

Agricultural.

Agricultural Societies.

BY AGRICOLA.

As the season for the meeting of these societies is at hand, I have thought it might be useful to farmers to say a word or two in relation to their importance, and the duty of farmers and others to sustain them. No one who has watched the progress of the Societies in this State can doubt that they have accomplished much for the farmer. Not only has he been benefited who has taken part in their proceedings, but those who have not have benefited by the results of their labors. In bringing the farmers together, and presenting to them the views of the practical operation of farmers in this vicinity, (than which there is no better for what,) are altogether wrong. I admit that in favored fields—favored by the application of all the means of the farm—many of the best crops of wheat, successful summer cropping, but I very much doubt the propriety of the wheat-grower adopting this method extensively. There are numerous objections that might be urged against this practice—such as requiring double the amount of labor on the farm, the necessity of a large amount of work being performed in a given time—together with difficulties attending the vicissitudes of the season. Should the fall prove to be very dry the plowing could not be well done, and then the necessity of sowing and covering, and a firm root-hold in the earth, which is requisite to ensure a good crop.

The advantages of summer fallows are, the plowing and subsequent cultivation of the soil can be performed at leisure, after the heavy and heavy of the spring work is over, which affords sufficient opportunity to extricate that part of the farmer the Canada stubble, which threatens, and unless checked, will obtain exclusive sway. By judicious cultivation, the fallow retaining sufficient moisture when the season of sowing arrives, it produces a quick germination, and advances the future fall growth of the young plant. I have some experience in raising wheat by both methods, and the conclusion is that raising wheat after summer cropping, under favorable circumstances, and with favorable seasons, does very well; but the great and decided dependence of the farmer is from his fallow. I venture the assertion that summer fallow is essential to the successful cultivation of wheat, and when I say this, I think I am sustained in the position by three-fourth of the practical wheat-growers of the land. If any one of a contrary opinion I will be glad to hear from him. W. ASKLEY, Roselle, N. Y.

DEAR AND SHALLOW PLOWING.—Some of our correspondents recommend deep plowing, while they say nothing about the depth of the soil. Now it is well known that some soils will bear plowing eighteen or twenty inches deep without injury, but with decided advantage; while others, if plowed to the depth of six inches, will be rendered worthless, without the addition of a large amount of vegetable matter. In such a soil, subsoiling would be highly beneficial; deep plowing, if not ruinous.—Hence, plow deep, or not, according to circumstances. Knowing the depth of his soil, each farmer should be guided by his judgment and experience. H. CLEGG, Farmer.

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He who is passionate and hasty is generally honest. It's your cool, dissembling, hypocrite of you should beware.—There is a great deal about a bull dog. It's only the dog that sneaks up and bites you when your back is turned. Again we say, beware of the man who has a cant in his looks.

And do not forget that the State Society has an exhibition, where you may meet the thousands of farmers and others who will gladly welcome you to their gathering—show you the fine animals—the choice and beautiful handwork of the farmers—the stock and implements—the new and useful agricultural implements, that will lighten your toil, and increase the rewards for your labor. And this is not all; your mind will be improved by intercourse with intelligent and liberal minded men—your views and opinions will be promoted, your capacity and usefulness increased—and you will return to your own home a wiser man, better to discharge the various duties that devolve upon you in the field of operations which you have selected as the business of your life.

Summer Fallows.
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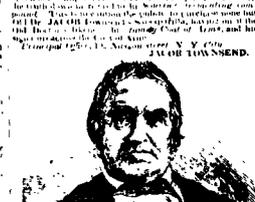
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