

Wit and Humor.

LETTER FROM LADY J.E.
On Board the "Ozarkian"
October, 1885.

Docter Berrum he advised me to cum &
go to the physician first. A See you go
to the most appropriate, an' drive the Red
Roses back to the wall, was checks as you
yore-- that I wood derive much Benefit from
it. Praps so. But I must objectively con-

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POTATOES PLANTED UNDER STRAW IS BOTH
EASIER AND FRUITFUL.

In a letter containing many good hints for
our readers, Mr. Isidore Flagler of

"I have devoted myself," he goes on to
say, "to the culture of potatoes for the

ten years, and for the past three years have
grown them only under straw and with great

success. We in the west have a great deal
of straw which we have been accustomed to

burn, but I have found that means of using
it profitable. I plant a part of my potatoes

late in autumn, in November if possible, and
the rest in spring. When I thresh my wheat

I do not stack the straw, for the moisture it
is the better, even if decayed, and draw it

near the place where I shall plant potatoes.
Those planted in autumn, if possible, and those

planted in spring are sown side by side, and
sufficiently to allow a wagon to pass between

the rows. When I plant in autumn, I
never burn straw. When I plant in spring, I

have only to draw the old straw to one
side; if it is too rotten, I plow it in, as it is

good manure. When there is not sufficient
old straw, I add some of the straw of the

potatoes 2 to 4 inches deep, and the lighter
straw, well trodden down; then some sticks

are put here and there upon the straw to
keep high winds from blowing it away.

"Planting in spring, I cover the potatoes
with a layer of straw 4 or 5 inches deep, and

choose for my potatoes such as are of the
gentle inclination, so that they will not rot,
and a southern exposure, if possible, for those

planted in autumn. I plant in beds only 3 or
4 yards wide, the beds separated suffi-

ciently to allow a cart to pass between them.
This is in order not to be obliged to pass

over them with teams, and in order to be able
to potatoes planted under straw. I per-

verize the earth thoroughly, and then plow
furrows as close as I can and not have them

interfere. I drop the potatoes about six
inches apart and cover with the hoe. It is

not well to dig upon the straw; it rains
and one can hardly get in, and the lighter

this is kept the better for the potatoes. In

autumn we only lift the straw with a fork

and lift the baskets.

"What are the advantages of this method?

Quantity and quality vary with me as well

as with those who follow the old method, but

to say the truth, regularly about as much as

by the old plan, is not an exaggeration. In

times of drought one is certain to have a

crop, if it has not been too sparing with the

straw. Last year (1864) almost all my neigh-

bors who did not plant under straw had no

potatoes on account of the drought. I raised

about a good crop, and a part of which was

planted in November, 1863, and the other

in the spring of 1864. I harvested 80 bushels

of the finest potatoes, not counting those

which had been used for the table, from the

middle of June until autumn. Those of this

year (1865) were of the old method, notwith-

standing the rain. As fall planting there are

cases of failure, owing to an insufficiency of

straw the potatoes will freeze, and they will

rot if planted in low ground. Last fall I made

an experiment, using one foot of straw 4

inches deep, and the other foot of straw 18

inches deep. The potatoes were almost all

rotten, and the yield was very small. The

potatoes were not frozen, but the straw was

rotten, having been used before, and the abun-

dant snow kept the cold from penetrating.

There is no risk in using two feet of straw

well trodden down (old straw is preferred).

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