

Rate and extent St. Petersburg of Russia only, Washington has this advantage over probably every other national capital and large city on the globe, namely that it is designed, and not merely a growth.

Parties lately returned to Kansas City from Maine and the southeast, who attended the Grand Army reunion, tell the folks there a good one on Major Wiseman, of Lawrence, whom every body in the State knows to be a good man.

When his party was passing through Vermont on their way to Portland, Major Wiseman was struck by the bare meagre look of the farms, their smallness, and the outward appearance of poverty.

"My friends, you live here?" "Do you own a farm here?" "Do you raise enough to eat?" "Do you manage to get that?"

"Yes, yes, we manage to get that." "Don't some of your people starve?" said our Kansas friend. "I shouldn't think you raise enough to keep body and soul together. You should make to Kansas, where you raise eighty bushels of corn to the acre and six of wheat! That is the thing to live!"

"The 'native' did not seem struck with wonder, but quietly remarked, 'We manage to get along.' "Do you make any thing?" then asked the Kansan.

"Yes, I have made enough in twenty years to make mortgages on two large tracts in Kansas," replied the Vermontor.

"For a moment Major Wiseman was staggered, but standing by the Grass-hopper state, he again returned to the charge.

"Why, you waste more wheat and corn in Kansas than you can raise on your farms here. Our people throw away more than your entire crops amount to the charge.

"I believe you do," said the Vermontor. "If you didn't waste so much, perhaps the interest on my mortgages would be paid more promptly."

German Potatoes in New York.

It may seem incredible to some of our readers to learn that potatoes are imported from Germany into this country, and that no other portion of the globe has no agricultural advantages; but such is the case.

German soil possesses any particular virtue not inherited in the American-grown tuber, is a question we are not able to answer, but we know that certain classes of people, the world over, deem imported foods of every sort far superior to home products.

The particular German potato we have in mind has only lately gained a prominent place on our list of imports, and is now being sold in New York market, with plenty of purchasers in the bargain.

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