

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

To Our Farmers.

Feeling that the prosperity of our county depends upon that of the farming community, we propose to devote more time, and more space in our paper, to the interests of our agricultural friends, than is usual in the county papers.

We invite the aid of farmers in carrying out our plans, which are to make the agricultural columns of the Times, a medium through which they can ask for and receive information from each other.

We earnestly ask the assistance of the members of the County Agricultural Society (the only body in our midst organized in the interests of the farmer); confident that we can be of service to them, if they will allow us.

By this we mean, that we hold ourselves ready, in this department of the paper, to represent the wants of the farmers of our county as they are presented to us, and to do all in our power to promote their welfare.

To carry out the above, we need the farmer's help. Send us original articles for publication, on matters touching the interests of agriculturists—whether in the form of queries, or in answer to one propounded by another, it matters not!

Only be sure to write, and thereby aid your society, yourselves, and lastly, this paper which aspires to be your organ.

Every farmer should keep bees, if only a few swarms, to supply honey for his own use. Their winter quarters should be dark, dry and cold. The bees are not then liable to be revived by an occasional sunny day, and go to eating, or leave the hive and be caught out and killed by the cold winds.

Farmers in the upper counties of the State are rapidly adopting the plan of raising oats in the cotton, and thus reaping a double crop. It is sown in the alleys early in the month of August, is not injured by transplanting, and yields in the upper counties from forty to fifty bushels of grain to the acre. It is also of great use in supplying vegetable matter to light lands.

In selecting seed corn from the field, select a stalk that has one or more suckers, producing ears like the main stalk, at least four good ears. Plant only the butt half of the ear, and in selecting, choose the lower ears of a stalk, and the ear of a sucker in preference to that of a stalk.

After selecting the ear that suits you, plant one grain in a place, at a distance of not less than fifty or sixty yards apart, in cotton field, and when the corn tassels or silks out, bend the stalk above the ear between the joints, so that the pollen of each stalk may fall on its own silk. This will make it fill well. After it matures, select an ear to your liking, and plant where it will not mix with other corn, and you will have a pure unmixed corn.

The following Remedies we copy from the Medical Record of New York.

**FOR DYSENTERY.**—Glauber Salts, one ounce, sulph. morphine, one grain; water, six ounces. Give a table-spoonful every two hours until free operations—then prolong intervals to four hours until dysenteric symptoms cease.

**FOR ASTHMA.**—Sulphuric ether, one ounce; of opium and stramonium (James-town weed) four drams each. Give a teaspoonful every one or two hours until the difficulty of breathing is relieved.

**FOR SMALLPOX.**—(Very highly recommended.) Three drops of balsam of copaiba with a little of the white of an egg or mucilage and syrup and take three times a day.

**FOR BOYS ON COLIC.**—Take one oz. chloroform, 1 oz of laudanum and 1 oz. tinct. asafoetida—mix well and give in 1 1/2 pint or 1 qt. of thin syrup. To be well shaken. If horse will eat or drink, give gruel freely.—Follow above dose, in a few hours, with brisk dose of cathartic salts. Glauber salts the best, though Epsom will answer.

**COMPOSTS ON THE FARM.**—Long experience and observation convince us, that the most profitable labor on the farm, is that of the accumulation of the materials for manure which can be found on the premises of every landholder, and the manufacturer of the same—into compost with the dung from the horse and cattle stable.

Hon. Alexander H. Stephens has just completed his Compendium of United States History, designed for school, college and general readers. The volume will comprise about five hundred pages, usual style, divided into two books.

Glue is used as a stiffening in the primary setting of a broken limb. Try it and save your horse that has accidentally broken his leg.

**PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—Taxes! Taxes! Taxes! The Radical party in South Carolina seem fatally bent upon draining the white people of the State—the property holders—of their very last cent.

There are now three tax measures before the Legislature—with a fair chance of being carried, for all we know—which, in their practical working, would amount to nothing less than open confiscation.

One of these is a bill to levy a tax of seventeen mills on the dollar for the ensuing year. Another is the stamp act, rehash of the United States Internal Revenue Law, of which we shall speak further hereafter. And a third is the license law, which will compel all professions and trades to take out a license. Truly Republican legislation in South Carolina becomes year by year more like the work of the devil himself—without honor, without decency, without humanity.

The taxpayers of South Carolina ought not, and we feel certain will not, submit to this imposition of tax burdens so unjust, so oppressive. Should these new measures become law, let the people resist payment, and in convention assembled petition to the General Government for redress.

**Advantages of Drunkenness.**

If you wish to be, always thirsty be a drunkard; for the oftener and more thirsty you will be.

If you wish to prevent your friends from raising you in the world, be a drunkard; and that will defeat all their efforts.

If you would effectually counteract your own attempts to do, well, be a drunkard and you will not be disappointed.

If you are determined to be poor, be a drunkard; and you will be ragged and penniless to your heart's contents.

If you wish to starve your family be a drunkard; and then you will consume the means of their support.

If you would be imposed upon by knaves be a drunkard; and that will make their task easy.

If you would smash windows, break the peace, get your bones broken, fall under horses and carts, and be locked up in a station house, be a drunkard; and it will be strange if you don't succeed.

If you wish all your prospects in life to be clouded, be a drunkard; and they will soon be dark enough.

**THE LADY'S RETORT.**—A tall gentleman staggering under the influence of liquor, with a large coil of wire on his arm, accosted a lady in the street—

"Madam," said he, "see what kind of a clothes-line I buy for my wife!"

"An excellent article," replied madam, "and if all wives were to have such clothes-lines, and hang their husbands upon them, a great many married men wouldn't be so far from home late in the evening." The man answered with a hiccup and staggered out of sight.

Pomeroy's Democratic humorously says "Grant for President, and Tweed for Vice President. The one giveth and the other taketh. Blessed be their names."

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Experience has shown that there are sources of profit in the practice of the business which theory will not admit of being considered as elements in the calculation of the premiums. These result from a saving in the mortality of the members of a Company owing to the medical selection of good lives, a gain in interest on the investments of the Company over that assumed in the calculation of its premiums, the profits derivable from the lapsing and surrender of Policies by the members, and from other minor sources.

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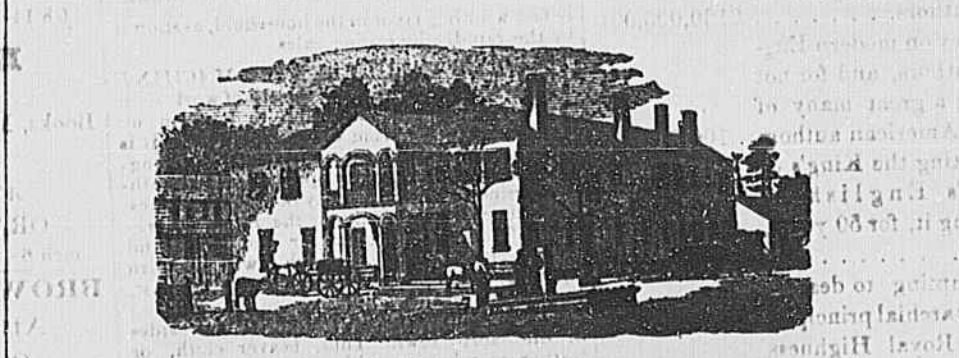
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