# The farmers' Department.

## UTILITY OF COAL ASHES.

"We have always been of the be-lief that anthracite coal ashes would be found useful upon gardens as a fer-tilizer as well as for hardening the walks, and as soon as this fact is dem-onstrated we shall get rid of what is now a great nuisance in a city, stand-ing barrels and boxes of ashes upon the sidewalk. The New England sidewalk. Farmer is of the same opinion as to the utility of coal ashes, and says that it is much more valuable as an absorbent for fertilizing elements in of transacting public business; men must manure than is generally supposed, and may be worth something as a disinfectant

We find the foregoing in several papers without any source. We know something about coal ashes, having As to walks, we have also had consid-the House of Commons, which is the parliament of the parish, to erable experience, nearly all our gar-den avenues being made of coal ashes, as we have often said, and afford the highest satisfaction. If the es, as we have often said, and anord the highest satisfaction. If the ground is dug out from six to eight inches, and the lower stratum be the cinders and other coarser portions of the ashes, or small stones, brickbats, a chieftain, and he holds in his hand the etc., topped off with from two to three inches i of the finer ashes, and rolled. it will make a first-class walk. If the foundations of the walks are so made as to drain off the water falling upon them, they are always in good order, winter and summer. The frost does not effect them injuriously in winter, and in the summer they are in a dry condition five minutes after a rain.

drained, and we are satisfied they have not tell; but there the fact is. In our made the soil more friable, but do not think they are of any value specially to teach young persons to speak or even graph.

WILD OATS FOR SEED .- The seeds of the native wild oats are in such demand for sowing on the arable moun-tain sides, that they bring a higher market value than the tame variety. A farmer living in this valley says the routes to Silverland, thousands of acres are being seeded down for hay and pasturage wherever the oat is not found indigenious, and, until the iron horse has made its way over the Sier-ras the mountain sides will never, if the school-masters advertise themselves then, bear too luxuriant a growth of this cereal.-Napa Reporter. under pretence of exhibiting the abilities of their pupils.

WHEAT IN THE WEST .- A correspondent of the Genessee Farmer at St. Heters, Minn., writes: "Farmers are receiving good prices here; oats, 60 cents; corn, 50 cents; barley, 70 cents. Our main crop is wheat, which can hardly be said to have any sale at present, as buyers only offer 50 cents a bushel, and farmers will not sell except to satisfy some pressing want. Sheep and horses are being rapidly introduced, and this will yet be a great wool country." The crops which have a local demand are in request and bring good prices, but in the case of which has been sent East, the price is comparatively low, owing to the fact that the freight amounts to at least half the value of the wheat after it arrives in New York.

ENORMOUS YIELD OF WHEAT FROM A SINGLE GRAIN .- The Brighton (Eng.) Guardian states that at the Lewes Flower Show, Mr. Spray, of Chailey, exhibited a bundle of wheat containing fifteen hundred and fiftycontaining inteen hundred and nity-one ears, the product of a single grain. This enormous yield was obtained by sowing the seed in June, and dividing the parent plant into three parts. In ple belong to neither of the two classes, a month or so these plants were re-divided and again planted, and in the following spring the plants were again divided

GREAT YIELD OF WHEAT .- J. J. next five months, or in all over thirteen Is it prudent to run the fearful risk ? Mechi, of England, writes to the Mark Lane Express that he has threshed three fields of wheat: the two yielded 58 bushels per acre, and the third field 52 bushels per acre, and Part of it was red wheat, and part bushels per acre, and part breakfast and other things going, in half an doing mean, degrading, or criminal actions. hour, instead of the average time of an They partake of the spirit of a Scotchman white wheat. The red wheat weigh- hour. 131 million half hours equals 675,ed 66 pounds, and the white wheat 64 000 days of ten hours each, or nearly pounds per bushel. What do our ag- 2000 years. This multiplied by five in a ing stationed in the river Medway to re- each must settle for himself. Much dericultural readers think of that? family, will amount to "considerable." \_\_\_\_\_ sist the advance of a Dutch fleet, he was pends upon the amount eaten at each meal, To SWEETEN BUTTER .- By adding How many colds would be prevented if ordered to defend his ship to the last exthe houses were warmed early for the tremtiy, but in no case to retire from his two and a half drachms of carbonate children to wash and dress. So the sub- position. Bravely he fought, until his of soda to three pounds of either fresh ject of kindling fires is not so insignificant ship took fire ; but even then, when the or salt butter, po sessing disagreeable flavor, renders it perfectly sweet .after all, even confining it to our own | most rigorous authority could require no Soda produces the same result when it is added to other culinary greases, readers. Let us study the science of the matter a little and try to increase the numas dripping lard, etc. ber of philosophers.-Exchange.

Educational Department. Advantage of Speaking Well.

Apart from professional advantages, the art of speaking is the surest path to the gratification of your very laudable ambi-tion to the surest path to the tion to take part in the political and so-cial life of your generation. In all coun-tries, and in all ages, the orator has risen to distinction. But his art is nowhere so potent as in free countries, where liberty yet it may be you carry a charmed life, of speech is the hirthright of the citizen or you wear linked armor, socially fitted, of speech is the birthright of the citizen Wherever self-government is recognized and of such rare proof that no fiery arrows or stout broadsword of temptation can meet together in their parishes, their counties, or by whatever name the subdivis-

ions of their country may be known .-They could not discuss the business of the meeting without some speaking, and the me, therefore, to ask you, On what do you something about coal ashes, having liberally used them in the garden for many years. We do not believe they fertilize the soil to any profitable ex-tent; but we do believe they have the seen in all assemblies, from the vestry, the House of Commons, which is the parliament of the nations. A man who cannot speak is there doomed to insignificance; a man who cannot speak but badthen, what a valuable accomplishment is the art of speaking-how surely it will

lead to power, possibly to greatness, certainly to fame, and probably to profit-the marvel is that it is not more cultivated in this country; in truth, it can scarcely be said to be cultivated at all. How is this? Is it that Englismen are unconscious of an easy prey. But the stripling, step-We have spread coal ashes to the its value, or that they think it a gift be-amount of three inches over the soil stowed by nature, which art cannot pro-in the name of the Lord of Hosts," and homes, in our schools, no pains are taken

to read; and he who cannot read well will not speak well. Parents and guardians

cheerfully expend large sums for the teaching of music or drawing-whether a behalf. But alas ! alas ! that Divine aid, natural taste for it does or does not existaccomplishments which only the gifted are likely to turn to good account in after that they produce a much heavier crop life, and for the exercise of which there you deliberately refuse. Like David, you enter his soul. How then, my dear young that they produce a much heavier crop of seed than tame oats, and at the price which bid fair to rule the next year to come, will be the most pro-ductive crop that can be put in. On we crop that can be put in. On entirely neglected, or, if recognized at all, strength. Let us see wherein your power imperfectly taught by a lesson of half-an to overcome lies. hour in a week, or got up for the occasion of a show-off on those dreary days when

of their pupils. NORMAL SCHOOLS.—The Normal schools nitions. Yours would restrain you from

of Pennsylvania are making good progress and are in efficient operation. The noney appropriated by the State has been not do, as your rejection of God as your men into the circumstances which beget wisely expended, and the fruits are already apparent. The chief want of our public school system is a well drilled teach-dethroned your conscience. Its voice has ng corps. It is only by the preparation little or no authority over your desires and and training of such a force that we can make the large expenditure annually aplegiance to it, when it yielded itself to the propriated for the support of the system, oduce good and abundant fruit. The wisdom of the Legislature in bestowing its aid to these schools is clear, and reflects great credit upon its foresight .-Further aid to these institutions is needed, and will be productive of the greatest good.-Pa. School Journal. STARTING THIRTEEN MILLION FIRES.

that "It takes a fool or a philosopher to build a fire well"—which, we suppose, means that the fool will blunder into the there is a deal of worry and bother. The ninety thousand families who receive this be counted happy if, like them, you can number of the paper and read it will need a fire started at least once a day for the

Religious Department. The Social Hazards of a Sinful Life. and

other irreligious youths may have rushed on ruin, you are safe. Well perhaps you are. True you are advancing along a road bristling with the steel of countless foes

pierce or break it. It may be so and it may not; but since the peril is great, and the consequences of a mistake inconceivably fearful, would it not be well for you to look at your means of defense ? Suffer rely for moral safety in this path of world-Let me portray a scene from history.

A beautiful valley, situated between two small hills, was made a battle-field by two armies, whose white tents and fluttering pennons crowned the opposite heights .--In the middle of the vale there strode : colossal warrior, full nine feet in height, and with a frame duly proportioned. He To maintain a splendid establishment he was cased from head to foot with armor of brass. In his hand he bore a spear. With when his pride of character ought to vaunting words he dared the bravest of his foes to meet him in single combat.

Responding to his challenge, there came a slender youth in shepherd's garb. He was beautiful though small in stature .---wore no armor, he carried neither sword nor spear. His only weapon was a sling. His gigantic adversary sneered bitterly at his weakness, and thought to make him

forehead, caused him to fall on his face a dead man. Now, my dear young reader if, you were

not cherish a particle of anxiety in your

which is the only help sufficient to secure any man the victory in the battle of life,

> a powerful guardian. Millions have been saved from ruin by giving heed to its mo-

supreme good plainly shows. Just here passions. Your enslaved will forswore al-

sway of your worldly lusts. With what propriety, then, can you depend on this ill treated faculty to restrain you in the hour of fierce temptation? When your love of creature good shall have placed you in the pillory of folly, when some Circe shall display her meretricious charms and stir your passions with her songs ; when your adored and worshiped world shall tempt you to the embraces of some hitherto unemploy ed, but wicked, perhaps profitable delight ford? You will be on the brink of des truction. Like the ancient Romans when they had banished their noblest and only chief capable of saving them from their terrible enemies, the Gauls, you will

strife of battle, his boasted arms were boothless to protect him. Enes saw him

"At Anxur's shield he drove, and at one blow Both shield and,arm to ground together go." And thus it may be with your pride of character. Under ordinary temptations it may preserve you; but it is the misfortune of most who elect the world to be their god, that circumstances are created by their sinful pursuits which bring them into conflict with overwhelming temptations, before which they fall as swiftly

and as easily as did the boastful Anxur beneath the sword of stern Eneas. Take for illustration the sad example of that wretched traitor, BENEDICT ARNOLD.

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an income ample enough to satisfy every reasonable want. But Benedict Arnold had long cherish

ed an inordinate self-esteem. Prosperity stimulated its growth, and caused it to become his evil genius. Pride. vanity, and ambition, took entire possession of his soul.

have held him back from wrong, he was tempted to dishonest peculations in his disbursements of the public money. Dis-

covered and reprimanded by order of Congress, his now gloomy soul gave birth His step was light, his form erect. He to purposes of revenge. Pride of character controlled him no more, for avarice and revenge tore it up by the roots. Then he chose a traitors destiny, and sought, as you know, to sell his country for paltry place and paltrier gold. His plans were confounded. He fled, and gained a comin the name of the Lord of Hosts," and mission in the British army, and abundant slung a stone which, striking the giant's gold; yet with these gains there came a new-born nation's hatred, and the scorn of a indignant world. Never did mortal

man start in life with greater pride o dvancing like David, toward the gigantic character, and sever did mortal man go dangers which stand in your path, with the to his grave with more shame and infamy " Lord of Hosts" to help you, I would than this same Benedict Arnold, the trait

> Such is the weakness of the pride of character, even in an extraordinary man, when strong temptations, like armed men,

But you feel no inclination to perpetrate those acts which lead to disgrree ?--You have, I presume, a well educated Prabably you do not. Your master pas onscience, which, it must be admitted, is sion is not yet fully grown. Your hour of conflict is not yet. Does that prove it will never come ? May the spark be despised because it is not yet a devouring flame ?-ruinous follies, if you would but enthrone Look into your heart not for a present init in your heart, and do it homage as to clination to dangerous vices, but for the the viceroy of heaven. But this you will pleasure of those tendencies which lead uncontrollable lusts. To be cont

EATING BETWEEN MEALS .- Among the slight causes of impaired digestion, is to be reckoned the very general habit of eating between meals. The powerful digestion of the growing boy makes light of all such irregularities; but to see adults and often those by no means in robust health, eating muffins, buttered toast, or bread and butter, a couple of hours after a heavy dinner, is a distressing spectacle to the physiologist. It takes at least four hours to digest a dinner ; during that period the stomach should be allowed to repose. A little tea or any other liquid is beneficial rather than otherwise, but solid food is a mere incumbrance. There is no gastric juice ready to digest it; and if any reader, having at all a delicate digestion, will attend to his sensations after eating muffins or toast at tea, unless his dinner has had time to digest, he will need no sentence of explanation to convince him of the serious error prevalent in Eng recall your deliverer to his seat of author-lish families of making tea a light meal, ity in season to save yourself from ruin. quickly succeeding a substantial dinner. Many persons there are whose pride of from necessary; but regularity of inter-Regularity in the hours of eating is far Pure Liquors for Me name it, self-respect, restrains them from ters little at what hour you lunch or dine, provided you allow the proper intervals to elapse between breakfast and luncheon, are those intervals? This is a question much also on the rapidity with which each person digests. Less than four hours should never be allowed after a heavy meal of meat. Five hours is about the av-&c. &c. Dec. 9, 1863-tf. erage for men in active work. But those more, he refused to quither deck, and per- who dine late-at six or seven-should never take food again till breakfast next day, unless they have been at a theatre or dancing, or exerting themselves in leg islation, in which case a slight supper is character was stronger than the love of requisite.-Lewis Physiology of Common

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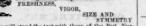
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