

CORRESPONDENCE.

To The Publishing Committee of Centre Farmer:—

GENTLEMEN:—In the first number of our Society paper, the CENTRE FARMER, which was just reached me, I find an invitation extended to farmers to contribute to its columns, and I freely accept it with a view to giving expression to some random thoughts:

I am glad to see by the announcement in the first column that we are to have a fair this fall. Having heard some few of our members express an opinion that because of the "Big Show" at Philadelphia this year we should not attempt to hold a fair, I feared that the Executive Committee might so decide, but am glad to notice that my fears were unfounded. It is true, that the Philadelphia show eclipses any that we may be able to make, and it is also true that many of our people will visit it, and that to them, ours will seem tame, but in this I can find only reasons why we should endeavor to have a better and larger fair than ever before. While many of our farmers can visit the Centennial, and will be greatly benefitted, a very much larger number, will, for various reasons, be compelled to deny themselves this privilege, and for their sakes, our fair should go on as usual. Besides those who do visit the Centennial, will be just as anxious to see what progress we have made at home during the year, as though the "Big Show" had not been held. By all means go on with our fair, and let the Executive Committee, and all interested in the management of the Society, exert themselves more than ever before to make it one worthy of the Centennial Anniversary of our National Birthday.

And now, although but a private member of our Society, may I make a suggestion or two in regard to the management of the next fair, in the interests of the public; if it be possible, there should be some change in the management for getting in and out of the fair grounds. The gates for entering and leaving the grounds seem ill-placed, compelling the lines of the in-going and out-coming vehicles to cross each other near the gates, causing much delay and vexation. It seems to me that this could be obviated by proper effort, and I know the change would be appreciated by the public.

Again, could not very much of the delay and crowding in the street between the glass works and the entrance gate, which caused so much discomfort on Thursday of last year, be obviated by selling tickets at some stated place in town for, say, two weeks or more, before the fair?

I see that the Premium List is to be published in one of the numbers of your paper, and presume it is time yet to suggest improvements in it. I have not now the time, nor would you grant me the space to write a dissertation on the evils of horse-racing, even if I were disposed to do so, which I am not; but under all the circumstances, I respectfully submit that it would be well to dispense with this feature of our fairs, as at present conducted, and devote the money which has been heretofore expended in this direction, to giving larger premiums in our regular stock department.

YOURS FOR THE FAIR, X.
Potter Township, June 30, '76.

If the prizes for walking horses, distributed at Philadelphia, tend to draw the attention of breeders to the development of excellence in this gait, the Centennial will not be held in vain.

A PRACTICAL farmer from the far West says that seed oats soaked in strong brine before sowing produces a much more satisfactory crop than seed which has not been soaked; he has also found salt beneficial to both rye and wheat.

A CONVENIENT LAND MEASURE.—To aid farmers in arriving at accuracy in estimating the amount of land in different fields under cultivation, the following table is given:

5 yards wide by 968	long contains 1 acre.
10 yards wide by 484	long contains 1 acre.
20 yards wide by 242	long contains 1 acre.
40 yards wide by 121	long contains 1 acre.
70 yards wide by 69½	long contains 1 acre.
80 yards wide by 60½	long contains 1 acre.
60 feet wide by 726	long contains 1 acre.
110 feet wide by 397	long contains 1 acre.
130 feet wide by 363	long contains 1 acre.
220 feet wide by 198	long contains 1 acre.
240 feet wide by 181½	long contains 1 acre.
440 feet wide by 99	long contains 1 acre.

"TIDYING UP."

There are two necessary jobs that appeal to the taste of every rural dweller, that come as regularly as house-cleaning time, and as surely as the advent of the "potato-bug." The first is planting, and the second cleaning up. No matter how extensive may be the first of these, whether large or small, the latter may not be disregarded in any particular, provided one has any pretension to true taste. It will not do to hastily pick off a few scattering sticks and straws, dig over the flower-beds, and then fold our hands with supreme satisfaction at the completion of our Spring work. Every tree and shrub of small size must be dug around carefully. Use a piece of twine, fasten one end loosely to the body of the plant, and with a sharp pointed stick at the other describe an accurate circle to serve as the outer edge of our work. Be thus particular in everything we undertake. Trim the edges of the walks and beds as neatly as possible. Give the walks a good hoeing and raking. Rake the beds evenly and smoothly after planting, and never let a weed show itself thereafter. Do not forget to prune the shrubs into shape, or in after years they will be sure to remind you of the oversight by a profusion of long, bare stems.

SOAP-SUDS may be used with great advantage for manuring grapevines or any other fruit.

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