
HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.
A Farmers Experience With Crows.
A elty paper tells of the experience of a Long Island farmer with crows, ns
follows: This farmer founded his antlcrow method upon the faet that crows are accustomed to rely upon the scare-
erows to inform them of the locality of cornhelds. Heowned a large farm, part of which was devoted to corn, part to potatoes, part to turnips and part to
cabbage. He took the precaution of sowing the seed by moonlight, an hour afcer the crows' bedtime, so that they
could not watch him, and when all was ready he spent nearly an entire forenoon In rigging up an imposing searecrow in the turnip field. During the afternoon he noticed that there was a great deal of excitement among the crows, who were
earnestly digging for corn and finding earnesty digging for corn and finding
none, and about 4 o'clock be saw them deeert the field and hold a mass meeting In an elm tree, where they passed resolutions with all the order of a Democratic Convention.
The next morning the farmer reloudly remarking to his assistant as he did so that he could not understand how he had made the mistake of putting the scarecrow in the turnip-field. As be-
fore, the crows flocked around the sare crow and dug up the ground, confldent that thls time they would "strike it rich" in corn. Their subsequent lan-
guage was something frightful, and their opinion of the farmer was expressed in terms that an Arkansas editor in hif The next day the farmer removed the time the crows did not wait for him to leave the filld, but began to dig whlle atisfled that ther they fell upon the farmer and drove him into the house, after which they flew away, and not a crow has since been yond any doubt, this is the true way in generaly followed by armers, the cro Would elther starve to deat!
driven out of the country.
A Good and Whotesome Harvest Drink.
As nlcohol drinks have happlly long
been driven from the harvest fields, there have been various drink besides water meeting fally the conditions of them in the way of a wholesome satisfying does not seem to quench all its purity stimulate the body, as it produces additional perpsiration and passes throug the pores almost like a passing throug and weak; besides, a drink of cold water, when suffering under a great de-
gree of heat, is dangerous, even at times producing sudden death. LatterIy in England and elsewhere a drink is prepared hy mixing oatmeal with wa-
ter, in the proportion of three or four ounces to a gallon of water. This is
found not only to satisfy the ter than water, even when tempered with vinegar or other acid, but to pro-
duce additional strength of body. Oatmeal possesses a peculiar aroma and act as a very active stimulant to the surface digestion of the liquid. in an atmosphere of the intensest heat very fond of it He it, and become ure "vituals and drink," possessing whatever.
Just now the time is here to give it a trial; and we shall be glad if at the end meal and water will mate report oat the results.

Rander Rural Homes Attractive The importance of making country
homes more attractive has already been urged upon the readers of thls journal but the matter is one whifh will bear
frequent mention. It is eapeclally in order now, as spring is the seaconn in which to improve country, village and Regent J. M. Gregery a recent lecture Regent J. M. Gregory, of the Industrial University of Illinols, sought to stimu country and village homes attrnetive, by showing that beanty bas a declded mar ket value. "For exnmple, of two farms the grounds about the bulldings are tastefully planted with shade trees an kept lawns, will sell quickest, and for most money, beeides contributing most owner and his of the daily life of the gent reasons-fincreneed vase of ises, and comfort of ocoupenturn stends present an unattractive appear ance.

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