of the implement. The same remarks apply with more force to the Nishwitz Harrow, for a more uncouth looking implement never made its appearance. As with the plow, all unfavorable impressions, that the form of the harrow might give, disappear when its operation is witnessed. Instead of the teeth of the ordinary harrow, or the small plows of Shares' harrow, the Nishwitz has in their place a series of revolving iron or steel disks, which are slightly dishing toward the front. The beams of the harrow may be set at different angles, and the revolving teeth may be set in any desired position, according to the character of the soil. In passing over the soil, the teeth turn and throw up and crumble it, in the most complete and satisfactory manner. Unlike the ordinary harrow, this implement does not compact the soil, but leaves it exceedingly light and mellow. On light soils this is an ob-jection, which can be obviated by the use of the roller. In covering grain, this harrow has been found to work admirably, and in the preparation of land, where a heavy sod has been turned under, it is found to thoroughly pulverize the soil without disturbing the sod. In preparing ordinary stubble for turnips, two or three times going over with this harrow will make it as fine as a seed bed. It is not one of the least recommendations of this implement that it requires loading to the amount of the weight of an ordinary man. This will commend it to farm laborers to whom harrowing is not, as a general thing, an attractive employment.

### Cultivation of Trees.

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