What Shall Farmers Do?

What should be the aim of the farmer in the present extraordinary position of his business?
This is a very proper question to ask at the present time when the labors of the past season have closed, and while some time yet remains, before the opening of another spring, for a thoro' consideration of the subject and arrangement of future plans.

The high price of almost every farm product operates as a strong atimulant to every farmer to make the most of his land; but a serious obstacle is met at the very first step by the extreme scarcity and high wages of farm labor. This dilemma is very likely to lead many to the old and unprofitable course of skineulture, unless prevented by proper intelligence on the subject. Farmers will be tempted, in the hope of doing all they can with a small amount of labor, to omit practices essential to high culture and success. They will try to plant and sow fifty acres of land with a force scarcely sufficient to over thirty acres in the best manner. As a consequence, they will plow wider and shallower furrows, and harrow the land hastily, and trust to good luck in giving heavy corps in return.—Heaps of manure either lie unspread, or if actually applied, will receive less harrowing, and be badly intermixed with the soil. Broad corn fields will be marked with uneven patches, and be encumbered before autumn with a heavy growth of weeds. In other words, they will have selected, by such management, the very worst system, and that the least adapted of all to the present emergency. Skim-culture requires more labor, for what it obtains, than high farming. Every skillful manager knows that it is easier and cheaper to obtain a thousand bushels of corn from fifteen acres than from fitty. It is not because the successful farmer obtains occasionally a very large crop or a high price that he makes the business permanently profitable, but because he uniformly raises good crops without failure through all the vicissitudes of seasons. This he can only do by keeping his land in the best condition, and giving the best operates as a strong stimulant to every farmer to make the most of his land; but a serious obwithout failure through all the viclisatindes of seasons. This he can only do by keeping his land in the best condition, and giving the best cultivation. The superficial manager sometimes sees an occasional or accidental good cropratsed with little care; and he is tempted to try the same mode in other instances, with the hope that each will prove alike lucky, although the failures may be nine cases in ten—in the same way that weak-minded people venture their property in lottery tickets, although they know their chances are very slim for obtaining anything in return.

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It should be a prominent aim at the present time to concentrate labor—not to spread it over an extended surface. The former, if well directed, will be sure to bring certain returns; the latter, very uncertain profits at best, with a strong probability of failure. Cultivators who uniformly raise good crops, are those who are careful never to waste labor—who do not apply manure to a wet soil where it cannot possibly afford a fair return; who avoid planting so late that a heavy growth is impossible; or do not undertake so many operations that they can never properly accomplish any. They take time by the forelock; they refuse to begin any operation that they cannot carry through in the best manner—they keep all their operations in a compact shape—and by good calculation, and well laid plans, everything is up to t me. They thus obtain more from a given aimount of labor than can possibly be reached in any other way. This is the very kind of management suited to the present emergency. The farmer who is compelled to pay two dollars a day to laborera, will receive more by such management than by spreading the labor over a broad and profitless territory.

Every one should know, long before spring commences, precisely what he is able to accomplish, and what he is going to do. If contingencies are depending, plans should be well laid for every contingency. Taking the number of days from the opening of spring until planting time, and allow one third at least for rainy days and accidents, he should know by the amount required for each day's plowing, how he will come out in his undertakings. If he finds he has marked out too much, he ought to reduce at once the proposed extent of his operations. If he does not, he will be sure, in the first place, to do his work in a hurried manner, and secondly to plant too late—the two great leading causes of bad farming. These will be followed by weedy crops, because he will be behind hand all summer; and his labor, for wh anything in return.

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prepared to use. An termanute that is accessible should be drawn out, and spread in the best manner where it is intended to be used—
it will be of more value to the coming crop for this early application, and the ground will not be cut up and posched by the horses and wagon wheels used for drawing out the manure on the soft soil of spring; and lastly, by no means least, procure the very best implements, and have them completely ready when the campaign opens. A hoe that will enable the laborer to accomplish fifty per cent, more in work, will not be long in paying for itself at present high wages. The plow that inverts the soil in the best manner, and runs with the least force of draft, will add many dollars' worth of time to the man and team who use it throughout the season.

There is another very essential point to success, and that is that every manager should give close attention to the execution of every part of his plans. An eminent stock raiser made it a rule to place his hand daily on every one of his animals. If anything went wrong he was sure to detect it immediately. If any improvement was suggested he was able to see it carried out under his own inspection. The extensive farmer will not be able to perform continued labor, for he should witness so far as practicable the operations of every department. And yet if he is a skillful worker with his own hands, he cannot only correct many imperfections in the work of his men, but often throw new life into them in cases of emergency. The limited farmer, who has less to overase, may, to a greater or less degree, occupy himself with regular labor; but still if he is an obsesvant man he will find that it is better to err by too much supervision than by a neglect of many important points involving considerable amounts, for a single day's work.

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To sum up then—let the order for the coming season be—lst, well digested plans; 2d, concentrated labor—or everything done in the best manner; 31, the best tools in readiness; 4th, the performance of everything in winter that may interfere with spring and summer work; 5th, personal supervision of every department.—

Country Gentleman.

## Filling the Porks Barrel.

The author of "Ten Acres Enough," in that delightful picture of amateur farming, details his experience in pork raising, in the course of which he gives many truthful and wholesome hints upon the best and cheapest way of filling the pork barrel; and the remark of a gentleman who has some love for farming and the care of domestic animals, but who resides in a large-aized village, that he had recently paid about thirty-five dollars for a 250 pound shoat, brought forcibly to our mind the experiences of the author above mentioned, and suggested the question, why should not all villagers keep a pig, and thus fill their own pork barrels at small expense? We venture the assertion, that our village friend could have purchased an early pig last spring, and with the waste of his family, the reluse from the garden, and ten or twelve dipliars worth of corn meal for fattening, could have placed 250 pounds of pork in his barrel without hardly feeling it. And the pork itself is not the only item of profit. Villagers who have a garden can also manufacture a valuable pile of manure by this means, and thus save have a garden can also manufacture a valuable pile of manure by this means, and thus save money which would have been required to pay for its equivalent for the purpose of keeping up the richness of the garden soil. Buying salt pork at 25 cents a pound, is poor economy when you can buy round hog for fifteen; and buying for 16 cents is still poorer economy when you can as well fatten and raise your own pork at a cost merely nominal.—Mains Furmer.

Hard and Soft Water for Cooking.—The effects of hard and soft water on different vegetables vary materially. Peas and beans cooked in hard water, containing lime or gypsum, will not toil tender, because these substances harder vegetable casein. In soft water they boil tender and lose a certain rank raw taste which they retain in hard water. Many vegetables (as onions) boil nearly tasteless in soft water because all their flavor is dissolved out. The addition of sait often checks this, (as in the case of onions,) causing the vegetables to retain the pectiliar flavoring principles, because much underlicted make.

ter which might be lost in soft water. Thus it appears that sait hardens the water to a degree. For extracting the juices of meat to make broth or soup, sort water, unsalted and cold at first, is best, for it much more readily penetrates the tissues; but for boiling meat where the juices sho'd be retained, hard water or soft water saited is preferable, and the meat should be put in while it is boiling so as to seal up the pores at once.—

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