The Bloomfield Cimes.

Tuesday, July 1, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

The Potato.

Careful experimenters have found that nitrogenous manures are rather favorable to the potato disease, whereas wood ashes, (containing a large precentage of potash,) and lime and salt were conducive to a healthy growth of the plant. Professor Way found that the percentage of potash in the ash of the

Jerusalem Artichoke was55.89
Beans, (Seed)51.72
The tuber of the Potato50.88
Peas, (Seed)41.50
Turnip (Bulb)36.16
Wheat, (Seed)
Mangel (Root)
Barley 21.14
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It will be seen by the foregoing that excepting the artichoke and beans, the tuber of the potato contains more 'potash than many of our commonly cultivated plants, and hence how excellent wood ashes must be as a fertilizer for potatoes. But we would ask attention to the exemption of the potato from disease when the soil was fertilized with wood ashes, lime, and salt, as has been shown by exact and elaborate experiments in different parts of the world. It was ascertained by a series of experiments, made under the direction of Professor Voelcker, that the largest crop, and comparatively free from disease, was from a manuring of dissolved bone ash and crude potash salts. Twenty tons of rotten dung gave 2 tons 11 cwt. and 1 qr. of potatoes. Dissolved bone ash, (4 cwt., and crude potash salts, 4 cwt.) gave 2 tons 18 cwt. and 2 qrs; crude potash salts (4 owt) gave 2 tons 16 cwt. and I qr. With these manures the potatoes were much less diseased than when rotten dung was used. They were still less diseased when common salt and dissolved bone ash were used. The Professor says: "The efficacy of the superphosphate as a manure for potatoes, on light lands is not only enhanced by potash salts, but also, though to a minor extent, by common salt." In the experiments spoken of, though common salt alone slightly diminished the crop, salt and superphosphate had a most beneficial effect. In the absence of rotten dung, and in the presence of mineral manures, the Potato Disease, though not absent, was far less destructive in its ravages.

Transplanting Evergreens.

The best season for transplanting is June or July. The Hon. Samuel Walker, once President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, who owned then extensive nurseries in Roxbury, transplanted 100 arbor vitæ trees for the writer on the 1st day of August, warranting every one to live, and only one or two died. They should be watered at the time and mulched, but not watered again unless very dry weather and then not oftener than once a week, as they do not require as much water as deciduous trees, and may be killed by too much. The late N. P. Willis thanked the writer the above information, and said he had tried the experiment at Idlewild, on the Hudson, with perfect success, many years

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Coal ashes are only beneficial to trees when applied as a mulch where the trees stand in grass. At least we have never found them useful in any other way when applied alone. They keep the grass down, if applied in sufficient quantity, and the soil loose. But they are excellent to mix with any kind of fermenting manure. They are very good deodorisers or absorbents, and can be used with the most profit in this manner.-Rural New Yorker.

13" In his "Lectures on Food," Dr. Letheby announces that "corn meal is said to cause disease when eaten for a long time without other meal; the symptoms are a scaly cruption on the hands, great prostration of the vital powers, and after extreme emanciation, death in a year or

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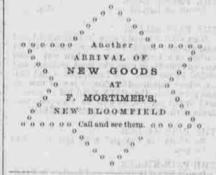
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