



Agricultural Associations.

The importance of Agriculture as a pursuit is acknowledged by all, although but few, comparatively, appreciate it as they should.

Since 1811 State and County Societies have been in operation in this State, and the question arises, "Have they been the means of advancing the true interests of the farmer?"

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Agreeing a very interesting account of the Show of the State Society at Buffalo the past season, he says "I am confident, I have been here, that this Society does as much as any one thing, if not more, to keep alive the cause of improvement."

Such are my views, and I ask, do they not commend themselves to every mind, upon a moment's reflection? If then you would encourage improvement—if you would sustain liberally the Agricultural Journals of the country—if you would do most for the cause which I doubt not is dear to you—encourage and sustain the Agricultural Associations around you by your own personal efforts, and by encouraging your neighbors with you to go forward and sustain them and increase their influence and their usefulness.

To Build a RAT-PROOF GRANARY.—Ene. CULTIVATOR.—Having noticed in one of the nos. of your Cultivator, an inquiry for a "Rat-Proof Granary," I offer the following cheap, simple and effective plan, which you can place before your readers, though I fear I am to little to benefit my Brother Farmer who applied to you, but he is not the only one who is intruded upon by these unwelcome visitors, therefore I feel myself called upon to save all the corn I can, for those who have to build cribs.—Take locust posts and place them in the ground as deep as you wish; saw the tops smooth, and build on your crib, 3 or 4 feet above the ground; and then around the posts, which must be barked smooth, nail tin; and when the rats climb up to they will tumble down finding no foot hold. The building must not be attached to any other building, or to any other fence.

A YOUNG FARMER.—A correspondent of the Louisville Journal thinks that little use for cattle. He has conversed with a farmer who has furnished him with proof that it is of value. He has a part of his stock regularly once a week, and will find it profitable for another portion, and was unable to discover any difference.

Improvement.—The editor of the Genesee Farmer says he has seen a girl in a cotton mill, tend six power looms, weaving and do a week, for which she was paid five dollars. In India where labor-saving machinery is not introduced, a man must labor twenty weeks to produce an equal amount of goods, and will receive a cents a day, or 24 a week, for his services.

GOOD RULES.—The Editor of the Prairie Farmer, says he was taught when a boy to refrain from grumbling at two things. The one, is that which he cannot help—and the other, that which he can help.

The Battle of Life.—Life is a battle. The field is the world, and every son of Adam has his part to act in the great struggle. But, of the vast host engaged, no two have, in all respects, the same posts assigned to them, though every one has a part of the greatest importance to himself and to others. The battle of life, like all other battles, is waged with various success. No victory comes a combatant; and none the victor becomes the vanquished. Here, one fights with the unflinching ardor of assured success; and there another but languidly repels the fierce assaults of his enemies, as if just ready to yield in the hopeless contest; while all around are to be seen the manacholly fruits of the hard fought battle.

Why is it that he who looks out in the world with a thoughtful eye, has not realized that life is even now a battle. Who can have failed to see in every man around him a combatant—men fighting for honor—for distinctions social or political; for business preeminence! How keen the encounter! and how many, after struggling for awhile, are seen to fall down weary and wounded; their hopes forever blasted?

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