

Mr. FRES. Thirty years ago the practice, now so prevalent in many sections, of renovating sward land by top-dressing, was unknown. Even in the older agricultural sections, where the science and art of husbandry were somewhat advanced, lands that had become inert and unproductive were supposed susceptible only of plowing and relaying. At present, however, the fact is far otherwise. Those who have sward-lands which fail to yield good crops, endeavor their reclamation and improvement by the adoption of agencies far more speedily efficient and economical. There are many methods of top-dressing employed, and a very great variety of materials are made use of, some of which, by your permission I will enumerate and describe.

The first, which I shall notice, and which is also the most ancient, is the practice of spreading manure upon the surface, broadcast in the spring or fall. For this purpose, the solid excrement of black cattle, sheep, horses and swine, is used. It is merely spread, and permitted to remain uncovered, and freely exposed to the deteriorating action of the atmosphere, till its powers of fructification are exhausted, and it becomes a perfectly dead and effete mass. That manure applied in this way and does, to a certain extent, benefit and improve the soil, I by no means am disposed to deny; but that the practice is an economical one, is a proposition for which few judicious and discriminating minds will probably contend. It is a practice that deserves to become obsolete, and indeed, already has become so in every section where the true interests of husbandry have been investigated with candor, and the philosophical principles upon which the art is based, are accurately comprehended and understood.

If a farmer has a piece of arable land which, from long cropping, or other collateral causes, has depreciated so far in the quantity and quality of its produce, as not fully to remunerate him for the outlay involved in its management, the best method of amelioration he can possibly adopt, is the following:

In the spring, as soon as the snow is off, haul on and spread thirty or forty double horse loads of good manure; spread the same evenly over the surface, and then pass over it a spiked roller, an implement of great utility, which is constructed in the following way: A heavy cylinder, six feet long, and a half in diameter—made of a single log is armed with iron spikes, of iron, one inch square and eight inches in length, measuring from the surface of the cylinder. These spikes are inserted over the entire circumference of the roller, on foot apart each way, in the same manner as the teeth of a threshing machine, and so firmly as not to be displaced by any substance or obstacle in the soil with which they may fortuitously be brought in collision. The action of this implement, when properly constructed and operated, is to scarily and loosen the soil, and in some measure to bury the dressing, and bring it in contact with the weakened and enervated fibres of the grass roots, the range of which is generally very near to, or but little below the surface of the soil. By passing it two or three times over the field, the sward will be torn up, and no small portion of the manure brought into immediate contact with the roots, while the aeration and enrichment of the soil, will afford a free passage for the soluble portions of the application into its interior, thus affording an immediate advantage to the crop, and one that will speedily make itself apparent in the increased greenness and luxuriance of the grasses, by the surface, and thereby arresting, in a certain degree, the economy of transportation in seasons of excessive drought, its effects are similar to those produced by irrigation, and of course, immediately and directly beneficial to the crop. But in all cases where amelioration of grass lands is attempted by top-dressing, ashes, lime, gypsum, nitre or common salt— one or all, should be associated with the vegetable substances applied. Their tendency is to warm and sweeten the soil, and to prepare it for producing to the utmost extent of its constitutional and vegetable powers—a Chester County Farmer.

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Incident of the Battle of New Orleans.

A British officer, who was in the battle of New Orleans, mentions an incident of thrilling strangeness, and very descriptive of the Western hunter, many of whom marched to the defense of New Orleans, as volunteers in the army under the renowned Andrew Jackson. We marched, said the officer, in a solid column of twelve thousand men, in a direct line upon the American defences. I belonged to the staff, and as we advanced, we watched through our glasses the position and arrangements of our enemy with that intensity an officer only feels when marching into the jaws of death, with the assurance that, while he thus offers himself as a sacrifice to the demands of his country, every action to be successful or otherwise, will be judged with the most heartless scrutiny. It was a strange sight, the long range of cotton bales—a new material for breast-works with the crowd of human beings behind, their heads only visible above the line of defence. We could distinctly see their long rifles lying over the bales, and the battery of General Coffee directly in front, with its great mouth gaping towards us, as they waited to devour us, and the position of General Jackson with his staff around him. But what attracted our attention most, was the figure of a tall man standing on the breast-works, dressed in lincey-woolen, with buck-skin leggings, and a broad-brimmed felt hat, that fell around the face almost concealing his features. He was standing in one of those picturesque and graceful attitudes, peculiar to those natural men, dwellers of the forest. The body rested on the left leg, and swayed with a curved line upwards; the right arm was extended, the hand grasping the rifle near the muzzle, the but of which rested near the foot of the right foot, while with his hand he raised the brim of his hat from his eyes, and seemed gazing from beneath intently upon our advancing columns. The cannon of General Coffee had opened upon us, and tore through our ranks with dreadful slaughter; but we continued to advance unwavering and cool, as if nothing threatened our progress.

The roar of cannon seemed to have no effect upon the figure standing on the cotton bales, but he seemed fixed and motionless as a statue. At last he moved, he threw back the hat over the crown with his left hand, raised the rifle to his shoulder, and took aim at our group. Our eyes were riveted on him. At whom had he leveled his piece? But the distance was so great that we looked at each other and smiled. We saw the rifle flash, and my right hand companion, as noble looking a fellow as ever rode at the head of his company, fell from his saddle. The hunter passed a few moments, without moving the gun from his shoulder, then reloaded and assumed his former attitude. Throwing the hat over his eyes, and again holding it up with the left hand, he fixed his piercing gaze upon us as if hunting another victim. Once more the hat was thrown back, and the gun raised to the shoulder. This time we did not smile, but each short glimpse, at each other, to see which of us must die; and when again the rifle flashed, another of us fell to the earth. There was something awful in this marching on to certain death. Gen. Coffee's battery and thousands of musket balls playing upon our ranks, we would not for—there was a chance of escaping unscathed. Most of us had walked upon batteries a hundred times more destructive without quailing; but to know that every time that rifle was leveled towards us, and its bullet sprung from the barrel, one of us must surely fall—to see the gleaming sun flash as the deadly iron came down and see it rest motionless, as if poised upon a rock, and know, when the hammer struck and the sparks flew to the floor primed pan, that the messenger of death drove unerringly to its goal—to know this and still march on, was awful.

I could see nothing but the tall figure standing on the breast-works. He seemed to grow phantom like, taller and taller, assuming thro' the smoke the supernatural appearance of some great spirit. Again he re-loaded and discharged his rifle with the same unflinching aim; and it was with indescribable pleasure that I beheld, as we neared the American lines, the suppliant smoke gathered around us, and the spectral hunter from my gaze. We fired the battle—and to my mind, the Kentucky rifleman contributed more to our defeat than any thing else, for while he remained to our sight, our attention was drawn off from our duties; and at last when we became enshrouded in smoke, the work was completely—we were in utter confusion, and unable in the extremity to restore order sufficient to make any successful attack.

So long as thousands and thousands of rifles remain in the hands of the people, so long as men come up from their childhood abreast of the sword appears on his chin, to hit the center of a mark, or strike the deer at one hundred and fifty yards in the most vital part; so long as there is a great proportion of the Republic who live as free as the wild Indian, knowing no leader but their own choosing; knowing no law but that of right; and the honorable observance of friendly intercourse, America is unconquerable; and all the armies of the combined world, though they might drive them from the seaboard and across the Allegheny Mountains, would not be able to subdue the free-soil hunter among the mountains and glad prairies and mighty rivers of the West.

Honesty is the best policy. Decide not by man's infirmities. Despise bluffs the edge of industry. The virtue of property is temperance. The virtue of adversity is fortitude. There is no more fatigue in business than in labor. The more we help others to bear their burden, the lighter our own will be. Surely some people must know these lessons they never think about anything else. Nobody ever gets on as an very wrong man, and the excitement of doing it.

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