The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

e invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-

Thin Seeding Successful.

EDS, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN,-The reading of W. H. White's experiment of sowing only five pecks of wheat to seed an acre of land, recalls to mind my own views and experiments in relation to the quantity of seed necessary to sow of the various kinds of grain. My experience has been mostly with oats, yet I think that the same results would be obtained in raising other grains. The practice of farmers in this vicinity has been to sow about three bushels of seed oats on an acre, and many years I followed this practice; but when seeding down to grass with this quantity I found it very difficult to get a good catch and growth of grass. In order to give the grass a better chance to grow, I began to sow less grain, and for years past I have sowed only one bushel of seed to the acre when I seeded down with oats and I find this quantity to be sufficient on my land as I fit it to seed down .-When a large quantity of grain is sown, it comes up and grows so much faster than the grass that the latter has but a slim chance to get a good start and foothold in the spring, which it needs in order to live and grow through the season; but if the grain is sown thin the grass gets such a good start as will carry it along till the grain is harvested. The difference in the quantity of straw which is produced by thick or thin seeding is much less than many people suppose, for when the grain is thickly sown the plants do not tiller as much, nor do the stalks grow as large as with a thin seeding, and consequently the grain is less liable to lodge, and as a general rule I think the heads grow much larger and fill better than with a thick seeding .-This season I sowed three pecks of oats on three-quarters of an acre of land, and after they were harvested there were 66 stocks, of 10 bundles each, on the field, much of the straw measuring four feet in heighr before it was cut, and some plants that I pulled up had from six to eight stalks from a plant.

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