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# 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. Just now, when hard-working farmers have most leisure, and the subject of the next corn crop must be under consideration the perusal of the statement which follows, which we heartily commend, will prove interesting, and it may be, profitable

The best corn with us, (Southern Herkimer county, N. Y.,) is raised on sod. This was not always the prac-tice; and now and then a farmer turns down stubble, either of grain or corn, for corn. But the best cultivators, and the great majority, plant upon sod. This, a thorough experi-ence his demonstrated, is the best practice. And now let me give you a particu

ar instance of successful corn-raising --not only successful in the amount of bushels, but profit on the whole crop, labor and all considered. Farwant not only great crops ; they want profitable crops. And here is

Moses Smith, a neighbor of mine last spring turned in nine acres of The sward had been meadow for twelve years. It was plowed eight inches in depth. This was done to secure mellow top soil, as new fer-tility from below. Another thing :---The sod turned in deep, the worms are kept below, working in the sod till the corn has a good start. That is the theory, and it seems a successful one.

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. Immediately after the plow order. Immediately after the plow left, the corn was planted. Before it came up, a handful of hen manure (dry) mixed with a little plaster and wood ashes was applied to each hill. This was done, says Mr. Smith, to prevent the insects from hurting the eorn, and to give it an early start .---It came up readily and "black". It grew on at once. Moist warm weath-er setting in, the cultivator was called into requisition, and, during the summer, was passed six times thr ough the rows each way, the rows being four feet apart. The hoe was used around the hill to cut away the grass and in such manner as to draw away some of the ground, so as to give the sun a more direct chance at the roots. Thus the soil was kept clean with

comparatively little labor, the weeds ing very abundant on the deep turned down soil. It was what may be called a clean crop. It was cer-tainly a very clean soil, and an eyen piece of corn, showing good promise at once and throughout, and the best crop of corn, evenest 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 standing more or less during the grea ter part of the season, from time im-memorial. Through this a ditch was run, I believe the fall previous. To my surprise, and everybody else's the corn was equally good here. But the soil was as mellow as the rest, and equally rich and black, with, Ibelieve a little marl mixed with it.

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 twelth day of the month It had been well glazed, but no more when cutting was commenced.

I should have mentioned that several acres of the lot had been in corn the year before, on sod turned down.-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 corn here last year was excellent, but lacked a few bushels to the acre of the crop of the present season, which was more fa-

of the sun-and the hills on either side of the vally, running east and west, thus warding off the winds, and giving a direct chance to the sun-all these things have their effect in pro-ducing in this valley the corn that is raised. But corn is raised success-fully, in the same manner, on the hills, and throughout this section generally, varying in profit with the nature of the soil.

The two successful crops of the valley are corn and hops, making for-tunes for their proprietors; and they are usually grown on the same farm, and generally in addition to a dairy. The three are usually found together, the dairy enriching the soil (by pas-turage and the manure that is made,) the cornstalks supplying fodder, and the corn ground preparing the land for seeding, which generally here follows the next crop, either of oats wheat or barley, the latter two being

insects, as we have said; and by the time the roots penetrate well the sward-which occurs at the commence-ment of the hot weather in Julydecomposition will have set in, which warms the under soil as well as en-

riches 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 the winter, unless the drainage is perfect, which is far from being the case generally. This, by the time the corn is planted, seems so sour, and if turned up with the

In clay we know this is the case, even if are not merely negative virtues after allthe soil is but slightly mixed with it. One that is, you habitually avoid certain forms of the greatest injuries to soil, whether of sin because you have no natural incliplowed in the fall or the spring, is to plow nation for them. For example, you are t wet. This is the case with our soil, as not a miser, because your nature is not I have often enough witnessed. I find avaricious; you are not a spendthrift, bethere is little difference whether the soil cause your nature inclines you to save s black or yellow, rich or otherwise, rather to waste; you are not given to noise hough gravel or sand is less objectionable and quarrel, bec Though the soil is very rich, black, mel- tues, because they require no effort-no low soil, highly productive, we prophecied earnest willing. They are little else than a failure the next season ; and it turned the passive outgrowths of your mental out, eminently. I have lost entire crops constitution, just as docility, fidelity, peacein this way, one, a barley crop on good fulness are the results of organization in ground, by harrowing it when wet, and some of the inferior animals.

and finely harsh, almost a miracle to look habits do not proceed from your educaat in its consequences.

corn on sod, is preferred, and is always a approbation, your fear of obloquy or physsuccess if the corn is well taken care of, ical suffering, or some other merely selin this locality, especially in the valley. fish motive? Look closely and I think And why not so in other places ? We you will discover SELF to be the sovereign think Mr. Smith has his upon the right to whom these boasted moral habits do management, and it is his second year of homage. The bare fact that you choose farming ; he is a young farmer, and reads the world, instead of the Creator, to be and thinks, and labors-labors himself. your supreme good and therefore lord over I should have mentioned that no ma- your habits. You do not, because you cannure is used, the sod being considered not, serve both God and mammon. sufficient manure. This is applied on fessedly, God does not reign in you grass lands as a top-dressing here with the and therefore selfishness must. best of success-though none that I am aware of, and I am pretty certain in this,

well without manure. F. G.

BOILED FRUIT PUDDING .--- Take sough flour for a crust; add dry to e flour a little salt and saleratus the made fine ; wet with sour cream ; roll the crust, and line the inside of a buttered bowl; put in a layer of any kind of fruit or preserves, (I prefer preser-ved currants;) then crust and fruit alternately, until the bowl is full; cover the top with a crust, press tightly the edge, tie it in a cloth, then plunge in boiling water and boil two hours. If where water is needed, replenish with boiling water, as it should be kept cov-ered with it and constantly boiling, if a light, dry crustis desired. It should be from the transformed of the should be

# 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. One day its owner, being alone with it in his library, caressed it and gave it his hand to lick. The rough tongue of the animal grazed his skin and gave its first taste of blood. Then its ferocious nature awaked. Fury gleamed from its eye, and couching itself

it made ready to spring upon its master Fortunately the gentleman had a loaded pistol on his table and saved his life by ooting his former pet. 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 meters of baries, the latter two being preferable for seeding. The principle of planting corn on green sward is held to be this: the mellow soil on top is favorable to til-lage, and free (if plowed deep) from acter, may have built up in your soul to protect its virtue. One moment of triumphant passion may suffice to undo the work of half a lifetime. And you, have

you not this tiger in your breast? 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 obedihad, as little as is done now. But it seems ence to the conscience and the religious the sod turned down gets soaked during affections, they are as powerful to protect ence to the conscience and the religious 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 plow is often found to be wet. Especially them therefore. Search them. Challenge late (fall) plowing seems to have this ef- them as to whence they came and whithfeet, probably by packing the soft wet soil. er they tend ! See if the best of them cause your nature inclines

but once at that. The ground was bare, Search, again, and see if others of you

tion, your life associations, your pride of On the whole, then, spring plowing for character, your self esteem, your love of

But are selfish habits reliable protectors in these conflicts with the passions to was ever used on Mr. Smith's meadow, which you stand exposed? Remember, the soil being rich and always yielding that these passions make their appeal to that very selfishness from which your present habits have sprung, self-will, selfinterest, 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 amativeness, should plead with self-interest or self-leasing for dangerous and unlawful indulgencies. Would your old habits be likely to resist the pleadings of their own parents think you? They might; and so might a fence of rushes check the march of the awful ava-

lanche; yet who would feel like building his house beside such a fence, with the snow masses trembling above him, ready be frequently turned to prevent its to fall under the tread of a passing cham-

### lered through its vast apartments, think ng 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 fee-ble 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. At length she resolves to quit the place

She raises the web very easily, but there is a second one behind. She pushes this aside, when a third, bars her way. This is lifted but there is a fourth, a fifth, a sixth! Boldly she pushes them aside, but still web succeeds web. Her strength is put forth until she is ready to drop with fatigue. But her heart is bold and

she struggles still! Vain struggles !-There is no end of these obstructing webs. They are fine, light, but mighty in their self-renewing strength. They exhaust both her power and her corage. She gives up the contest. Her hands fall list-lessly by her side. The princess is a pris-

oner!

Poor young princess ! Poor young world-Like her, you move with p easure ing! in a palace of beauty and light, cherishng the fancy that you are free to go or remain, to drink deeply or lightly of the

wine of selfish indulgences, or to abstain altogether if you so will. And like her you see not how selfish habits are weaving webs in your path, nor how one sinful habit leads to another, until the gorgeous world of your sinful choice will become your Bastile, from which you find no egress save by the low gateway of faith in Christ, or by the "sorrow of the world," and eternal death.

Do you doubt this view of your liberty? Test it, then, by an experiment on your-Free yourself from the bonds of self. your favorite pleasures. Break away from your chosen haunts and from your elect vorld, and attempt to take your first steps in the path of religious duty, which is the true way of virtue! Try to do these things with all the moral might of your sisted nature, and see if you do not find yourself the slave of your own self ish lusts-see if with Paul's unregenerate man you are not soon led to ery out 'How to perform that which is good I find not," and if, persisting in the trial, you do not at length groan out your de spair by crying, "O wretched man that I m! who shall deliver me from the body of this death ?" Trust not, therefore, for security against

the great and terrible liabilities of your earthly career, to your moral habits, your pride of character, or your faithful but much maltreated conscience. They are not reliable guardians over your safety. They cannot grapple with such foes to you life-success as crowd the high-ways of the gay world you have chosen to serve. If you trust to them you will, in all proba bility, be left to fall into some folly which will be the evil genius of your life. Your vanity, or pride, or love of power, or lust of gain, your social affections, or your quick imperious temper, your envy, malice, or revenge, your dread of poverty your fear of ridicule, or some other self ish desire, passion, or propensity, will drag you down from the serene heights of peace ful innocence into the gloomy valleys of mental wretchedness, and, it may be; into the still gloomier depths of poverty, shame and possibly of crime. Pause, then, beloved young worldling,

n your gay career. Listen to the warning voice of him who, knowing the path you tread, says of it: " There is a way which eemeth right unto a man, but the end there of are the ways of death." Consider also these lines of old Francis Quarles:

Inese lines of old *Prances Quartes*; "O what acrocollian world is thia, Composed of treacheries and ensaring wiles; She choice destinction in shormal kies, She hung the soul she hattes; and then does prove the veriest tyrant where she to work to love; And is a serpent most when most she seeman dove." **Iner** A skunk once challenged a lion to the destination of the destination of the destination of the she hung the series of the destination of the destination of the **Iner** A skunk once challenged a lion to the **Iner** A skunk once the destination of the destination of the **Iner** A skunk once the destination of the destinat

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