Tuesday, May 20, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Root Crops.

Mr. Wall, in a recent address to the farmers of New Jersey, in which he contrasted the American with the English system of farming, says: It is certainly true that the culture of root crops has been the salvation of English agriculture. The cultivation of these crops may as truly be the means of improving the soil in our Eastern States. We had once hoped that the manufacture of beet sugar would enable Western farmers to avail themselves of this root as a fallow crop, but we fear this will prove not to be the case just yet, perhaps time may give us a cheaper labor by which it may be done.

Fortunately, we have Indian corn, which enables our farmers to clean their land in an admirable manner if properly attended to. Still, it can never take the place of tap rooted plants. The turnip crop will probably never be available in the West, even if we could afford to make it take the place of corn as a feeding crop, for the reason that our hot summers are not suited to the plant.

If beet sugar, however, could be made to pay the cost of cultivation and manufacture, the enhanced production of the wheat and barley with which it would be rotated. would insure profits. We shall still look with interest to the future of beet sugar in the West. The great difficulty with our farmers is, that they have neglected the breeding and feeding of stock to eat up the coarse grains in which our prairie soils are so fertile.

Thus we might establish a rotation in which clover would play an important part and which its deep searching tap roots bring up the hidden fertility of the soil for the use of wheat and barley. We reiterate that it is in diversified agriculture that our farmers must find the true solution of many of their troubles. It takes time, however, to work out agricultural problems, and as soon as we know just what classes of plants are suited to our climate and condition we shall have solved one of the most important questions of the day.

## Most Batter from Shallow Pans.

I have been reading reports of factory men for a considerable time, and have heard it asserted frequently that as much butter can be obtained from a stated quantity of milk set deep as shallow, Tbut I did not accept their evidence as conclusive. In the early part of last winter, I set 21 inches one week, and 5 the next, and made a pound of butter from 17 to 18 pounds of milk with the shallow setting, and from 19 to 20 pounds of milk from the deep setting. I did not, however, consider these trials a conclusive test, so during the winter just ended I took a single milking of 124 pounds, put it all in a can together and mixed thoroughly; set 62 pounds 24 inches deep, and 62 pounds 5 inches deen. ter 36 hours, churned each lot separate, and the result was, I got 3 pounds and 5 ounces from the 21 inches setting, and 2 pounds and 1 ounce from the 5 inches setting, which would make one pound in favor of shallow setting each day while I had that amount of milk. The milk was kept at the same altitude, setting side by side, so that each had the same usage from the time it was drawn from the cow until the butter was weighed. This experiment I consider as near a fair test as any I could make, and it satisfied me that there is an advantage in shallow setting.

. Finger Cakes.

Two eggs, two teaspoonfuls of sods dissolved in a little hot water; beat this well together with the eggs, then add one-half pound of white sugar, stir in gradually a pint of flour, knead it well, roll the dough thin, sprinkle sugar upon the board, cut the cakes into strips about two and onehalf inches long and one Inch broad; do not let them touch in the pan; bake them quick.

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