

# THE DEMOCRAT.

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## Agricultural.

From the Germania Telegraph.

### Deep Plowing—A Fact.

**KIRKMAN.**—A farmer in this vicinity while plowing last fall was asked by a neighbor who, although he had a large farm, could scarcely support his family off of it, why he plowed so deep?

"Because," he replied, "I plowed the same way last year and the year before, and I found I plowed up a great deal of gold."

"Gold!" exclaimed the amazed neighbor. "why how much did you plow up?"

"Well, some hundreds of dollars a year—and I did it in this way: my crops were twice as large where I plowed as deep as I now do, in the same field where I formerly plowed only to half the depth, and they take less manure too."

"I don't believe a word of it," said the neighbor, disappointed in the gold digging. "If that is the way you plow up gold, I am afraid you will never set the river on fire. I go for the good old way, and find it the best." There is little to learn in farming which those before us did not know.

"Well, neighbor you may do as you like, but I have tried both ways, and I am more than satisfied with the results. Indeed, by strictly persevering in it and other improvements, I shall nearly or quite double my crops, and hence more than double my profits, and all this excess I consider just so much gold plowed up in my fields."

"Ah!" continued the neighbor, "I see you are from your new notions, a book farmer, and belong to an agricultural society; but you'll find it won't pay in the long run, I think."

"There is where you are in error, my friend! I am no book farmer—I belong to no agricultural society, but I mean to join one at the earliest opportunity. I acknowledge, however, to reading weekly, the Germania Telegraph, and especially the agricultural department, and I am now so well satisfied with the results, indeed, that I have given me more valuable hints during the five years I have taken it, on subjects connected with my own business, than fifty subscriptions would pay for; indeed, I was at first ashamed to admit it to myself, that there was so much farming, though all my life a farmer, that I did not know, communicated through the columns of that paper."

But all would not satisfy his neighbor, and he returned to his own half-worked plantation, grumbling at the strange whims that had crept into the heads of some people, and declaring that they would not catch him.

Mr. Editor this circumstance occurred in my own neighborhood, at the time above stated; and though not present myself, it was told to me by one of the parties, and you can make such use of it as you please.

Very truly yours,  
**A FRIEND TO PROGRESS.**

## Care of Stock.

COONTRI says that in preparing a house and bed for swine, a person should make them so good that he could sleep there himself, comfortably. The same remark may with equal pertinence, be applied to the houses intended for other domestic animals.

A very sensible writer, who appears to have a touch of the finer feelings of humanity in his nature, remarks upon this subject as follows:

"When the winter storms roar around us, or old Boreas rides upon the bitter blast, we must not gather around the blazing fire in the enjoyment of comfort, until we see that all our animals are in a comfortable condition. If the barns and stables were in a good condition in the beginning of winter, time may have committed some ravages, and repairs may be necessary to keep the poor animals warm, and prevent the fine snows driving into the building." LUCAS, the great agricultural chemist has very truly observed, that our clothing is but an equivalent for a certain amount of food. The warmer the body is kept the less demand will be made upon the stomach, the greater furnace or fire place of the system, the appropriate fuel of which is food. It will therefore always be found that those animals which are the most comfortably lodged, will do the best with the same amount of food. Probably one quarter of the expense usually involved in wintering stock might be economized by a due regard to the efficient protection of animals from cold. But it is by no means necessary that the stalls and cow-houses should be very expensive or made as close as a ball room. This would be to frustrate the object in toto. Air and exercise are indispensably necessary to insure health and comfort, and if the barns be not well ventilated, the mere protection, without being exposed to a privation of air. In securing exercise, which is highly conducive to health, never mind cold weather. An hour or so daily in the open air—even if the weather be inclement, will be of great advantage to the animals which have been standing for many hours in close quarters. When they are returned to their dormitories, let them, if we be expertly rubbed down, brushed and dried. A PRACTICAL FARMER.

## To Cure a Burn.

A correspondent of the Scientific American, says:

"When about fifteen years of age, a woman told me if ever I got burned, to plunge the part in cold water. Since that time I have frequently been benefited by her advice. When burned with a hot iron I at once immerse the burned part in cold water.

"A few days since, when forging a small article, I cut a small piece from its end, while red hot, and by mistake, when knocking in a contrary direction, I took hold of the nail cutter with my right hand thumb and finger, when the small piece of iron I had cut off stuck to my finger. I shook it off, and at once dipped my hand in water and held it there about a minute, after which I dipped it in spirits of turpentine, and put on a cloth; no blister arose nor was it sore. I believe that cold water prevents the heat from penetrating into the system; and if it were possible for a part to be sent 10 feet through boiling water into cold, as fast as a bullet travels from a rifle; not a blister would be raised. Heat does not travel faster than sound."

## WIT AND WISDOM.

### Negroes in Liberia.

A writer from Liberia gives the following statement of the condition of the Negro in Liberia:

"Every settler in Liberia receives a grant of ten acres of good land. He and his family are supported during the first six months in Africa. The whole expense of the voyage is defrayed by the society. A temporary home can always be obtained now, on landing, and the shops and markets furnish every convenience."

These ten acres may be improved so as to become an independent fortune to a family. One acre will produce \$300 worth of indigo; half an acre will raise a thousand and pounds of arrow root; five acres will plant 1750 coffee trees, which at five years old will, for 30 years, bear six pounds to the tree, which is \$100 a year; half an acre of cotton trees will stand many years, and yield every year enough to clothe a whole family; one acre of cane will furnish sugar and preserves abundantly; one acre in fruit trees will give more bananas, plantains, oranges, pawpaws, and pine apples, than any family can eat; one acre in a garden will give fresh vegetables, two crops in a year, directly out of the ground, ten months in a year, sufficient for twenty persons; hogs, poultry, &c., may be raised at pleasure. Here, then, is a family provided for, in the simplest manner, with moderate labor, and enjoying over and above their support, from six to seven hundred dollars a year.

Schools of the best kind are provided for the children. Measles county alone has twenty places of worship, six of them exclusively for natives of the country, 18 schools, and 875 scholars.

When a settler gets a little forward, he may begin to work on the wild and luxuriant productions of the forest, and find the fullest employment and reward. He may cut camwood, make indigo, or palm oil, or castor oil, establish a manufactory of sugar or arrow root, or raise rice, ginger, corn, cassava, hogs, &c., &c., for sale.

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