Farmers' Column.

CULTIVATION OF WINTER WHEAT.

From a prize essay in the American *Agriculturist* on this topic, we select the following paragraphs:—

Wheat, one of the greatest staples of the country, if rightly managed, may be made one of the most profitable of our cereals, upon almost any soil. Twenty years' experience has demonstrated to me that we hardly need fail of success, if the following mode of proceeding be strictly followed.

Selection of Seed.—Select none but the best seed of bearded wheat. The white chaff is preferable, it being worth some ten cents more per bushel in Eastern markets. Prepare a strong brine—do not depend on old beef or pork brine,—and wash as long as any filth or immature grain rises to the surface. By this process we expel from two or three quarts of foul seed and shrunken grain per bushel, from what would be called an "extra" article. Seed prepared in this manner will send up none but the most hardy and vigorous plants, consequently will he less liable to winter-kill; and as like produces like, we may look for an article in the increase equal, if not superior to that which was sown. Add three quarts of dry, fresh-slacked lime to every bushel of wheat; mix up thoroughly two days or two weeks before sowing. This is important—neglect the lime, and nine cases out of ten you will have more or less smut, which will depreciate the value of the wheat.

Preparation of Ground, Seeding, &c.—The ground, if rich and strong enough, may be sown after peas, otherwise after summer fallow. In either case, manure on the surface, and plow or drag in with the wheat. I prefer to use about fifteen loads to the acre thus prepared; then, after sowing thinly, to plow it in. The seed, by coming in immediate contact with the manure, receives a thrifty and vigorous start, which it otherwise would not attain. This I think is highly important to insure success. I have never used the drill, but in its stead Ide's cultivator, which answers a good purpose. If you harrow in the seed, in no case roll afterwards, as the inequalities of the surface will prevent the snow from blowing off, and the plants will be less liable to frost. But if covered with a drill or cultivator, this precaution is unnecessary, the seed being so much deeper and the roots less exposed. When the ground is settled in spring, go over with a heavy roller; it covers many exposed roots and often adds five to seven bushels per acre.

Have the ground well pulverized for sowing; it is useless to sow on lumpy and badly prepared soil. In case there is no manure to be had, cover the surface immediately after sowing and before the wheat starts, with a layer of straw; the wheat in a short time will come through, and prevent it from blowing off. The straw will act as a mulch, and the ground being shaded will retain the moisture; and if the soil is not very poor, you may expect a good paying crop. Two and a-half bushels salt per acre tends to prevent rust, makes the straw strong and bright, and gives the young wheat a dark color. If any one doubts the truth of this statement, I hope he will make the experiment, and my word for it, he will at once adopt the practice. I know of no better mode to prevent the ravages of the midge than early sowing, and even this sometimes fails. The last week in August, or the first in September, I would prefer but this depends upon circumstances; if the weather is dry I would rather wait until October. Some years since I made an experiment to test early and late sowing. One piece was sowed the last week in August; one the last week in September; and one the middle of October, on the same kind of soil and treated in every respect alike. There was no difference in the time of ripening or in the quality of the grain, but the earliest sowed produced the longest heads, consequently yielded more per acre.

I do not sow plaster on wheat, as it tends to rust, and increases the bulk of straw but not of grain.

FARMERS' WIVES.

The farmer's wife, is, or at least should be, the most cheerful happy being in existance. Surrounded as she is by everything beautiful in nature, wakened every morning by the caroling of the birds in the trees around the house, soothed all day by the whispering winds and balmy breezes, laden with sweet perfumes stolen from the clover-field or apple blossoms, how can she be otherwise than happy? O, how from my heart have I pitied poor, pale, uneasy minded women, living in large villages or cities, where every inch of ground was precious, and not a bird sang, but with a sort of wheezy, choked music, and the very trees looked dusty and dim!

How often in the morning, as throwing open my doors and windows to the cool morning air that came bustling in, filling every place with pure, sweet odors from the budding trees and springing grass, have I wished my city friends could stand in the door by my side, and gaze upon the lovely scene spread out to my admiring view.

With everything so beautiful around her, woman can work hard, harder perhaps, than she really ought, but with willing hands. Everybody and everything works in the country. You cannot look even a moment out at an open door, without seeing some little bird very busy getting straws to build her nest, worms to feed her little fledgelings, or working industriously to teach them the use of their tiny wings, that scarce can bear their weight; or perhaps you see some merry, chirruping squirrel adroitly stealing his store of grain for the winter before frost must come, sooner or later, and storing it wisely in the decayed trunk of a neighboring apple tree.

The spirit of action is contagious. The hours glide by and so does the work, and when dinner time arrives, instead of the pale, languid countenance you find in the city wife, as she sits down to her luxurious table, loaded with over-cooked meat, under-cooked vegetables, stale fruits, and baker's bread, a brisk cheerful face meets you at the table, whereon you find ham and eggs, and Indian meal pudding and molasses perhaps, but good, light, sweet wheat bread, and tempting dishes of fruit, fresh from the garden, that would completely upset the equanimity of the guests at the aforesaid city table.

A famer's wife can concoct such dishes as city folks know nothing of. With plenty of milk and eggs, there is always something in the house to eat. You can never take her so much by surprise that she will give you no invitations to stop for tea, and she is never so full of apologies because the tea is not nice enough, as to render you uncomfortable.

With a mind evenly balanced, a home made happy with her presence, a contented disposition, wishing no change, a quiet, easy way of turning off work, the farmer's wife is a woman to be envied, and still some poor foolish mortals presume to pity her! Pity, indeed; better bestow it where it is needed! The highest, noblest lot of woman is her home mission, and the most superior place for the exercise of her power is in the quiet home in the country, mid the soul-stirring beauties of nature, the handiwork of nature's God. —*N. E. Farmer.*

A NEW COMET.

Within the past few evenings an object of unusual interest has made its appearance in the northern portion of the heavens, and has been noted with interest by several of our citizens. It is the second comet of 1862, discovered first by Prof. Tuttle, of the Cambridge (U.S.) Observatory, on the night of the 18th of July last, but now apparent to the naked eye. Its distance from the polar star is about eight degrees, being on a line with the two "pointers" of the "plough," from the nearer of which it is distant about twice as far as the pole. It is also on a line with the two principal stars in the body of the "little bear." In brilliancy it resembles a star of the third magnitude, but when examined closely has a hazy appearance; while the tail may be with difficulty perceived streaming nearly in the direction of the pole. As the comet is now approaching the earth and sun with great rapidity, both the nucleus and tail will probably soon become not only visible but quite brilliant objects. During the past week it has moved four degrees in the direction of the polar star, attaining the proximity on Friday. When first discovered its motion appeared to be very slow, but this was owing, doubtless, to its great distance from the earth, 135,000,000 miles. It then resembled a nebular body. Subsequent investigations showed that it was approaching our globe at the rate of two and a-half millions of miles daily. The embryo of a tail was first discovered on the 31st ult. About the 26th instant the comet is expected to attain its great brilliancy. Up to that date at least it will shine through the whole night. We received yesterday a number of letters from different parts of the country, addressed by parties who had "seen the comet," and desired to apprise us of the fact.—*Leader.*

TOMATOES.—The best fruit and heaviest crops, remarks an editor, are obtained by allowing them to trail on the ground, a mulching of short grass being placed on the earth between the rows to keep the fruit clean.

ZINC WASH FOR ROOMS.—Mix oxide of zinc with common size and apply it with a brush, like lime whitewash, to the ceiling of a room. After this apply a wash, in the same manner, of the chloride of zinc, which will combine with the oxide and form a smooth cement with a shining surface.

RAT-KILLING RECIPE.—Dr. Kellerman, of New York, gives the following method of expelling rats:—Cut clean fine sponge in pieces of pea size, fry well in hog's lard and expose in infested places about the houses, barns, granaries, gardens, &c., keeping cats and dogs shut up. The rats eat it greedily but do not as readily digest it, the gastric juice, and especially water if accessible to them to drink, swells the sponge, and a noise in ratdom is the result. The dose proves fatal in most cases."

Odds and Ends.

Laziness [illegible] with we[illegible] you keep it u[illegible] with weeds.

Perhaps [illegible] the most imitative and [illegible] world of nature. Only one [illegible] ever spoke like a man, [illegible] of men daily talk like [illegible]

'Could you take half of this poor [illegible]le?' said a pretty damsel to a [illegible]ty swain. 'No, I thank you, I would prefer a *better half.*' Eliza blushed, and referred him to her papa.

An old lady had an unaccountable aversion to rye, and never could eat it in any form. 'Till of late, they have got to making it into whiskey, and I find I can now and then worry down a little.'

A gentleman at an eating-house asked the person next to him if he would please to pass the mustard? 'Sir,' said the man, 'do you mistake me for a waiter?' 'Oh, no, sir,' was the reply, 'I mistook you for a gentleman.'

Digby has just ascertained that a woman in one of our suburban parishes recently made application for the office of post-mistress, as she felt herself competent to take care of the 'males' (mails). She'd been married only six times.

AN OFFER TO THE SOUTH.—Recent scenes in Ireland compel Mr. Punch to make a proposal to the Americans. Will they make a swop, and give us the niggers in exchange for the Irish peasantry? We'll throw in something valuable to make the bargain a fair one. Come, Davis!

The customers of a certain cooper in a town out west caused him a vast deal of vexation by their saving habits, and persistence in getting all their tubs and casks repaired, buying little work. 'I stood it long enough, however,' said he, 'until one day old Sam Crabtree brought in an old bung-hole, to which he wanted a new barrel made. Then I quit the business in disgust.'

MRS. PARTINGTON'S LAST.—'This is an age of enervation in medicine, sure enough!' said Mrs. Partington, as she glanced at the column of new and remarkable specifics. 'Why will people run after metaphysics and them restorums, when by taking some simple purgatory they can get well so soon? It's all nonsense, it is; and if people instead of dosing themselves with calumny and bitters, would only take exercise and air a little more, and wash themselves with care and a crash towel, they would be all the better for it.'

Several years ago there was a young English nobleman figuring away at Washington. He had not much brains, but a vast number of titles, which, notwithstanding our pretended dislike to them, have sometimes the effect of tickling the ear amazingly. Several young ladies were in debate, going over the list—he is Lord Viscount So-and-so, Baron of such a county, &c. 'My fair friends,' exclaimed the gallant Lieutenant N——, 'one of his titles you appear to have forgotten.' 'Ah!' exclaimed they eagerly, 'what is it?' 'He is Barren of Intellect,' was the reply.

An interesting volume recently issued, entitled 'Autobiography of a Seaman,' contains the following story of a mischievous parrot: One day a party of ladies paid us a visit aboard, and several had been hoisted on deck by the usual means of a 'whip' on the mainyard. The chair had descended for another 'whip,' but scarcely had its fair weight been lifted out of the boat alongside, than the unlucky parrot piped, 'Let go!' The order being instantly obeyed, the unfortunate lady, instead of being comfortably seated on the deck, as had been those who preceded her, was soused over head in the sea!'

CROSS PURPOSES.—The British royal family in 1761 ran loose about the world, and people knew not how to treat them, nor they how to be treated. One summer, when the Duke of York was at Southampton, there was a clergyman in the neighborhood with two very handsome daughters. He had soon wind of them, and dropped in for some reason or another, and called again and again, and grew familiar enough to cut a bone of their mutton. At last he said to the father, 'Miss —— leads a mighty confined life here, always at home. Why can't you let one of them take an airing with me now and then in my chaise?' 'Ah, sir,' said the parson, 'do but look at them—a couple of hale, fresh-colored, hearty wenches! They need no airing, they are well enough. But there is their mother, poor woman, has been in a declining way many years. If your royal highness would give her an airing now and then it would be doing us a great kindness indeed.'

CHARADE.

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