

The Farmer's Department.

A PROFITABLE CORN CROP.

We find the annexed account of a Corn Crop and the manner in which it was cultivated, in the last number of the Country Gentleman.

The best corn with us, (Southern Herkimer county, N. Y.), is raised on sod. This was not always the practice; and now and then a farmer turns down stubble, either of grain or corn, for corn.

And now let me give you a particular instance of successful corn-raising—not only successful in the amount of bushels, but profit on the whole crop, labor and all considered.

Moses Smith, a neighbor of mine last spring turned in nine acres of sward. The sward had been mowed for twelve years. It was plowed eight inches in depth.

This sod was plowed in a few days with several teams, and finished the middle of May. The weather was favorable, and the ground in good order.

Before it came up, a handful of hen manure (dry) mixed with a little plaster and wood ashes was applied to each hill.

Thus the soil was kept clean with comparatively little labor, the weeds not being very abundant on the deep turned down soil.

It was what may be called a clean crop. It was certainly a very clean crop, and an even piece of corn, showing good promise at once and throughout, and the best crop of corn, event and the finest, all things considered, I ever saw.

The soil was thoroughly mellow, a deep, rich, black loam, with good natural drainage in the sand and gravel mixed with it, except at the upper end, where water had always been standing more or less during the greater part of the season, from time immemorial.

There were from four to six stalks—averaging five—in a hill. Each stalk had from two to three large ears Dutton corn, "medium size."

The corn was cut in the first half of September; begun on the first and finished on the twelfth day of the month. It had been well glazed, but no more, when cutting was commenced.

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This corn was equally good with the rest; and here the cutting was commenced, perhaps on account of the corn being riper, though of this I am not certain.

The stalks, by being cut early, when yet fully green, the husk of the ear being only changed somewhat—afford the best and sweetest of fodder, having this advantage over hay, say our farmers, that it makes yellow, as well as better flavored butter, and is preferred to any hay.

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of the sun—and the hills on either side of the valley, running east and west, thus warding off the winds, and giving a direct chance to the sun—all these things have their effect in producing in this valley the corn that is raised.

The two successful crops of the valley are corn and hops, making fortunes for their proprietors; and they are usually grown on the same farm, and generally in addition to a dairy.

The principle of planting corn on green sward is held to be this: the mellow soil on top is favorable to tillage, and free (if plowed deep) from insects, as we have said; and by the time the roots penetrate well the sward—which occurs at the commencement of the hot weather in July—decomposition will have set in, which warms the under soil as well as enriches it, and thus drives on the corn.

This is the principle held here. At any rate, corn is a success on greensward, turned down in the spring. Now and then fall plowing has a good effect, or has had, as little as is done now.

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There is no selfishness where there is a wife and family. There the house is lighted up by mutual charities; everything achieved for them is a victory; everything endured is a triumph. How many voices are suppressed that here may be no bad example! How many exertions made to recommend and inculcate a good one!

Religious Department.

The Social Hazards of a Sinful Life.

A gentleman in India once reared a tiger cub. His kindness seemed to eradicate the ferocity of its nature, and it grew up as docile as a pet pig.

Let this fact illustrate a valuable truth. Let the sleeping ferocity of the tiger, waked by the taste of blood, stand for a figure of that slumbering passion in your breast which needs but the taste of strong temptation to rise into a terrible life, and to break over all the feeble defences which a maltreated conscience, and pride of character, may have built up in your soul to protect its virtue.

But you have established moral habits, and you rely on their protection, perhaps. Well, I congratulate you heartily. Good moral habits are very desirable guardians, and if they have been formed in obedience to the conscience and the religious affections, they are as powerful to protect as the angelic forces which guarded Elisha on the hill of Dothan.

Search, then, beloved reader, for the origin of these boasted moral habits. Seize them therefore. Search them. Challenge them as to whence they came and whither they tend! See if the best of them are not merely negative virtues after all—that is, you habitually avoid certain forms of sin because you have no natural inclination for them.

Search, again, and see if others of your habits do not proceed from your education, your life associations, your pride of character, your self esteem, your love of approbation, your fear of obloquy or physical suffering, or some other merely selfish motive? Look closely and I think you will discover SELF to be the sovereign to whom these boasted moral habits do homage.

But are selfish habits reliable protectors in these conflicts with the passions to which you stand exposed? Remember, that these passions make their appeal to that very selfishness from which your present habits have sprung, self-will, self-interest, self-pleasing—not respect for God and duty—have made you what you are.

What may not happen, therefore, if in the exigencies of your future life, the now half awakened passion of acquisitiveness, or ambition, or avaritiveness, should plead with self-interest or self-pleasing for dangerous and unlawful indulgences. Would your old habits be likely to resist the pleadings of their own parents thought you? They might; and so might a fence of rushes check the march of the awful avalanche; yet who would feel like building his house beside such a fence, with the snow masses trembling above him, ready to fall under the tread of a passing chariot?

It cannot be; selfish habits cannot protect you from the assaults of temptations which appeal to the very selfishness which gave them birth. On the contrary, such habits serve to betray your soul by preparing it for defeat in the hour of trial. What are these habits but repeated acts of fealty to the dominant principle of selfishness? What are they but the jailers of your worldly mind, binding its will with chains of steel to the throne of selfishness, and keeping vigilant watch and ward over it, lest it should flee its bondage, and achieve its freedom by submission to God and duty.

These questions must be answered in the affirmative. What then? Why it follows that you have already parted with your freedom to resist the solicitations of selfish passions. Your moral habits, of which you boast, are but the chains with which the selfish or carnal mind has bound you. Like Paul's unrenewed man, you are carnal, sold under sin. Let me illustrate your condition.

There is an ancient tale that tells of a wandering princess who found an asylum in a deserted palace. Pleased with its quiet, she sought rest from the fatigues of its deserted chambers, and made it her temporary home. Day after day she walked up and down its grand old halls and wandered through its vast apartments, thinking herself free and alone. Its gates stood open as when she entered, only a spider had stretched his fine, light, almost invisible web across the portals. This is a feeble obstacle, and the princess feels no doubt of her power to brush it aside with her delicate fingers when she is ready to resume her journey.

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