

The Farmer

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRY.

The editor of the St. Louis DEMOCRAT, who is now in Europe, writes to his paper as follows:

"It is becoming clearer every day that American farmers cannot raise wheat for export, in competition with the grain-growing areas of Europe. Now that the same appliances in the way of farm implements are

the same facilities of rail transportation and exist there are there being rapidly introduced to the American farmer has no advantage of the European competitor in this respect, and the latter is a giant in the development of the advantage over American producers in this fact that he can get hands at 12 to 15 cents per day, while we must pay \$2 and \$2 50. In 1889 there was a short crop in Europe. In England paid us \$24,790,116 for 12,427,000 bushels of wheat, and in 1890 we received an average crop of \$21,898,116 for 12,427,000 bushels of wheat, or \$1,891,000 less for the same quantity. Here we treble the export for double the price. Supposing, instead of an average crop Europe had enjoyed a very large crop, the price would have been lower. What are our prospects for the future? What are our chances for saving money? What are our chances that we shall develop our mines, iron and

our water powers, encourage the South to produce cotton, sugar and rice to a great extent, leaving the grain raising to the North. Let the Northwest grow more tobacco, beans, hemp, flax, sorghum, beet sugar, stock, wool, &c. By having less grain and more of the articles named, this country rapidly increase in wealth and prosperity.

Whereupon the **TOLLEDO BLAME** makes the following comments:

"The DEMOCRAT might have added, and that we should dot the whole land over with mills to grind and make, with factories

weave and spin, with forges and shops, manufacture, and in short, develop every source of our land and unfold every aptitude of hand and brain we possess. A diversified industry will keep the ship in good trim, with good pilotage keep it off the rocks which so many communities, for lack of wisdom, have been wrecked."

have salt at all, we observe it is still being discussed and going the rounds of the agricultural papers.

Practical experience has long since solved these questions, and we think no stock owner or other farmer, who has ever tried it, will sort any but the common sense plan of having a lump of rock salt accessible to the stock at all times. It should be in the horse and cow trough, in the sheep and barn-yard, and in the field. They will then take as much as they want and nature prompts them to more. Taken in this way, it will promote

Salt is not a food but a condiment. A human system requires some salt in it, but we imagine if a tablespoonful or a quantity of salt was put before a man at certain times, and perhaps when his title did not prompt the use of it, it would do good. We think the same rule applies to our domestic animals; but by allowing *free access* to it, they will never take more than enough, and what they do take

FINE WOOL.—Sanford Howard says LANSING REPUBLICAN, that as fine wool is produced in this country as in any of that is simply a question of profit. He farther that the finest wool cannot be dug as cheaply as the coarser grades, sheep producing it are not generally so big

and do not yield to heavy fleeces; they grow in reaching maturity, do not fatten, and do not make very good mutton. The demand for these finest wools is small compared with that for other qualities, and decreased, as broad-cloth is not so generally worn as formerly. He thinks, however, that the country would be benefited by producing this wool; which can only be done by imposing high duties on imported wool of this class.

should be exercised that the drainage of the latter does not affect the former. No wells are poisoned in this way. The water tastes unpleasantly; which is proof that it is unhealthy. Seek out the cause, such that it is the sink-hole, and you will be on the right track. Many families suffer the effects of water drawn from wells affected by sinks.

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