

| $\frac{\text { Tuesday, December 30, 1873. }}{\text { FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS }}$ |
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| Soll-exhaustion Through Exportation. | Soll-exhaustion Through Exportation.

Mr. Robinson, of Mafras, recently delivered an address at the British Museum the following statements:
There is a time when every exporting
eountry discovers that exhaustion follows an injudtcious exporting trade. The
great grain-exporting countries of Europe have already learned this ; tracts of coun-
try which at the beginning of the export trade yielded large crops of whent, produce now only one half, in some inatances even
less. Thus, in the richest soils in the sonth of Russia, on which the yield was
formenly 40 bathels, the yield is now only worse, and in Dantzio the yield has sunk 14 bushels. The smicidal agrieulture
followed in the United States of Americ followed prodeced the same results. Unly
oighty years ago the averago yield of wheat per acre in the State of New York was 2
bushels Virginia, which ouly ooe hundred yeara ago contained some of tho richest tracts of
land in the world and produced large crops,
the yield is now, on some of the best of the old arable lands of the State, under 8 bushco, and maize for culture of cotton, tobac
on the same land, without a particle of manure, accounts for this; and the sam
oxplanation accounts for the thousands or acres of abandoned land on the eastern side of Ameriea, which the advancing settler ernment is perplexed how to deal, the cont of
restoring the exhausted elements of fertiity being so much greater than the possible
value of the land when restored. But so from which the produce has been exported and in which no attempt has been made to A time will come when remunerative culti-
vation will be impossible, and the land must either be abandoned or put through
an expensive course of restorative treatA Fair Poultryist. Oue young country girl, Miss Auna Kirk being the best lady poultryist on record. -
In 1872 she cleared $\$ 300$, after paying for all the feed, freight, eto. She commenced with eighty fowis-Cochin Chinas, BraCochins and Bramalis the most profitable,
being healthier and of speedier growth for bing heathier and of speedier growth for
the market. She fed from seven to ton busthels of corn per week, and the young
ones with cracked corn. Ste is also keeping an account of stook thit year-an ac
count which ahows every titem of expense and profit-and expects to realize as much
if not more than last year. When attackd with the prevailing poultry disease last by the free use of lime, scattering it al about and giving lime-water to drink. An
example was given last year of a lady at example was given last year of a lady at
Concord, Mass, who raised a gross value of 8350 worth from Dominiques and common breeds; but this was exceeded by
Miss Kirk, whose profits alone are $\$ 330$.
Hastening the Ripening of Fruit.
Avting upon the principles that renewal roots inoreases their activity, and aceeler-
ateen the maturing of all parts of the plant,
induding the fruit Mr acluding the fruit, Mr. Stall removed the before the normal period of ripening, for a space of thirtcen to fifteen foet in diameter of earth over the roots of ouly about 2-2. inclies, which could be thoroughly warmed by the sum. He was surprised not only by
the ripening of the fruit in the middle of July, but also by its superior julciness and flavor. In another experiment, the re-
moval of the earth from the North side of the tree, alone, caused the fruit on that side to ripen several dayy earlier than on
the South side. Frequent watering was nemt. 27. An excellent rule in regard to the
winter drexs of girla when they get beyond winter dress of girls when they get beyond
infaney is to melect Sootch woolen good or day wear, and pretty bloe, scariet o
anary color for Sundays, with one whito dress, perhaps, for evening or party oc canions. With the day dresses can bo naterproof; with the best dresses a redin
sote or paletot of thick white cloth, mount ote or paletot of thick white cloth, moun nos. A black velvet Normandy cap trimned with ribbons to match the dress, and Monthy.

## Cheshitre Cake.

Beat for half an hour the yolks of eight,
and thie whites of five egge ; add half a pound of pounded and wifted loal sugar, lour, and the grated peel of a vmall lemon; beat ail woll together, and bako it in a
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