The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

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

Sixty Bushels Wheat to the Acre.

The Reading Times and Despatch says: Ezra Z. Griesemer and Solomon DeTurck, two Oley farmers, bave just returned from a trip to Lancaster county, whither they went to look into the new plan of cultivating wheat. The wheat is sown in rows four inches in width and eleven inches apart, giving sufficient room to run the cultivator through in the spring of the year, very much like hoe-harrowing corn. The cultivator is a simple arrangement which is attached to the drill and worked by two horses, who walk between the rows of wheat. The wheat is worked in this way just as soon as the frost leaves the ground and afterwards about the twentieth of April again, when the clover and timothy are sown. The results of this new plan of cultivating wheat were 61 bushels and 15 pounds to the acre last year, and the promise the coming harvest is in every respect as bright. The straw is 6 to 6 feet I inch high, and the heads of wheat from 4 to 41 inches in length. Mr. Griesemer thinks that without any exaggeration the yield of wheat will be forty-five bushels to the acre. The clover and timothy are also mentioned as very fine, being much better than when sown under the present way. The farm visited by Messrs. Griesemer and DeTurck is owned and worked by Levi W. Groff, near Bareville.

Hilling up Potatoes.

I think that hilling up, in the way it is practiced is, as a general rule, injurious, excepting on very wet land. If land is cultivated properly, and to the right depth, I claim that the crop where no hilling up in the usual way is done, will be nearly double that hilled up, because those hilled up do not receive the proper amount of moisture .--Should there be abundant rain to suit potatoes planted on the level, it would scarcely reach those in hills. Modern hills are built up as if to ward off all the water, leaving the poor potato to eke out an existence in a heap of dust. I have often wondered when opening out a hill, how the potatoes grew at all. My experience in potato growing is, that the proper way to plant is on the level, and then after this is done, mulch the ground well with some manure, to save as much moisture as possible in the ground. Sometimes it is necessary to draw up a little earth where the tubers are pressing up through the ground, but I would only put on sufficient to cover. In drills, I would plant one good seed-eye every fifteen or eighteen inches, and in hills, two or three eyes at the most. As a general rule, I think potatoes are planted too thick, and too much seed put in the ground, and very frequently we find people reserving all the small trash of the pit or bin for seed, instead of using the medium sized potatoes.-Correspondent Country Gentleman.

Toilet Soan.

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Horses Feet.

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