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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all person who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-

Removal of the Wheat Belt.

The Buffalo Courier says: The removal of the "Wheat Belt" westward is strikingly exhibited by the trade of Cleveland. Only 35 years ago she shipped more wheat than any other port on the great lakes, Buffalo alone excepted. Massillon, now scarcely known in the wheat trade, was the chief point of original receipt, and received a larger amount of wheat than any other port in the world from the actual producers. Now both Cleveland and Massillon draw a large proportion of their breadstuffs and grain from the Northwest. Westward the wheat producing regions takes its way, but this condition of affairs, although it will last for many years, will not be permanent. With improved agriculture wheat will again be grown in large quantities where it is now neglected, and the increased settlement of the West will, after a certain point is reached, provide consumers nearer the places of production in that region.

The Spirit of Self-Sacrifice.

The spirit of self-sacrifice is one of the great beauties of holiness. Husband yielding to wife, wife to husband: brother to brother; sister to sister; friend to friend; in great things, but in small, especially. First and foremost, see that the spirit is with you at home; then carry it abroad into the world. It is a spirit that will sweeten happiness and brighten troubles, and when the soul is ready to wing its flight to its eternal home, it will have the unspeakable consolation of knowing that it has left the world happier and better in some degree than it found it; that it has been faithful to its earthly mission. So will it listen with unutterable bliss to the sentence; "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord !"-Argony.

Fall Plowing for Corn.

Heavy clay soils that have a good covering of clover or grass sod, may be plowed this month for a crop of corn next season. We would not plow the furrows flat, but set them on edge. In the spring a good harrowing, lengthwise of the furrow, will give a sufficient depth of mellow soil for planting, leaving the decomposed sod just where the young roots can reach it. A light application of artificial manure, before the harrowing in the spring, would be very beneficial. The planting should immediately follow the harrow, while the soil is fresh. Light or mucky lands had better be left until spring, as this treatment is not proper for them.

Farmers and all who have charge of cows may learn a lesson from the following anecdote which we clip from an exchange: A market-gardener had a very fine cow that was milked week after week by hired men. He observed that the amount of butter he carried to market weighed about a pound more on each alternate week. He watched the men and tried the cow after they had finished milking, but always found that there was no milk left in the teats. He finally asked the Scotch girl who took care of the milk if she could account for the difference. "Why, yes," she says. "When Jim milks he says to the old cow, 'So! my pretty muley, so! But when Sam milks he hits her on the hip with the edge of the pail, and says, 'H'ist, you old brute!'

Marking Sheep.

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