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STAR OF THE NORTH

WM. H. JACOBY. office on Main St., 3rd Square below Harket, TERMS: -Two Dallars per annum if paid within six months from the time of subscri-bing: two dollars and fifty cents if not paid rithin the year. No subscription taken for of to imitate him in those respects. But I unaffected piety. He inquired alter less period than six months; no discon- will leave abler pens than mine to do justice family at home, and learned that his feth

ae square, twelve lines three times, St 110

MACHINE POETRY.

Martinsburg, Vinginia, | March 10th, 1862 Friend Will:-Being at leisure I thought I would set the old machine in motion-and see how she would work. After considerable scraping, cleaning and greasing, we

otic, union strain, and here is the result: O, say have you heard of that banner so bright That we flung to the breeze in our last months campaigning. When the bold eighty fourth, in the van of

Showed the foes of our flag how its young Over freemen it flew-

Twas the flag of the Union-we saw it still

wave O'er the heads of the free and the hearts of That flag we will follow, while the hirelings

Seek to rear up a power with their dark su-It shall wave on the breeze, 'till the for shall cry ' save us. From the toils of the traitor, and our wretch-

That banner so bright. Is still dear to our sight, And we will follow its for ones with raptur-

O'er the heads of the free, and the hearts of

When the battles are o'er and by thousands

That banner nustained to keep it we swore, And we'll hail its bright lolds with our loud acclamations.

Mid kindred so dear-

Aud nothing to lear.

ly we quit turning for the time being. Tooples.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE:

CAMP CHASE, PAW PAW TUNNEL,) Virginia, March 4th, 1862

Fareno Will :- The telegraph has doubtless ere this made known to you the fact that Gen Lander is no more. He died on Samuel Ritcher, in Dantzie, and asked the Sunday alternoon, the 2d inst, from the et- book-keeper for alms. 'You will get nothfects of a wound received in the battle of ing here," grumbled the man, "so be off." Ball's Bloff, tast Full, and which never healed. His death has cast a gloom over this camp and every soldier feels most palpably tereil. that he has lost a friend, and the country has been bereft of one of her stannchest de- jurning towards the book-keeper. fenders. His death happening just at a time when his division was ordered to move; and in fact the artillery and several regiments of infantry had already left when the order was countermanded or rather an order issued to remain as they were. This was on the 1st. His illness was not known from the ground. in Camp, and the first news we received on Sunday evening was the astounding intelli- ed up ?" he cried. The weeping boy turngence that he was no more. His death is a severe blow to the Union cause, and will no doubt cause us to remain in our present position for several days.

On Monday, at 11 o'clock, the whole Division was drawn up in line, extending from head quarters to the Depot, to pay the last mibute of respect to the body of our belov- handsome face. od General. The Infantry was formed in three lines, facing inward; in the rear of the right line the Artitlery, and in rear of the left the Cavalry was drawn up. In this position, with regimental colors shrouded in crape and at hall mast, we stood until 2 P. M., when the booming of the minute gun fell upon our ears, giving notice that the solemn, cottege was advancing. All eves were bent down the line, and there, upon the shoulders of six Colonels, the coffin covered with the stars and stripes, was horne all that was mortal of the illustrious Lander. Two brass bands preseded the bier, oody guard, with down cast eves and heavy hearts, showing that they felt their loss and that deeply; then followed, with reversed arms, the 7th Virginia Regiment. It was). solemn procession, and every heart seemed upon the cars of a special train and started yourself, your mother and brothers, but for Washington city. The different Regi ments retarned to their quarters and were

The regimental flag of the 84th enshroused the remains of the illustrious deceased .-Verely a bright star has follow from the gal ary of heaven, but so long as the Potomac ages to roll its tributaries to the sea -so long as the stars and stripes conting to be the amblem of the free-so long alinue to be a nution of freemen-so ong as the Engle continues to be the bird of Liberty, will the name of General Lander be of fame, and with those of Washington, lackeon and Scorr, be transmitted to porter. I pocket-knife.

ity as great and glorious examples for future | The lad cut off a slice in great hase, as I generations to emulate and imitate. This was about to bite upon it. But sudden was the man of whom Gen. Scott said. "I bethought himself, laid the bread aside and delight to call a soldier" And he was a folding his hands, rehearsed a silent praye soldier in every sense of the term. Just, Then he fell to his meal with a hearty a brave, fearless generous and impartial; and petite. it would be well for some officers that I wot The merchant was moved by the boy

to his deeds of valor, and his untiring devastation to his country.

The last of advertising will be as follows:

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ed country in the war with Mexico, and at had then hired himself out to a rich neigh the memorable battle of Cerro Gordo, at the bor, but before three weeks were at an en head of his command he received a musket he died, broken down by grief and acce ball through his lungs, yet strange to say it sive toil. And now his mother, whom so did not keep him long in confinement for row had thrown upon a bed of sickness we find him again with the army in the val- was, with her lour children suffering the ley of Mexico, and there assisted in plant- bitterest poverty. He, the eldest, had r ing the American flag over the ancient city solved to seek assistance, and had got of the Aztees. But I know so little of him at first from village to village, then his set the thing for a high pressure, patrithat I shall desist from saving more than struck into the high road, and at last, havir g that he is a "fighting man," and came here begged everywhere in vain, had come emphatically to fight. How soon we will Dantzie. move I know not, but it will not be long. A The merchant's heart was touched. rumor has reached us that the rebels have had but one child, and the boy appeared t evacuated Winchester and tallen back upon him as a draft at sight, which Providence family. Strousburg, in the direction of Manassas .- had drawn upon him as a test of his gra i-If this be true our troops will soon have pos- | tude. O'er Pennsylvanians true.

And through all the long conflict still dearer siderable amount of sickness in camp; 17 then really a wish to learn? of our company are at present in the hospi-

> around "Toudles" head, when your issue of at home I had always my little brother to the 26th came to camp. Those that got the carry, for my mother was sick in bed." hardest pinch, of course, made the most noise. But I did not wish in that letter to insinuate that it was any of the officers belonging to co D that had taken exceptions hones; and industrious, I will take go to my remarks upon the prince of swindlers care of you. You shall learn, have me a couple of non-coms, who blustered about your mother and brothers also." and writhed like an eel on a spear. But The boy's eyes flashed with joy But a - of themselves. In my next I shall has nothing to eat " try and stir them up again as a relapse. At this instant, as if sent by Providence, swindlers, of whom Simon is cheil, took son Gottleieb, and food and a small sur of ned as he will be by every honest man un. promised future assistance.

PROVIDENCE PROSPERS HONESTY.

BY MRS. ST. SIMON.

A poor boy, about len years of age entered the warehouse of a rich merchant Weeping bitterly, the boy glided towards

the door, and that moment Herr Ritcher en-"What is the matter bere?" he asked,

"A worthless beggar boy," was the man's answer, and he scarcely looked up from

In the meanwhile Herr Ritcher glanced lowards the boy, and remarked that, when close to the door, he picked up something "Ha! my little lad, what is that you pick-

ed and showed him a needle. "And what will you do with it?" naked

"My jacket has holes in it," was the answer. "I will sew up the big ones." Herr Ritcher was pleased with the reply, and still more with the boy's innocent,

"But are you not ashamed," he said, a kind, though serious tone, "you, so young

and hearty, to beg ? Can you work ?" "Ah my dear sir," replied the boy, "I do not know how, and I am too little yet to thrash or lell wood. My tather died three weeks ago, and my poor mother and little Then I ran out in anguish, and begged for alms. But alas ! a single peasant only gave me yesterday a piece of bread; since then

bave not eaten a morse! !" It is quite customary for beggars by trade to contrive tales like this, and thus harden many a heart against the claims of genuine want. But this time the merchant trusted the boy's honest face. He thrust his hand into his pocket, drew forth a piece of mon-

bring the other half to me."

"Well," said the sarely book keeper, "he

will laugh in his sleeve, and never come "Who knows ?" replied Herr Ritcher .-And as he spoke he beheld the boy return-

g quickly with a large lot of black bread

one hand and some money in the other. "There, good sir," he cried, almost breathless, "there is the rest of the money," Then being very hungry, he begged at once ceittan in letters of light high on the mount | for a knife to cut off a piece of bread. The nook-keeper reached him in silence his his only daughter, a sweet girl of two and servant, or employer and laborer.

Dantzie, where he owned a small hous Of his successor, Gen. Shields, I know and farm. But his house had been burne

"Listen, my son," he began, "have ye

"Oh, yes; I have, indeed!" cried boy, "I have read the catechism already, When! But there was a storm raised and I should know a good deal more but Herr Ritcher suddenly formed his re-

"Well then," he said, "as you are go old Simon, but it seems that I unconsciously and drink, and clothing, and in time et hit some one. But the hardest ones hit was something more. Then you can support

commending the widow to his care, with

she faithfully kept her word.

During the next four years, Gottleieb at- tions, and excited the attention of the nation for itself whether it will ask or accept it. tended the schools of the great commercial and the world. allowance, he sent the half regularly to his and servant, into helpless ruin

faithful son, in a condition above want.

the book keeper who died about this time, produced by such change of system. ness, with a third part of his profits.

The boy took the money and ran joyfally and parmership should be of long duration. ultimate removal of the institution. An insidious disease cast Herr Ritch ar upyears confined to his couch. All that grat- which compensation ought to be made. nade could suggest, Gottleieb now did to eyes in death.

Before this disease he placed the l

as his children. They understood him; plans. they loved each other, and in silence yet affectionately and earnestly, solemnized ensunciation by the President at this time their betrothed at the bedside of their dying makes them especially note-worthy.

In the year 1828, ten years after Herr

took the eldest son of each of his two re- the nation. heirs. But in order to confirm them in of remark. The most radical newspapers, their humanity, he often showed them the which have urged the instant abolition of blessing to him, and bequeathed it as a been at deadly enmity with "the right of

It is but a few years since this child of stand on conservative ground. The Tribune crippled boy. poverty, of bonesty, industry and of mis- and Lucaing Post heartily, even enthusiastifortune, passed in peace from this world.

The President's Message.

of calm and judicious men, North and South, eminent statesman, and always fiercely looked toward plans for the gradual remo- opposed by the radical abolitionists. At val of slavery. A small party of radical the close of the anti-slavery meeting on men, chiefly located in Boston, began a Thursday evening, the message was read fierce and uncompromising war on all such from the platform after the adjournment and plans. They pronounced slavery the sum the reception which it met with was someall of villainies, and the very act of slave. what amusing. The old-tashioned radical | us " holding a continual helious sin, while they abolitionists were highly indignant the new "But what can help us?" persisted the demanded its instant abolition as the sole fledged members of that confederacy, who key, "Who can defend us from their cruel method of removing the system. From had a notion that anything which proposed by ? Such stories as I have heard of the ray in time to time, the subject of paying for the to get the nation rid of slavery was to be ages of these men. They are not men they same conclusion that they were only making and said sadly, "my mother all this while slaves of the South out of the national purse, cheered, applauded, and the great crowd of are wild beasts. Oh why was I made so was suggested, but the idea was loudly de- lookers on went home asking the old Amer- weak-so weak as to be unterly useless ! No nounced by those who held that the blood ican question, "What will it cost?" might prove fatal, but have not the time an inhabitant of the body's native village and bones of man could not be made the We trust that the resolution proposed by We meet in our homes with loud saluta- now to attend to them. One year ago to- entered Herr Ritcher's house. The man subject of pecuniary purchase, or compen- the President will be adopted by Congress, answered the mother, "God will build us a day the rule of tyranny and oppression com confirmed the lad's story, and willingly com- sation. Thus the question arose between Whenever a State shall propose to emanmenced-one year ago to-day the hordes of sented to carry the mother's tidings of ter the radical Abolitionists, and those who cipate her slaves, we regard it as eminently believed in plans for gradual emancipation proper that the nation should lend its aid, their posish and since that time the govern- money from the merchant. At the same to owners of slaves who should free them, judiciously, to effect the object. The Crown most time Herr Ritcher directed his book-keeper The latter adhered mostly to the Coloniza- of Great Britain, once the governing power The flag of our country we still will revere, shameful and atrocious manner. Let the to write a letter to the pastor of the villa ze, tion Society, an institution which was sup- of all the country forced the institution on diers harrying in. We are too poor to satported by such men as Henry Clay and unwilling colonies, and it became a part of listy them, and they would pour their ven-O'er that rag of secession, as it lies in its disgrace and infamy and let him be shun- an additional sum for the poor family, and Theodore Frelinghuysen, and hundreds of their social system. Let the whole people geance upon us. And yet you ought to the great and good Northerners and South. who have in one sense succeeded to the leave me What right have I to keep you Here the mershees gin cont and cosequent | til his conscience shall become alarmed and / As soon as this was done, Herr Ritcher erners of America. The Abolitionists made government of the nation, aid any State that here. And I shall suffer more if I see you cause him to disgorge his ill gotten gains - at once furnished the boy with decent the Colonization Society the special object may need it and that shall desire and ask suffer." But I must close. Yours &c. Toopies, clothes, and at noon led him to his wife, of their most bitter abuse. The latter con- for aid in changing slave labor to free labor. whom he accurately informed of little Gott- tinued its work, quietly and successfully, to This is most right. Hereafter, when the still said the mother, and at length, with low leieb's story, and of the plan he had forried the benefit of a vast number of freed slaves; principle is established, we can discuss and quieting words, she stilled the auxious boy for him. The good woman readily prom- and the conflict of opinions, as to the prop- arrange the amount of aid, and the terms on till he too, slept like the sisters. The mornised her best assistance in the matter, and er dealing with the institution, continued, which it is to be granted to each State as it ling came of the day that was to bring the until it has recently assumed grand propor- shall need it. And each State will decide dreaded enemy. The mother and children

> city :- then his faithful foster father took | The message of President Lincoln pre- the adoption by Congress of this important him into his counting room, in order to sents to Congress the question which has principle is timely, and its influence will Through the night it had collected rapidly educate him for business. Here, as well as for many years been discussed at the North be excellent. We shall not be surprised to A high wind had blown the snow in drifts there, at the writing desk as on the school and at the South; and recommends the see a few political abolitionists or abolition- against the low house, so that it had entirely bench, the ripening youth distinguished adoption of those conservative views which ist politicians, endeavor to misrepresent the covered it. A low shed behind protected himself, not only by his natural capacity, have been so earnestly contended for by President, and extort from his simple, vig- the way to the out house, where the animals but by the faithful industry with which he the sincere friends of the slave and of the orons, and plain words, a meaning that he were, and for a few days the mother and exercised it. With all this his heart retain- | Union, in opposition to the madness which ed its native innocence. Of this weekly would plunge the North and South, master of this class are declaring that the message

mother until she died, after having surviv- It should be distinctly observed in con- tionist. It matters very little what is It was during that time that the dreaded ed two of his brothers. She passed the last sidering the message, that Mr. Lincoln does thought of him in this regard, if the people scourge passed over the village. Every years of her life, not in wealth, it is rue not propose any plan for removing slavery. of the North will but be content to unite on house was ransacked, all the wealthier ones by the aid of the Noble Ritcher and of her He adopts the views of Washington and his cotemporiaries, for which we have so often After the death of his beloved mother, and so laboriously contended, against much there was no dear friend left to Gottleir b in obloquy and reproach, and the principles relation of master and slave is a property the world except his benefactor. Out of on which the Constitution was founded, love for him he became an active, zer lous and expressess his conviction, that whatmerchant. He began by applying the st per- ever plan be adopted, gradual emancipafluity of his allowance, which he could now tion would be better than immediate abdispose of at his pleasure, to a trade in olition. Good men, from the earlist days, to change it and establish free labor in its an English paper that Miss Curt, of Glasgow their manure. Hamburg quills. When he had grined have desired to see some plan for the re- place, and that gradual, not sudden emanciabout a hundred and twenty dollars, it hap- moval of the slave system, and the subpend that he found in his native village a stitution of another labor system in its place considerable quantity of hemp and flax, and their desires would long ago have been which was very good and still to be had at accomplished in several States now known a reasonable price. He a-ked his oster as slave States but for the interference of father to advance him two hundred oc llars, the radical abolition schemes, which effect sell them as much land as they choose to which the latter did with great readiness - tually blocked all the advance of free labor buy, and that he even hints at a willingness lips and will ultimately cure the worst form money-but practically of far less advan-And the business prospered so well, that in plans in Maryland, Virginia, and other to dispose of the Mosque of Omar, which of the palpitation of the heart. No ladies tage to themselves as farmers. Others idle the third year of his clerkship, Got level States. But while Mr. Lincoln proposes no stand second only to Macca as a sacred of taste or sense will conduct them-elves away the winter to grumble at bad crops brother have eaten nothing these two days. had already acquired the sum of five hun- plan of action, he desires that the Congress shrine. dred dellars. Without giving up his trade of the United States should adopt a joint in flax, he now trafficked also in linen resolution, declaring certain principles, as goods, and the two combined made him, in indications of the future policy of the Gov a couple of years, about a thousand collars ernment. The resolution we here reprint, as follows :

This, happened during the customary Resolved, That the United States ought to five years of cierkship. At the end o this | co operate with any State which may adop period Gouleieb continued to serve his ben- a gradual abolishment of Slavery, giving to elactor five years more, with industry, skill such States pecuniary aid, to be used by growing poor, the children of Israel have and fidelity; then he took the place of for the inconvenience, public and private, strings of Europe, and are able to buy all

"There is a half dollar, go to the baker s and three years afterwards he was taken This resolution proposes to recognize nd with half the money buy bread for by Herr Richer as a partner into his busi- three distinct principles, and which under line the foundations of the slavery system, But it was not God's will that the pleas- which are necessary to be regarded in the

> 1. That the relation of master and slave on a bed of sickness, and kept him for two is a relation of ownership and property, for

ling his exertions, he became the oul of nated the system, which once existed by ing resolution: the whole business, and still he watched British law, and under British protection, ong nights at the old man's bedside, with throughout the land, or for reasons, may of his grieving wife, until, in the sixty-fifth right be called on to aid those who are peyear of his age, Herr Ritcher closed his cuniarily interested in the system, to remove or modify it, so as to remove the quality of mon, a popular minister said to his deacon: and of property from the relation of master and

I wenty years, in that of his belove I foster 3. That the several States are the proper you'll know how to pity us."

son. He had long looked upon them both and only powers to originate emancipation

These are all sound principles, and their

It is not necessary at present to discuss the possible plans which States may be in-Ritcher's death, the house of Gottleieb Bern duced to adopt, for the removal of slavery late Samuel Riicher, was one of the most since the only question raised by the Presirespectable in all Dantzie. It owned three dent's proposal, is whether Congress shall large ships employed in navigating, the proffer pecuniary aid to those States which Baltic and North, and the care of Providence | may desire to adopt plans of emancipation. seemed to watch over the interests of their The questions of bow much the aid shall worthy owner; for worthy he remained in be, and how rapidly it should be advanced. his prosperity. He honored his mother-in- remain untouched by the adoption of the law like a son, and cherished her declining resolution. The grand difficulty in the way age with the tenderest affection, until in of emancipation, viz., what to do with the her two and seventieth, she died in his negro when he is free, is not involved in the present proposal, and remains open fo? As his own marriage proved childless, he the future consideration of the States or of

maining brothers, now substantial farmers. The effect produced by this message on needle which had proved such a source of slavery "war power," and which have cally, approve the idea, and congratulate "Mark the perfect man, and behold the the President upon it, as if it were a new upright, for the end of that man b peace." discovery of the present times, instead of the old and often repeated proposal of more moderate men, which has been discussed Not many years ago, the united sentiment and considered in past years by our most

proves the President a determined aboli- barricade of snow. ly, that States are to remove slavery as a legal status if it is removed at all: that the relation; and that the people of the United States ought to aid the States in which the the defenceless with a "sure wall." institution has become a part of the social system, in such efforts as they may initiate pation is better for all .- Journal of Commerce.

THE HOLY LAND -It is said that the Sultan of Turkey is encouraging the emigration of the Jews to Palistine, and he offered to

All this seems almost incredible, but his majesty is hard up, and is willing to part with anything that he nas for the cash. He has led a particularly fast life, and he has been thoroughly plucked by his favorites of every description. Wailst he and other op- ladies' committee for the use of some galpressors of the chosen people have been such State in its decretion, to compensate been becoming rich. They hold the purse Jerusalem whenever the owners are disposed to sell. Can it be possible that the Tork will sell out, and that man of this gen eration will live to see the Restoration of

At a Sunday School meeting in Ohio, the apparently in great tribulation. "Oh, I subject of the slim attendance of pupils at 2. That the people of the whole nation the school being under consideration, a repay his benefactor's kindness. Redonb- North and South, either from having origi- promising young lawyer offered the tollowwhat you feel?

Resolved. That a committee of young ladies and gentlemen be appointed to raise children for the Sahbath school.

Coming from a pulpit after a heavy ser- shake him in his belief. "Deacon, I'm very tired."

"Indeed !" replied the deacon, "then of the Government loan. Either some re-

A Tonching Incident.

In the campaign of Napolean in Russia, while the French army was retreating from Moscow, there lay in a poor low cottage, in a village, an invalid boy This village was and already the reports of its approach had diery, seeking their own preservation, and rather than in the miserly neglect of fall strength to fly fled some trying to take with them their worldly goods, some to conceal them. The little village was fast growing alone counts as profit. deserted. Some burnt their houses or dismantled them. The old were placed in wagons, and the young hurried their families away with them.

But in the little cottage there was none of this bustle. The poor crippled boy could into his house, and destined them to be his the minds of various individuals is worthy not move from his bed. The widowed mother had no friends near enough to spare a thought for her in this time of trouble, when every one thought only of those near est to him and of of himself. What chance perpetual legacy to the eldest son in the property in man," are apparently rejoiced of flight was there for her and her young at an opportunity to retrace their steps and children, among whom one was the poor

It was evening, and the sound of Jistan voices and of preparation had died away. The poor boy was wakeful with terror now

orging his mother to leave him to his fate, now dreading lest she should take him at his word and leave him behind. "The neighbors are just going away, hear them no longer," he said, 'I am so sel-

safe, who will bort a poor, helpless boy?" "We are all safe," answered the mother, God will not leave us though all else torsake

fish, I have kept you here. Take the little

zirls with you, it is not too late. And I am

strength even to fly "

"There is a sure wall for the delencless,

'You are my strength now," said the boy "I thank God that you did not desert me 1 am so weak, I cling to you. Do not leave me. Indeed I tancy I can see the cruel sol-

opened their eyes to find that "a sure mall The message of Mr. Lincoln proposing had indeed been built for their defence. The snow had begun to fall the evening before. never intended to give them. Already some children kept themselves alive within their cottage, shut in and concealed by the heavy

the principles which be enunciates so plain- deprived of their luxuries, and the poorer ones deprived of their necessities. But the low rooled cottage lay sheltered benath its wall of snow, which, in the silent night, had gathered around it. God had protected

> TERRIBLE WARNING - We see it stated in recently broke her neck in resisting the attempt of a young man to kiss her. This is a fearful warning to young ladies especially pretty ones. Why will girls peril their delicate necks in absurd endeavors to avoid the application of that delicious "two-lip" salve which is an universal corrective of chapped in a manner se reprehensible and frought and the hurry of farm life during the sumwith so much danger. Besides they well know that kissing, like charity, blesses both alike "It blesses he that gives, and her

PRETTY -A pair of stockings sent by the lant volunteer was accompanied by the following verse :-

And when from war and camps you part.

· Brave sentry, on your lonely beat, May these blue stockings warm your feet;

May some fair knitter warm your heart." wife to her husband, who had sat for half the necessaries of life. an hour with his face buried in his hands, don't know said he ; "I have felt like a fool all day." Well returned the wife, consolingly, "I'am afraid you will never get

When a boy gets to think himself above parental authority, his parents should try to

any better; you look the very picture of

lative has died, or there's been a big fire.

NUMBER 11.

Hints on Farm Improvement.

Farmers are generally anxious to improve their tarms, or at least to reap the results of such improvement in better crops and greater profits, but very many of them exactly in the course of the retreating army, have yet to learn the most direct road to prosperous agriculture. It lies rather through reached and excited the terrified inhabitants, careful management of abundant labor In their turn they began to make prepara- and capital, than in stinting these to the tions for retreat, for they knew there was lowest possible amount-the saving is in no hope for them from the hands of the sol- the prudent use of every meansol progress gave no quarters Every one who had the which seem to be indirect aids, but which are really the trifles which ensure that increase above the cost of production which

> Let us look at one of the simplest axioms of the better farming. "There is no way," says John Johnston, "that land can be so profitably improved as by grass kept in a vigorous state of growth." To grow large crops of grass we must have rich, drained land-naturally fertile or enriched by manare and thorough culture before seeding down and by frequent top-dressing afterwards. It must be drained land-artifically drained if subject to stagnant water-or the best grasses cannot be grown, nor can it be brought into profitable rotation with the grain crops. It must be thoroughly seeded -economy in grass seed 'saves at the spig. ot to lose at the bung," in the less quantity and poorer quality of the product. And it must not be overstocked. The best pasture land, especially while young, can be ruined by feeding too closely and unseasonably

-late in automn and early in spring time. But farm improvement by this method equires labor and care. Autemn top-dressing comes at a busy season, and requires previous attention to provide the requiste emposted manure. Hence too many negect it, even though consinced of its imporance and of the greately increased crops which follow the practice. Our better farmers do not practice enconomy of labar, s riving to get along with as little as possible They have found that plenty of healp for all the operations of the farm is the only way of productive and profitable farm man-

A hintor two on getting better grass from our meadows and pastures next season. Let no mild weather tempt us to allow a hoof upon them during the winter. Better buy additional forage for our stock. Where a mixture of clover prevails we should give a top-dressing of plaster in the early springtime. It has been found profitable to mix ashes with plaster for this purpose, and we should never sell a bushel of ashes from the farm, but rather buy instead. It intended for pasture, let the grass get a good start before turning on stock ; the product will be much larger than when fed closely during the whole season. Low land pastures may be fed early with less loss, and especially any containing swamp grasses. We have found good policy to change pastures quite frequently, benefitting both the pasture and he grazing animals. Farms so situated that they may be irrigated at small expense should enjoy this great means of enhanced productiveness. Meadows should be topdressed with fine manure after havingcertainly whenever the crop falls below two tons per acre. If the grass land is to be plowed up for tillage another year, topdressing in automn will be found the best means of appling manure for the future product. But we need not extend these hints larther in this connection-we have

dwelt upon them freely heretolore. The farmer, anxions for improvement, is never at a loss for employment, upon his firm in winter. There ar a thousand things he can do to inhance the comfort and thrift of his stock, and to increase the amount and value of his manure. And it should not be foregotten that the richer and better our stock are fed, the more rapid and profitable their growth, and the far greater value

Preparations for the labors of the coming seed time can be largely made-fences, tools, seeds, and no less important, plans for the work can be got in readiness in this time of comparative leisure. Too many are engaged off their farms at this season, -in work, perhaps bringing in more ready mer and autumn. With the new yearthere is room for all to "turn over a new leaf" in the volume of progress .- Country Sentle-

A good Methodist minister at the West who lived on a very small salary, was greatly in trouble at one time to get his quarterly installment. He had called on the Steward a number of times, but had each time been put off with some excuse. His wants at length becoming orgent, he went to his steward and told him that he must have "What's the matter my dear ?" said a his money, as his family were suffering for

"Money!" replied the steward, "You prench for money?" I thought you preached for the good of souls !"

"Souls!" replied the minister; "I can't eat souls and if I could, it would, take a thousand such souls as yours to make a decent meal !"

"Did you present your account to the defendant?" inquired a lawyer of his client. "I did, sir was the reply. "And what did A typo of Troy. N. Y., has taken \$2,000 he say 2" "He told me to go to the devil." "And what did you do then ?" "Why, "