

## PITTSBURGH GAZETTE

**ON THE CULTIVATION OF BEANS.** — Mr. J. O. COOPER, in the County Gazette of November 1, 1853, writes as follows: "I have been thinking about the raising of beans here, & I have found that there is no neighborhood, and have made observations, and with your permission will give my opinion as to how I think it should be planted and cultivated." — **First.—When it should be planted.** — We began planting in Kentucky, about the 15th of April last, and we have had excellent results. I plant an acre, and make two rows, one foot apart, think it late enough here to stop planting corn by 20th of May. But if we want to raise beans, we must plant them earlier than April 15th, and follow with a two hours' interval, and the row, and the corn is planted.

**How to cultivate.** — This should be done just after the Indians have eaten the beans, and can be left about four times as thick as when we leave other corn, and then make a better crop I think.

The corn is generally ready for cutting by the first of September. This we do by first going along the row and breaking down the stalks, so as to have a sharp knife and cut it off. Now it is along with a sharp knife and cut it off. Now it is ready to take a scythe and make a better crop I think.

A cheap instrument for clearing of the seed, can be made as follows: Take a plank, about two feet long, and two inches wide, and nail it to the end of a heavy beam or timber, so as to let the soil, (if the plank) run above the beam about a foot. Then take a saw and make two holes in the plank, so as to let the soil pass through, and then let the soil pass through the holes, and we are ready for operation. Take this four straws (as the comb will they are clean, passing it over the soil, and then draw it through the other), making it twice as long as the broom maker. RICHARD YOUNG, Springdale, Ky., No. 714, 1853.

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