

In the reports we have of the large yields of certain farms a good deal is attributed to the cultivation of root crops and other matters very much neglected by our farmers. D. D. T. More who has a farm near Albany of 185 acres give his experience some years ago as follows—he is in favor of deep ploughing, not less than eight inches, and often deeper—he finds it best to apply manure as a top dressing after the grain is harrowed in, at the rate of from twenty to twenty-five loads spread evenly over the surface. His best mode of improving his land, was by plowing under clover aided by 250 lbs of plaster to the acre. He makes from thirty head of cattle and six horses, about 300 loads of manure, which he likes to have pretty well rotted before putting on the land, and the manure heap he covers with earth, to prevent the escape of gases. Lime he has applied as a top dressing—plaster, he uses on his clover; guano he finds to dear for common purposes. He tilled 144 acres in 1851—10 in wheat 35 in rye, 27 in corn, 32 in buckwheat, 20 in potatoes, 12 in broom corn, 1 in sowed corn, 2 in melons, and 1½ in strawberries and asparagus. The reason of so small a portion of wheat, was, because of its continued failure in that region. His gross receipts were \$4 852 51, and expenses \$2 174 35, leaving net profits \$2 678 16. Mr. More has more than a thousand apple trees, beside peach, pear, plum and quince trees, the whole now covering 52 acres, which orchards are cultivated between the trees. Would it not be the interest of of some of our farmers to give more attention to Horticulture, and employ one hand, exclusively for that purpose? Mr. More that year sold 363 bunches of asparagus for \$69, sweet corn \$257, melons 148, raspberries 31, potatoes \$100. And some of these extra things owing to the season were a failure. One of our farmers within four miles of Carlisle told me he had a yield year before last of 160 quarts of Strawberries which I suppose averaged 17 cents a quart. The best peaches are selling readily in our streets at thirty-seven and a half cents a peck, while pretty good ones will only command twenty cents a peck in the market. Common pears sell for about 75 cents a bushel when the Seekel and Bartlett would command twice that sum and yet we see on most of the farms peach trees with little hard worthless fruit not worth the gathering—a grafted peach tree of the best fruit costs about ten cents and occupies no more space than that which

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