



Farmer's Department.

ILLUMINATION IN ORANGEVILLE. Spring Goods At Fritz's Store, ORANGEVILLE, COLUMBIA CO., PA.

TOPPING CORN-SAVING FODDER. Though it is not quite in the season to perform this part of the labor of raising and securing a crop of corn, yet it will do no harm to think about and compare our former practice with the result of the carefully and fairly tried experiment here introduced.

When I reported the last experiment on this subject, I thought I would not trouble myself or the Society with another experiment of the kind; but having a piece of very even corn, and favorably situated for a full demonstration of the facts of the case, I was induced to give it one more trial, which, in my own mind, has established the facts that no portion of the fodder can be taken while green, without material injury to the corn; and that when the fodder is fully matured, the tops may be taken with very little loss of grain—less than two per cent.

The order of this experiment was the same as last year, alternate sections of two rows each, repeated several times to the amount of an acre, as follows:

- No. 1. Left standing, made one hundred baskets per acre, when shelled, weighed thirty-three pounds each, equal to fifty-nine bushels and forty-six pounds.
No. 2. Topped without blading, made one hundred baskets, which weighed thirty-three pounds each, equal to fifty-eight bushels and two pounds.
No. 3. Cut by the ground, made ninety-six baskets, which weighed thirty-three pounds each, equal to fifty-six bushels and three pounds.
No. 4. Topped and stripped, made ninety baskets which weighed thirty-three and one-half pounds each, equal to fifty-two bushels and thirteen pounds.
No. 5. Topped without stripping, Sept. 15th, made eighty-nine baskets, which weighed thirty-two and one-half pounds each, equal to fifty-one bushels and thirteen pounds.

The fodder on all the above, except No. 5, was gathered on the 27th of September, when fully ripe; some of the blades dead. No. 5 was cut on the 15th, twelve days earlier, while green though fodder saving, was general in the neighborhood at the time. It will be seen by comparing it with No. 2—which is of the same class, but cut twelve days later,—that No. 2 made four hundred and eighteen pounds, or about seven and one-half bushels per acre more than No. 5. Had the blades been gathered at the same time, I have no doubt the loss in grain would have been more than doubled.—This shows the ruinous waste of gathering fodder before the corn is ripe.

These several lots were put into a bag, each with their number attached, and when carefully dried were hand shelled, and then weighed giving the above results. These experiments need no more comparing or ventilating to teach their import, viz: That no part of the stock or fodder can be removed while the crop is maturing, and particularly while ripening, without decreasing the amount of corn, to an amount which should cause those in the habit of 'topping' to consider the subject fairly before doing so in the future.

I have thought often upon this subject, and inquired of many concerning its advantage, but the most satisfactory answer was, 'the old corn raisers used to almost always top their corn to let in the sun, and father used to do his.' Well here was some what of an argument to be sure, yet it did not satisfy my doubts of the propriety of the practice, hence it was never tried. Farmer

PEACHES IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—Two men at Makanda station, from their peach orchard of 4000 trees last year shipped 18,000 baskets. This was the first crop from this orchard, but it shows what can be done in 'Egypt.' There has not been an entire failure of the peach crop here during the last twenty years, and there are seedling trees here thirty years old, still bearing bountiful crops.

ELDER BUSHES vs. CURCULO.—A man in Michigan reports that for three years he has kept the curculio from his plums, and raised good crops by tying elder bushes to branches of the trees. It had to be done every few days, from the setting of the fruit until full grown.

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