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Agriculture.

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one may procure sooner or later a good variety of potato. It is of the greatest importance to procure in this way, for difference of soil, and even perhaps of situation, seems to have singular effects on the potato in one soil proving bad in another, and vice versa. I have one variety that possesses the 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, qualities, which I have cultivated for about 15 years, and it has not yet succeeded in raising a better. It seldom, however, yields above twenty bolls an acre, of 100-lb weight measure, the peck being fifty-six pounds. Through there are many sorts more productive, yet this potato keeps very long under the management already described, has brought it into very general use in this quarter. I have had many potatoes of this sort, of tolerable size, at my table along with tubers of the previous year. It is ripe in the middle of September. During the two last seasons, the sets of potatoes decayed, and some of them were affected, but some of my tenants lost large patches. I observed a worm on some of the decayed roots, but whether this was the cause of the failure, or the failure of the sets induced the insect, from whose eggs the worm proceeded, to lay their eggs in the soil, could not ascertain. It often happens that effects are regarded as cause in such matters. It is my practice to have the potatoes cut into sets, and spread out for drying ten days or a fortnight before planting them. This serves to prevent risk of their rotting in the ground. But I have known sets of some varieties rot soon after the appearance of the plant above ground; and others I have taken up sound when the crop was ripe. Thus it is clear that long keeping does not depend on the mode employed to preserve potatoes, but on the natural quality of a variety; and the varieties ought to be increased from seeds until the qualities I have enumerated are found in one, or at least in some of them. It is the opinion of some that the productiveness of potatoes decreases with long cultivation. I doubt, at least, if it has occurred to my observation. If a variety be planted on a soil different from that in which it has succeeded, it may fail, and I have known this to happen.

Variety.

KITE CARRIAGES.—This unique and ingenious invention of Mr. G. Pocock was witnessed by many of the members of the British Association, last week, on Clifton and Durham Downs, and called for the admiration of all. The car, containing four persons, was very light and easily piloted, and ten feet in length of standard, the draft kite twelve. The general pace was about ten miles an hour. On Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock, four carriages were on the downs; two of these were in constant use for several hours, and during the day about one hundred ladies and gentlemen, many of them foreigners, had an opportunity of riding in these novel vehicles. In the morning, when the wind was active, the pace of the invention, was peculiarly adapted for various uses; in which these kites, or buoyant balloons, are especially in case of shipwreck, as life preservers, as auxiliary sails, and also for the making of signals. [Bristol Journal.]

GRAND CANAL.—The directors of the Grand Canal, with Lord Cloncurry, chairman, have made a general inspection of the lines of their extensive navigation, and the different termini of Mountmellick, Athy, and Ballinacorney; they also visited the Shannon and the Barrow navigations. They found the works, generally speaking, in excellent repair; the locks full, and the banks very little injured by the waves caused by the rapidity of the new fly boats. The works of the Barrow navigation are wonderfully improved; indeed, perfect to tide water. In fact, travelling by the Grand Canal is now perfect to almost every part of the south and west of Ireland, the steamer of the Shannon opening to the tourist the beauties of that river, of Lough Derg, and the estuary almost to Kilkenny.

It is, we understand, proposed by an English company to connect Drogheda with Longford by a railway. A quick communication with the interior would be productive of incalculable benefit to this town. REPORT.—A few days since the wandering and scandal-whispering folk of Tumore had a gala day, in consequence of an eloquent which took place there. The gentleman is a Mr. James Kelly, who is owner of a pretty considerable farm near Killeegan, county Westmeath, and a Roman Catholic; the lady, a Miss H. Manly, Quakeress, second eldest daughter of the late T. Manly, Esq. Tullamore, formerly a banker. The happy man is young and well-looking, an athletic lover of respectable family connexions; the lady is—“At the years.”

Which certain people call a “certain age.” Report, however, most truly attributes to her the possession of “three thousand charms” of the most captivating nature. “Tis said the envied couple are domesticating in the metropolis, but do not meditate a trip to Gretta Green, as the lady herself is sole guardian of her heirs.

LADIES' FASHIONS.—In Connecticut, in former times, they had their hair tied so tight upon the back part of their heads, that it drew their lips apart so much they could not get them sufficiently near together to kiss their lovers, without loosening the cord.

SINGER'S RECURRE.—A famous musician who had made his fortune by marriage, being requested to sing a capriccio, “permet me,” said he, “to imitate the nightingale, who never sings after he has made his nest.”

A NEW ANIMAL.—On a bridge across a river is the following foolish inscription: “One dollar fine for crossing this bridge faster than a walk.” Query.—What sort of an animal is a walk, and how fast does it travel?

EFFECTS OF FLATTERY.—An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he lost his divinity; “alas,” cried he, “I flattered her until she got too proud to speak to me.”

SPECULATION IN CHICAGO.—“I say,” said one Chicago man to another, “what did you give for your pork?” “Twenty-five dollars—and have been offered fifty.”

THE AGE.—They say that every age has its ruling passion. I think impatience is that of the present; we live in such a hurry we have not time to be sorry.

DEFINITION OF A HEART.—It is said that there is not much heart in the intercourse of the higher orders, and that truth and feeling are only to be found in the walks of retired and humble life. A fashionable man being told that he had no heart? “Heart! what’s that? Oh! a thing servant-maids have, and break for John, the footman.”

“Why don’t you get your ears cropped?” cried a lusty market-gardener to a long-eared Gilden, who was trading along at a swinging pace with a hat on his head the other day in the market. “They’re a precious sight too long for a man?” “Are they?” said Pat, with a grunt, turning round and looking his assailant full in the face, “when your’s are too short for an ass.”

THE LIFE OF EDWARD THE BLACK PRINCE. Mr. James, the novelist, has just published in England the life of this heroic prince, which has all the interest of a romance. We extract from it the youthful hero’s first exploit, at the age of fifteen.

THE BATTLE OF CRESSY. Often as this immortal fact has been noticed, it may be noticed again, since the publication, after the French and English contemporary records, especially of Buchon’s Froissart has acquainted us with some particulars hitherto but imperfectly known. How in the face of such an enemy, the English monarch could resolve to fight, might surprise us if we did not remember that rashness was his predominant quality. The post of honour was allotted to the Black Prince, with eight hundred men-at-arms, (about two thousand four hundred including attendants) four thousand archers, the English archers, and Philip’s army, was stationed at the foot of the hill. Nearly parallel with him was another division of about seven thousand, under the Earl of Arundel and Northampton. Higher up the hill was the king in person, with a reserve of twelve thousand who were never brought into the field, but who were to be the honour of the day should be his son’s; and that was a foot from his position, unless the battle were likely to be irretrievably lost. Well was it for him that his enemies blundered so egregiously. The French were weary and hungry; the English “fresh and vigorous and full of spirit,” in accordance with the advice of his general, he disposed to postpone the battle to the following day, especially as fifteen thousand Genoese archers, who had just reached the field, clamoured for rest. But the command was not understood; confusion spread among the van, who were in the presence of the English before they were aware. The attack was now resolved on; though the Genoese, who were commanded to break the line of the English archers, “moved like snails, unwillingly along.”

The count of Alencon, furious at his hesitation, ordered them up with many bitter words, and a short delay they were brought forward; but in the meantime the sky became clouded, and while the Genoese advanced, their cross-bows, which their hands, a severe thunder-bolt, and the confusion of the ranks, which elated the Genoese, and rendered many of them unmanageable. The darkness and the lightning were terrible, and several ranks were remarked hovering over either host, a fact which the perseverance of the day was prone to find matter for apprehension. At length the cross-bow-men were ranged in front, supported by a gallant and glittering body of cavalry; and the order was given for the attack to begin. The English, intending to terrify their enemies; but the English archers drew their cross-bows, and began to fire, and the sun approaching the west shone out bright and clear, pouring his rays obliquely from behind the English position, in the faces of the French. Having arrived within a certain distance the Genoese advanced, and Philip’s army discharged the quarrels with which they were loaded, at their impulsive enemies, but that moment the English bows were drawn forth from the cases which had protected them from the rain; each archer kept a steady aim, and a flight of arrows fell at once among the Genoese, piercing their heads, and arms, and faces, their bows instantly in confusion; and some cutting their bow-strings, some casting down their cross-bows, they recoiled in dismay, among the horse-battle to begin.

Philip, with the passionate and savage haste which so constantly inflicted his punishment on himself, beholding the confusion of the Genoese, instead of endeavouring to rally them by gentle means, at once ordered the men at arms in their ranks to advance, and with a shout they rushed among the cavalry; the men at arms plunged in among the masses of the cross-bow-men; and a scene of horror, confusion and dismay ensued, impossible to be described; while still amid the wild and confused din of the battle, the English archers poured the incessant flight of their unerring arrows, and not a bow-string was drawn in vain.

In the meanwhile, the count of Alencon separated his division into two bodies; and, avoiding the scene of confusion in the front, swept round on one side himself, while the count of Flanders did the same on the other, and prepared to attack the troops under the Prince of Wales in a somewhat more regular array. From the narrowness of the field, and the cautious path he had been obliged to take, the count of Flanders was unable to bring round toward the flank of the archers of the Black Prince, and avoiding the arrows of the English, charged at once the men-at-arms immediately around the heir of the British throne. The count of Flanders, who was the gallant and valiant leader of the day’s strife was cast, met the impetuous charge of the French knight with equal valor, and with greater success. Each man fought with his sword; and still the effects of discipline among the English archers were seen to the advantage of the French; the count of Flanders was slain; and confusion and terror began to spread among the troops, whose leaders were lost, and whose companions were every moment falling under the blows of the enemy. Philip, led by this reverse, fell by the hand of which he could behold the efforts of his followers, and he would gladly have led on his own division to support the large body which was already engaged with the English; but the Genoese cross-bow-men, still struggling with the men-at-arms, lay obstructing the way, and the very multitude of his troops embarrassed the monarch’s movements in the narrow and difficult field on which his foes had taken up their position.

It is probable, that about this time took place the charge of a body of German cavalry, under the command of Charles of Luxemburg, the son of the old king of Bohemia, and afterward emperor of Germany. Bearing down upon the archers of the prince of Wales with gallant firmness, the German nobles, and the French with whom they were joined, endured the terrible flight of arrows which had already proved fatal to so many, and, assailing the bowmen in front, cut their way through, and poured in upon the men-at-arms. With a steady countenance, however, the young prince and his companions received the shock; and the fight was renewed hand to hand, with more energy than ever. Nearly forty thousand men must at this period have pressed around the little phalanx of the Black Prince; and seeing the impossibility of his sustaining alone such a tremendous attack, Northampton and Arundel moved up with the second division of the English army to support the van.

At the same time the earl of Warwick, seeing fresh bodies of the enemy pouring down upon them, despatched a knight, called Thomas of Newburgh, who still remained with his very powerful reserve, viewing the progress of the battle from the windmill above. On reaching the presence of the monarch, the knight delivered the message with which he was charged, displaying in strong terms the overpowered force which had just witnessed the progress of the battle from the windmill above. “Not so, sire,” replied the king, “but he is in a rude shock of arms, and such does he need your aid.” “Go, Sir Thomas, to those who sent you,” rejoined Edward, “and tell them from me, so that whatever happens, to require no aid from me, so that I may be in it in person also the other day, I command them to let the boy win his spurs; for God willing, the day shall be his, and the honour shall rest with him, and those into whose charge I have given him.”

This message inspired the prince and those around him with new ardour. Shamed for having at all become fresh incitement to fortitude, and a stronger motive than ever for exertion; and efforts, against all that had preceded them, were made by the English soldiers to repel the forces that were incessantly poured upon them from behind. At the same time the day advanced, and the half-armed Welshmen rushed either side and thither through the midst of the fight, putting to death every one who was once smitten to the ground. The count of Harcourt, with his nephew Philip of Arunale, and his two gallant sons, fell together on the same bloody plain, notwithstanding all the efforts made to save them by their unhappy relatives, who fought on the side of the victors; and Charles of Luxemburg, seeing his banner down, his troops routed, his friends slain, himself severely wounded, turned his rein and fled, casting off his rich surcoat to avoid being recognised.

To us, the most interesting scene of the day is the death of the old king of Bohemia, the ally of Philip. Though blind and aged, the monarch sat on his horseback intently viewing the state of the battle. When he heard from the knights around him that the day was lost, that his son Charles of Luxemburg was fled, he resolved not to survive the disaster, but insisted on being carried to the rear place of the field, and there, surrounded by his attendants, he died. Addressing his companions in arms, he said, “Lords, you are my vassals, my friends, and my companions; and I wish to die with you. I may die, but I will not survive in this battle.” Though all knew the fate which awaited them, they did not hesitate.

His faithful friends, to whom his honour, and the safety of his country were dear, were ever ready to die for him, and with his old companion Le Moyne beside him, they placed him in the midst. A number of others ranged themselves around; and they would have died with him in the battle, they had been so long together, and the ties which had bound them down to the field. Advancing directly against the prince of Wales, the blind monarch was carried into the thickest strife, till at length the standard of Bohemia went down. John of Luxemburg was the first to fall, and the field of Cressy, his friends around him, and his horses still linked to each another by the bridles.

Philip of France was inspired by the same spirit; he refused to quit the field, and fought with desperation, until being twice wounded, John of Harcourt, the brother of his wife, and the king of Bohemia, nine sovereign princes, eighty barons, twelve hundred knights, fifteen hundred men-at-arms, and thirty thousand foot, remaining on the field, while the loss of the English was considerable.

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THE MERCHANT'S CLERK. Passages from the Diary of a late London Physician. CHAPTER XVII. [Continued.]

“MADAM: Mr. Hillary has instructed me to apprise you, as I now do with great pain, of the termination never again to recognise you as his daughter, or receive any communication, of any description, from either your husband or yourself, addressed either to Mr. or Mrs. Hillary; whom you may direct to inform you, if he has separated from you for ever.”

“He will direct to be forwarded to any place you may allow, whatever articles belonging to you may yet remain at Bullion House, or your sending a list of them to my office.”

“I am, Madam, your humble servant, J. AMY, Madam, your humble servant, J. AMY.”

“To Mrs. Elliot. With a trembling hand, assisted by her husband, she set down, after some hesitation, a few articles—books, dress, one or two jewels, and her little dog, Cato. Him, however, Mr. Hillary had caused to be destroyed the day after he discovered her flight. The other articles were sent to her immediately; and with a bitter fit of weeping did she receive them, and read the fate of her merry little favourite, who had fished about her to the last with sportive affection, when almost every body was crowded and grateful her!”

Addressing her father and mother, she said, “I have, as you see, purely left, in connection and communication with my father and mother. Elliot regarded his noble spirit, as well as his faith that inspired them to idolatry. The vast sacrifice she had made for her overpowered claim was not to be adverted to, and inspiring him, not only with the most tender and enthusiastic affection and gratitude, but with the eagerness to secure her by his own efforts at least a comfortable home. He engaged small but respectable lodgings in the Borough, to which they removed the day after their marriage; and after making desperate exertions, he had the gratification of procuring a situation as clerk in a respectable mercantile house in the city, and which he had obtained through the friendly, but secret services of his father. Poor Mrs. Hillary continued worse than before, since his daughter’s departure, owing to that as well as sundry other causes. 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