

Farmers, and Agricultural men generally are requested to contribute to this Department, as i is from their experience that we hope to gain some thing of interest for our readers.

#### TOPPING CORN.

We find each locality adhering to the prac tices which have prevailed in it from time immemorial. In the eastern part of this State, for instance, the practice of cutting the top stalks of corn has gained so strong a foot-hold that it may be said to be well nigh universal, while if we visit the western part of the State, we find in many localities, at least, the practice almost equally prevalent, of cutting up from the root and shocking.

We were brought up to top the corn, and we always supposed it to be, on the whole, the best method. But after learning the statements of those who had always been accustomed to a different method, and the reasons therefor, we were inclined to think we were wrong, and that the practice of shocking had many advantages over that of topping. It has been tried by many farmers a. an experiment, in this part of the State, but either from not being accustomed to it, and so of making more of it than there was any need of, it has generally been abandoned for the old method of topping. We are still inclined to think, however, that cutting up from the root and stooking has the greater advantages, and that, if our farmers who have been accustomed to top corn all their lives, would try it long enough to get accus toned to it, they would be slow to go back to the old method.

Allen, in his "American Farm Book" says "The stalks of corn ought never to be cu: above the ear, but always near the ground and for this obvious reason : the sap which nourishes the grain is drawn from the earth. and passing through the stem enters the leaf, where a change is effected analagous to what takes place in the blood, when brought to the surface of the lungs in the animal system; but with this peculiar dfference, however, that while the blood gives out carbon and supplies oxygen, plants, under the influence of light and heat, give out oxygen and absorb carbon. This change prepares the sap for condensation and conversion into the grain. But the leaves which thus digest the food for the grain are above it, and it is while passing downward that the change of sap in to grain principally takes place. If the stalks be cut above the car nourishment is at an end. It may then become firm and dry but it will not increase in quantity, while, if co near the root it not only appropriates the say already in the plant but it also absorbs addi tional matter from the atmosphere, which contributes to its weight and protection."

As already stated, many experiments have been made to test the comparative advanta ges of the two methods, but so far as w know they all tend to the same results, that is, a gain from five to ten bushels to the acre gained from cutting from the root and stook. ing, over topping. Mr. Clark, of Northamptop, in this State, who tried the thing with great care, found that an acre of topped corn lost from six to eight bushels of grain by the process, while the loss of stover was also very considerable

The most experienced farmers are careful to secure the whole of the stover and they would regard this topping process as a great and unnecessary waste of a valuable feeding substance, as much so as if they should attempt to secure their crop of timothy hay by " topping,"

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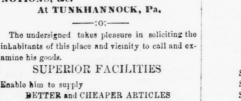
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### CHICKEN SALAD.

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