

Agricultural.



From the West Chester Republican. Letters from the Country to a City Friend.

When our grass harvest comes, we do not fret and fume and scour the country for laborers as our ancestors did of yore, fearful lest we should not find hands enough to cut and secure our crops.

When the mower has done its duty on the grass, and the hay is properly dried, our horse rake saves our lands from many blisters that the hand rake used to confer.

Walking behind the revolving horse rake, or standing upon the platform of the "independent tooth rake," we soon run over our ten acre field and have our hay in rows or cocks ready for the wagon and the barn.

The heavy and laborious operation of mowing the hay is now superseded by the great hay hook, which with its long iron fingers takes hold of huge masses from the wagon, and drawn upward by a horse attached to a rope working over a stationary pulley, fastened to the rafters or a beam, deposits it at will on any part of the meadow that may be desired.

The hay once secure, with a slight alteration we turn our mower into a reaper and then it does speedily and effectually as much for the grain as it did for the hay, and the farmer can quickly avail himself of the good weather and easily and speedily secure his crops.

Where the climate is variable and the weather precarious, where the ground is level and its surface smooth, and the crops large, the mower and the horse rake are the two most powerful adjuncts to the farmer which he can possibly possess.

The harvest having been gathered and the grain stubble ploughed, the wheat drill saves the farmer the tedious operation of sowing his grain. He fills the box of his machine with the grain to be sowed, and mounting his seat he drives his team backwards and forwards across the field, depositing the seed evenly, regularly and at equal depths, economizing seed, giving it equal chances of vegetation, and affording it a proper covering of earth to screen it from unfavorable influences, to assist its development and afford it sustenance.

The amount of labor saved, the economy in the quantity of seed used, the equal chances afforded to each grain to vegetate and grow, render it one of the most valuable machines yet invented for the farmer, second to none save the mower and reaper, and perhaps equally important when the end to be accomplished is considered.

Our harvest being secured, if grain is in demand and the market a good one, we can avail ourselves of the first rainy day, and putting old Jolly on the revolving or endless horse power, we put our threshing machine in motion, & between sunrise and sunset we have a hundred bushels of the best of wheat ready for the mill.

pulley of the fan, and in a short time the wheat is winnowed and ready for the bags and a market.

We can thus avail ourselves of every opportunity to reap the rewards of our previous labors, and instead of lingering long through the whole winter to get our crops out, we can have them threshed, bagged and sold away from the chances of storms, lightning or fire, before the corn has been husked or the apples have been gathered.

As yet we have no machine for cutting corn, but when the system of planting it by the drill, comes to be universally adopted, the inventive genius of the universal Yankee nation will find some plan to relieve us of that labor, and make our horses do what now we have to do ourselves.

We have, however, thrown away the flail and tub and spade system of shelling corn, and the numerous corn shellers now in use applicable to horse or hand power, effect in a day, what by the old process would cost a similar number of laborers employed a fortnight or a month to effect.

When winter comes on, and our horses and cattle, receiving no subsistence from the fields, required food and shelter at our hands, our well constructed sheds, and our hay, straw and fodder cutters, enable us to provide them with shelter and with food easy of digestion, keeping them sleek, healthy and fat with less labor and at less expense than farmers could do it in the olden time.

In taking care of ourselves, we have not been less thoughtful of our wives and daughters, and the great churns turned by water, dog or horse power, and the butter working machines save our women much of the labor that they used to undergo from obstinate cream or huge lumps of butter.

You will thus see, my dear Urban, that the hard and severe labor that we used to see our agricultural friends enduring, when as boys we visited them, (I do not like to say how many years ago,) have been greatly mitigated, and that the exhausting toils of cornplanting, lime spreading, mowing grass, raking and mowing hay, sowing, threshing, cornshelling have been removed from the muscles of the human species and laid upon those of the most sturdy brute creation. We have now more time for study, for thought, for recreation. We can travel more, can see our country and its improvements and observe its progress in wealth, industry and population. We have ceased to be human machines, and have come to be men.

We can find time to read and study literature and politics and take a deeper interest in the affairs of Government than we have done heretofore. By our agricultural clubs and societies, we are diffusing information into every nook and corner in our land. Farm Journals are in every man's house, and agricultural statistics and essays are studied and pondered with assiduity and zeal. We have excited an esprit de corps in the farming community, and have procured the passage of a law for the establishment of a Farmers' high school, and the commissioners appointed for that purpose have already set out on their travels in search of a suitable location.

We do not intend to stop here, but will not rest until we have established a college in which every art and science connected with agriculture shall be so thoroughly taught that the degree of A. M. or Master of Agriculture shall be as honorable a title when bestowed by our college, as the other title of A. M. or Master of Arts when bestowed by literary institutions.

We have become an "institution" in the Commonwealth. We are drawn more closely together than ever; we can now effect concert of action, and our power and influence can easily be brought to bear upon the destinies of our State and the nation.

The profession so loved of Cincinnatus and so so honored by Washington, is taking its proper station in the history and politics of the land, and the time will soon come when the farmer shall be more omnipotent than the soldier, and the holder of the plough shall be able to say to our rulers when they shall take up and when they shall lay down the sword.

The wheat drill will soon be more powerful than the musket, and the mower and reaper shall preserve and feed more than the cannon can destroy.

You need not, therefore, think that we belong to an ignoble profession, or that we are overburdened slaves that do nothing but eat, drink, labor and sleep away life like the horses we drive, but you will soon find that "State House yard" meetings are but the empty fulminations of uneducated politicians, unless their voices are echoed from the hills and valleys of those who till the land and sow and reap the grain.

Thirty-four years, by the last Massachusetts annual report of 1841, and 1842, on first, they were 1841, and 1842.

to live long and enjoy life and health, and hold pleasant communion with nature, you must throw away your yard stick, shut up your ledgers, and come and raise wheat and feed cattle out in the country amongst the bone and sinew of the land.

Education.

RAYETVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY.—This Institution will open on the 1st of March, in a new and commodious building for that purpose, under the direct and superintendence of Rev. J. Kennedy and Samuel Thomson.

For board, washing, fuel and light, per session of 4 months, \$10 00. Tuition in Senior class per session, 8 00. Junior, 6 00. Primary, 4 00.

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DR. C. E. BLUMENTHAL, HO. MEDICAL PHYSICIAN. Office and residence on Lehigh street, one door east of the German Hotel.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that I have, this day, associated with me in the practice of my profession, Wm. M. Penrose and Thos. M. Biddle, Esqrs.

C. P. HUMRICH, Attorney at Law. Office in Boston's Row. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to.

WILLIAM C. RHEEM, Attorney at Law. Office in Main Street, Carlisle, Pa. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to.

A. N. GREEN, Attorney at Law, has settled in Mechanicsburg, for the practice of his profession.

G. B. COLE Attorney at Law, will attend promptly to all business entrusted to him—Office in the Court Street, occupied by William Irvine, Esq., North Hanover Street, Carlisle.

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DR. J. C. LEO, DENTIST, will perform all operations upon the Teeth that are required for their preservation, such as Scaling, Filing, Plugging, &c., or will restore the loss of teeth by inserting Artificial Teeth, from a single tooth to a full set.

SCRIVENER AND CONVEYANCER.—A. L. SPONSLER, late Register of Cumberland county, will carefully attend to the transaction of all business connected with the writing of Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts, &c.

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Miscellaneous.

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GAS FITTING AND PLUMBING.—The undersigned would inform his fellow citizens of Carlisle, that he has made arrangements to do GAS FITTING and PLUMBING at short notice, and on reasonable terms.

TINNING, SPOUTING, &c.—He is also prepared to furnish or make to order, every article of TIN WORK, by the cooper and others. He will also attend to SPOUTING, HOSE-ROOFING, RILL, RANGING and PLUMBING.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—C. V. HELEN, respectfully informs the citizens of Carlisle and vicinity, that he has just returned from California, and is prepared to execute all kinds of work connected with the line of business.

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