# The Bloomfield Cimes.

Tuesday, January 28, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

#### Taking Cold.

Dr. Hall, in a communication to the Philadelphia Evening Star, gives the following imformation about colds:

Scientifically speaking, cold is merely a negative state of matter-a diminished degree of molecular motion. This may be the occasion of disease, for all extremes of temperature produce morbid conditions. But the common causes of the disease which is termed a "cold," are just the opposite of those mentioned in the article quoted. "Taking cold," as applied to disease, would be more correctly expressed by the phrase "taking heat." Going from a very cold to a very warm atmosphere suddenly, or exposing a part that is very cold to a hot fire, occasions a hundred "colds," while mere exposure to cold occasions one. Indeed, it is impossible to "take cold," in the technical sense of the term, by continuous exposure to cold, however severe or prolonged.

The morbid condition that is termed a "cold," in medical parlance, is either an inflammation or a fever or both. If inflammation exist the part inflamed is affected with heat, redness, pain, and swelling, which together constitute the diagnosis of inflammation. If the general system suffers from chilliness in some parts and preternatural heat in others the affection is properly termed fever. In severe "colds" here may be both local inflammation and constitutional fever, as in acute catarrh influenza, epizooty, etc. But in all of these cases the essential disease, though termed a cold, or the consequence of taking cold, is inflammatory and febrile.

Freezing a part of the body, and burning a part, occasion the same disease, inflammation. But the intensity of the inflammation which is preceded by freezing will always be in proportion to the suddenness with which it is thawed. And herein is the important rule applicable alike to the prevention and treatment of all affections which are termed "common colds." When any part of the body, or the whole of it, is much chilled it should be warmed as gradually as possible. Chillblains are occasioned by exposing the hands or feet to a hot fire after being chilled. Many catarrhal affections would have been prevented had the patient kept away from the hot stove until his superficial circulation was restored.

The danger of cooling the body too suddenly when heated is very trifling compared with the danger of warming the body too suddenly when chilled. It is always important to keep the feet warm, and it is certainly true that it is very difficult to "catch" a serious cold unless the feet become chilled; but no part rendered painfully cold by exposure to a low temperature should ever approach a very warm room, much less a hot stove, until the sensations have become entirely comfortable and the circulation balanced.

In these days of snow, sleet, ice, slush, and frost-bitten "noses and toeses," it may be well for some persons to be reminded that frozen parts should never be rubbed. Friction is good to prevent freezing; but when a part is actually frozen to rub it is to lacerate and mangle the capillary vessels and blood-corpuscles by moving the angular crystals of ice among them, and endanger violent inflammation and possibly mortification.

### Western Corn Crop.

A letter from Harding county, Iowa, says :- We had an immense crop of corn in 1871, and nearly as large in 1872. At the gathering of the last crop there was old corn enough to answer the wants of the country until the harvest of 1873. Thousands upon thousands of bushels that were purchased by dealers and shippers last year have been held over, as there has been no time since the harvest of 1871 when it would pay to shell and ship it. Large quantities are now burned for fuel, as it is thought cheaper to burn at 15 cents per bushel of 75 pounds on the cob, than wood at \$5 to \$6 per cord. A perpetual or "draw" limekiln, running night and day, burned large quantities the past autumn with very satisfactory results as to cost, and an extra quality of lime over that burned with either coal or wood; so the proprietor informed me. I myself sold to him old corn at 20 cents, as preferable to the present crop at 15 cents. He ships to the whole west half of the State, to the Missouri River, and even beyond to Da-

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