

## AGRICULTURAL.

### TASTE AMONG FARMERS.

There seems to be a great want of taste among many of our farmers. They appear to think that taste is of no importance whatever—something they have nothing to do with—and if they only attend to the important duties on the farm, they care nothing for appearances. One way in which they show want of taste is the surroundings of their dwellings; they will leave no ox-cart, sled, or hay rigging in the door-yard, or in close proximity to the house, rather than to be at the trouble of removing it a rod or two farther, where it would not be unsightly. Some will have piles of manure, heaps of stone, or huge piles of wood left where they give an air of slovenliness to the homestead, no matter how new or hand-some the buildings may be. There are some farmers who limit their shade trees to a few so situated that they cannot damage land which they care anything about, making that the standard, and sacrificing a noble elm or maple, because it draws the juices of the soil; they fear they shall have a few less hills of potatoes or corn, if they let the tree remain. Perhaps some will say, well, my buildings are old, and I don't think it makes much difference what I have around them; but we say it does make a great difference. What if the buildings are old? I there is an air of thrift and neatness about them, they will not look half so unsightly. Who would not see a difference in even a hovel with a shade tree, and one with rose-bushes and wood-bines climbing up its weatherbeaten walls, covering its numerous imperfections, and with the addition of one or two shade trees, making the spot look really attractive. It makes nearly as much difference as there is between neatness and negligence in the interior of a dwelling. All farmers do not show a want of taste, for many a farmer's home exhibits an appreciation of the tasteful and beautiful, highly creditable to the proprietor. Let not the farmer think it beneath him to attend to such things, nor consider that time lost which he spends in making the surroundings of his home tasteful and attractive.

### SOAKING SEEDS BEFORE SOWING.

This practice, says the Country Gentleman, is not so extensively adopted in this country as it might be, with advantage both for the farm and the garden. In this respect we are far behind a people whom we are apt to regard with feelings nearly approaching to contempt. There are few, probably, either in England or this country, who are not disposed to think themselves much superior to the Chinese, and yet in one respect, at least, we think they are much in advance of most farmers in either England or America. Li big states, in his "Letters on Modern Agriculture," that no Chinese farmer sows a seed before it has been soaked in liquid manure, diluted with water, and has begun to germinate; and that experience has taught him that this operation tends not only to promote the more rapid and vigorous growth and development of the plant, but also to protect the seeds from the ravages of worms and insects. There would be not only some trouble, but some inconvenience also, in the adoption of this practice on an extensive scale; but we are pretty confident notwithstanding that those who commence it on a small scale will find it productive of advantage enough to induce them to extend their operations. We may suggest that we have, on more than one occasion, been informed by one of our correspondents that he makes much use of his manure in water as a soak for his seeds.

### FACTS FOR FARMERS.

If you invest money in tools, and then leave them exposed to the weather, it is the same as loaning money to a spendthrift without security—a dead loss in both cases. If you invest money in books and never read them, it is the same as putting your money into a bank, but never drawing either principal or interest.

If you invest money in stock and do not feed and protect them, and poorly care for them, it is the same as dressing your wife in silk to do kitchen work.

If you invest your money in a good farm and do not cultivate it well, it is the same as marrying a good wife, and so abusing and enslaving her as to crush her energies and break her heart.

**CURE FOR A FELON.**—Having nearly lost a finger by one of those excruciating ills to which our flesh is heir, I feel compelled by a sense of duty to proclaim the following remedy. After suffering so much with the one aforesaid, I knew the symptoms *too well* to be mistaken in regard to them, and after a day and night of torture, rose at two o'clock, and administered the following: Take half a gill of *strong vinegar*, dissolve in a tablespoonful or more of salsaratus—heat as hot as the flesh can bear—soak the felon as long as desirable, repeat the application as often as the pain returns, and a cure is certain. The writer prevented two in this way. To all afflicted we say it. This remedy must be applied in the first stages, as it is of no avail after it is greatly

## Humphreys' Homeopathic Specific Remedies for the People.

### HEAR WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

The undersigned having used Professor HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES in their families, can vouch for their efficacy and having full confidence in their genuineness, purity, and efficacy, cheerfully recommend them to all persons who wish to have safe, reliable, efficacious remedies at hand for private or domestic use.

The Rev. Wm. H. Farmer, of the Northern Indiana Conference, Indiana, writes: "I have used the Remedy of Dr. HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC REMEDIES for the cure of my wife's Hysteria, and she recovers perfectly." The Rev. B. L. Lewis, Captain of the Author's State Prison, the Rev. J. C. St. John, of New Haven, New Haven, Connecticut, the Rev. Dr. George Converse, N. Y.; the Rev. P. A. St. John, West Roxbury, Boston, Massachusetts; the Rev. Mr. E. C. D. T. of the New Haven Daily Post, Portland, Me.; the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Santa-Fe, Ind.; the Hon. George Humphreys, N. Y.; Hon. Dr. C. C. Colfax, of the House of Representatives; Dr. G. W. Graham, Malone, Ill.; the Hon. Thomas J. Chase, Middletown, Conn.; Dr. Joseph Bennett, Utica, N. Y.; James Fawcett, Esq., Nashville, Tenn.

### LIST OF SPECIFIC REMEDIES.

No. 1.—For Fever, Congestion, and Inflammation.  
No. 2.—For Warm Fever, Water Colic, Writing the Bed, &c.  
No. 3.—For Colic, Cramps, Tettering, and Waterfowl of Infants.  
No. 4.—For Diarrhea, Chorea, Infantile, and Summer Complaints.  
No. 5.—For Colic, Goutings, Dysentery, or Bloody Flux.  
No. 6.—For Coughs, Ulcers, Mucus, Vomiting.  
No. 7.—For Convulsions, Colds, Inflammation, and Worms.  
No. 8.—For Headache, Vertigo, Heat and Foulness of the Head.  
No. 9.—For Inflammation, Pains, &c.  
No. 10.—For Convulsions, Pains, &c.  
No. 11.—For Fever, Inflammation, Scars, Painful, or Suppurating Ulcers.  
No. 12.—For Leucorrhea, Profuse, Menstrual, and Menorrhagia.  
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