

Farmer's Column.

THE PROFITS OF FARMING.

We all know of instances where a man has begun with nothing, as we may say, and in a few years has paid for his farm, stock, &c. besides supporting his family; but we wish to know how it has been done. I have had, lately, some little experience of the income and outgoes of farming, having kept a minute farm account for several years, and I have thus far succeeded in obtaining a surplus, entirely within the farm, and have also improved it yearly, though I have had my share of bad luck in crops and herds. He might express the term, "bad luck," more correctly, if not so concisely, in nine cases out of ten, this—the natural result of carelessness and ignorance.

Before going any farther, I will mention the five essentials of farming, to make it profitable, without going to the wood-rot or selling the corner-lot, as Mr. P. urges, and he will agree that they are all important.

I find the first requisite is prudence; and I would like space to give a list of the many different themes that cluster around it. The second is capital, even if it only lies in health and strength of body and mind, with skill and knowledge. The third, honesty, or else the profits might arise from overreaching, instead of farming. The fourth, permanence of occupation, either by long leases or ownership, as that will enable the farmer to adopt all necessary rotations, plan ahead, and work out a system peculiar to his land—as there are seldom two contiguous farms in this valley that require exactly the same system; and lastly, over all, the blessing of the Creator; with these, and a market, any man can bring the balance on the right side of account.

Now, as I said above, I have found farming profitable, and my general farm account shows it; but when I try the figures that cannot lie on the cost and value of single crops, or the raising and fattening of cattle, swine, &c. a la mode de pincham, I generally get the like result as he, and here lies the difficulty, and here also stands the solution. Mr. P.'s accounts—see Vol. XI., page 563, N. E. Farmer—are not properly farmer's accounts; they may be a tailor's or stavedores memorandum of what it cost to obtain an acre of land and hire labor, and buy manure, &c., for a crop of corn, or to get a calf one day old, and buy everything for it until it is a cow.—This is not real farming. It may be amateur farming, and it is as innocent a way of spending money, as going to the watering places, or patrolling the race course.

The prudent farmer don't hire his labor and manure, without cash outlay, or any outlay, but his time and strength; in a word, his time is devoted to his land; cutting wood and poles in winter; then fencing; then in spring, planting in hope; cultivating, haying, composting, &c., through the summer; reaping the fruit of his labor in autumn, while his sales all the year round bring in the dollars, and the difference between his cash outlay and his cash receipts is his profit, and yet our farmer is a stay-at-home man; he don't hire out on the road, or go about hewing, to get money to pay his taxes; for the old proverb teaches that "the foot of the owner is the best manure." There is always enough to do on his own land, by which his future work will be easier done, with greater profit.—New England Farmer.

HOW TO PREPARE HOMINY.

R. Avery writes to the American Agriculturist: "As we are frequently inquired of at the table, how to treat hominy to make it so white and soft, I send you the process for publication. Make strong lye, put it over a brisk fire and when boiling, turn in sound white shelled corn as much as the lye will cover. Boil and stir briskly, until the bran is loose (from one to three minutes,) hurry it into clean water and wash and rub it thoroughly, to remove all specks of bran. Soak it several hours changing the water each hour; it will then look white and clean. As much may be hulled at a time as there is lye to cover, and after the lye is out, it can be spread and dried for use. In boiling the hominy, par-boil for a short time, then put it in boiling water, and as you fill up, do it with boiling water. Cold water would set it and it would get no softer. Boil very moderately 8 or 10 hours without stirring, or it will burn. In preparing for the table, put some in a frying pan, and when done mash with a potato masher. Season with salt and gravy or use in milk. In cold weather 19 out of 20 prefer it to the best potatoes."—American Agriculturist.

ROOT CELLAR ABOVE GROUND.

A correspondent of the Rural New Yorker objects to the mode of constructing root cellars of posts, plank and straw, on account of its forming a harbor for rats. He has made one or two feet stone walls, no stone passing through to conduct the heat. The door frame is furnished with two doors, one opening inwards, the other outwards. The bottom has two coats of water lime, to exclude rats and mice. It has two windows, and is plastered overhead. It is sixteen by twenty feet, seven feet high, and is surmounted with tool-house and work-shop. The owner says he finds it best to put no more roots in a cellar than will last two months at a time—for a longer period they keep better buried.

DRINK LESS WITH YOUR MEALS.—Many men have relieved themselves of dyspepsia by not drinking anything, not even water during their meals. No animal except man ever drinks in connection with its food. Men ought not to. Try this dyspeptic: and you will not wash down mechanically that which ought to be masticated and ensalivated before it is swallowed.

Don't tread this line, it ends the column.

Wise and Otherwise.

"WAR FRAZES."

Ike Billings takes a logical view of war frazes. "On to Richmond," that's tu say, if the kussed rebels will allow it.

"Parrelle lines," are them kind of lines that never cum together.

"Militara necessita"—ten offishers and a galon of whisky to every three privates.

"Ouluce the dogs of war," but muzzle the darn knitters; if you don't somebody will get hurt.

"War of Exterminashun"—this fraze belongs holly to the Kommissara Department.

"Advance Gard"—this is a gard tha hav tu hav in our army, to keep our fellers' from pitchin in tu the arena fruntwards.

"Rere Gard"—this is a gard tha hav to keep our fellers, when tha are surrounded from pitchin in tu the arena backwards.

"Awl quiet on the Pottermuck"—this shows what perfect suljeshun our fellers are under.

"Pickets"—these are chaps that are sent out to berry tubaker of the enema, and see if the cussed rebels has got a pass.

A SWEARING PARTY.—One of the counties of the State of Connecticut boasts of a Judge who, though poorly furnished with those little refinements usually met in polished society, is an energetic shrewd man, and a promising lawyer. A negro of his was about to give away his daughter in marriage and having a deep rooted dislike to the clerical profession, and being determined, as he said, "to have no infernal person in his house," he sent for his friend, the Judge, to perform the ceremony. The Judge came, and the candidates for the connubial yoke taking their places before him, he thus addressed the bride:

"You swear you will marry this man?"

"Yes sir," was the reply.

"And you," (to the bride-groom) "swear you will marry this woman?"

"Well, I do," said the groom.

"Then," says the Judge, "I swear you're married."

An Irishman who had been sentenced to be hanged, and was pardoned by the Governor, desiring to begin the world with a new wife, wrote to his old one as follows: "Dear Norah—I was hanged yesterday and am now dead and buried. As ye'll be want n: a new husband, I think Mick Gannon would be glad to marry ye, the purpose of getting a shanty to put his head in. Ye'd better take Mick, for he'll be a father to our poor orphans. So no more from your unfortunate dead husband Patrick Ashley."

A poor country hawker, being on the act of shooting a butcher-bird was taken before a justice. "So fellow," cried the justice, "you think fit to shoot without a license, do you?"—Oh, no, your honor, I censed the off-ender, "I have a license for hawking." So saying, he handed him his pedlar's license, and the bird shot being a hawk, the man was discharged.

Some music teacher once wrote the "art of playing on the violin requires the keenest perception, and the most sensibility of any art in the known world." Upon which an editor comments in the following manner: "The art of publishing a newspaper and making it pay, and at the same time have it please evreybody, beats fiddin' higher than a kite."

Somebody writing to a contemporary relates the following sell of a wag, who, for the amusement of a crowd, was holding a scriptural confab with a colored divine, "Why Charley, you can't even tell who made the monkey?"—Oh, yes, I can, massa, "Well, who made the monkey?"—"Why massa, the same one made the monkey that made you!"

"Temperance," says Dr. Franklin, "puts coal on the fire, meal in the barrel flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the household, and vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution."

We of this Administration, and of this Congress cannot escape history.—Abe Lincoln.

No. Indeed, if you all escape the Pententary, you'll do better than you all deserve.

An old Jew, who sold exclusively for cash, said that he did it for the benefit of his neighbors. He did not wish to see them, "deep in debt mit him, ven dey ish got no monish to pay mit."

Alan was fond of his joke, and when he saw his sons and daughters marry one another, he dryly remarked to Eve, that if there had been no apple, there would have been no pairing.

A physician, in speaking of the frail constitution of the women of the present day, remarked that we ought to take great care of our grandmothers' for we should never get any more.

A man who wont take a paper because he can borrow one, has invented a machine with which he can cook his dinner by the smoke of his neighbors chimney.

Niggers for religion; pasteboard for money the Chicago platform for a guide; and Abe Lincoln for President, in the year 1862.—Who won't remember it?

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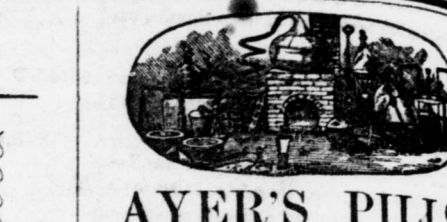
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