

Farmers' Department.



Messrs. Colter & Scooter, Editors.

Let idle ambition her bubbles pursue, While wisdom looks down with disdain, The home of the farmer has charms ever new, Where health, peace and competence reign.

THE NEW YEAR.

We arise from the soil and brush off the icicles and snow from our paws and take a hearty shake of the plow-handles of our patrons once more, and wish them "God speed the Plow."

The little petty elections and Legislative humbug and new-year's duns had well-nigh eclipsed our disk altogether; but we congratulate ourselves that we see a small opening of space now for matters of real importance.

We shall appear regularly hereafter in our usual corner; except next week, when we will present on the first page of the Advertiser the worthy address of our inside co-laborer, Col. SMITHS, as delivered before the State Agricultural Society of South Carolina, at its first anniversary meeting, held in Columbia in November last.

The communication signed "JOHN" is decidedly good. Write often.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT, 1854.

This is the best of all the Patent Office Reports yet published. Let our farmers be sure to read and study it well.

The Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Report of Hon. Wm. ELLIOTT, late Commissioner of the State of South Carolina, to the universal exhibition at Paris, is a very interesting document. We will extract from it hereafter.

THE OVERSEER'S WATCH.

All those contending for this prize are requested to hand into this Office the amount of their last crops, certified according to previous notice, so as to enable the Committee, appointed to award the prize to the proper person, to discharge that duty.

WORK FOR THE MONTH.

"Drive the team asid." Let all stubble land which has not yet been broken up be delayed no longer. Sow the balance of the oat crop, husband every thing in the shape of manure, and, since the fence law did not pass, puff and blow again at splitting rails to make new and repair old fences; and be sure and feed the stock well, or the "Ideas of March" will tell the tale.

PROMINENT AGRICULTURAL JOURNALS.

"The Southern Cultivator."—This excellent monthly for January has been received, and is, if possible, more entertaining and interesting than ever. The article from Dr. BACIMAN, on Fish Ponds, is itself worth more than the cost of the subscription. Let all who have not yet subscribed do so immediately. Edited by Dr. LEE & D. REDMOND, Augusta, Ga.

"The Soil of the South," another paper that should receive the support of all lovers of Southern soil, has been received, and is usual is well managed, plowed and watered, and the subscribers a good crop of agricultural ideas.

"The Farmer & Planter," and also "The Carolina Cultivator," most excellent papers, have made their anxiously expected appearance among other valuable exchanges, and we greet them with a cordial welcome.

UNCLE SAM'S CRIB.

We peeped into the Corn Crib of a near neighbor to our sanatorium a few weeks since, to see what our home folks were doing in agriculture, and accordingly report:

Mr. SAMUEL BROOKS has the best specimens of good, sound and large ears of corn we have seen this season. From four acres he gathered a little over two hundred bushels of corn worth one dollar per bushel. On a smaller lot he raised corn at the rate of eighty bushels per acre—and he is a subscriber to our paper, and takes another agricultural paper and a horticultural paper besides. So much for science and home made manure,—for he made all his manure at home. But stop! He plowed his land deep with the Iron Plow Stock drawn by two horses, as deep into the clay as he could.

It is encouraging to us to see our editorial labors crowned with such golden shocks of corn as these at home; so much so that we will run our Iron Stocks a little deeper still this year, and make all the manure we can of printer's ink and paper.

OUR TEXAS CORRESPONDENT.

The following letter was received in December last, together with a small quantity of improved Proflific Corn, which, in honor of the giver, we have called the "Hardy Proflific." We are under many obligations to this "NATIVE OF EDGEFIELD" for the specimen of his corn, and will endeavor to raise a quantity of it for distribution among our brother farmers. We will also promise him some of the notable Oregon Pea; and we hope others will follow the good example here set of sharing the benefit of every improvement with our brotherhood.

WALKER COUNTY, TEX., Nov. '55.

Messrs. Editors: Seeing a notice of some prolific corn in your valuable paper of the 31st October, and noticing the objections raised against it for its flurried qualities, I thought I could quite supply the desired defects, and accordingly have enclosed a few grains of my Texas im-

proved Corn, which you will please accept with my kindest respects to all connected with the old Advertiser.

The seed I send you were taken from four different ears, which were pulled from stalks bearing from three to six ears to the stalk. I have seen from eight to ten ears on a stalk. One of the ears I have just counted had 912 grains. The ears will not average with this one, though they are all of medium size. The specimen sent you grew in my farm, where I averaged 60 bushels per acre. The land was black upland prairie soil. This corn will supply every field complained of in the specimen sent by "FARMER." His the weavils eat before it ripens; this is good proof against them. It is the best we have here.

I wish you to procure me a few seed of the celebrated Oregon Pea I see spoken so highly of in your journal. We need something to shade our black lands from the sun, and I think that will do it.

A NATIVE OF EDGEFIELD.

For the Advertiser.

OREGON PEAS AGAIN.

Messrs. Editors:—With many in this utilitarian age, all new things are dubbed "Humbug," unless money can be made by them. A new thing and a fortune have been so long associated together in thought, that we might as well drop the conjunction article, and write in future: Nothing-humbug, so that we would then have a specific term for money making innovations.

The man who expects the Oregon Pea stalk to bear dollars will be disappointed; but if he will locate his expectations low down, some where about the latitude of Pea-ability he will escape the mad'house—certainly. We say nothing of it as a fertilizer, for we are without observation; but for pasture and forage we can speak more confidently. First, for Hogs, the Pea stands erect, and falls down only on good soil. Turn in your hogs when the young peas begin to fill. The hogs will bite off the young peas and thrive, doing but little injury to the stalk which is just as valuable as ever for making coarse forage.

Second, on the first appearance of the golden yellow, chop down with a hoe and cure for two days; then put away for use. Horses and cows eat them with zest. The stock generally refuse the large stalks, but a little tramping causes the stalks to split up into numerous fibres, tough and spongy, forming a splendid base for compost, better we think than pine straw or oak leaves. So that for hogs, horses and cattle, and for making compost, we know of no other plant equal to it, or at least none than can be so cheaply turned to as many uses. Third, as to the Pea, we incline to the opinion that to grow and gather any more of them than for seed will be found a small pea business.

JOHN.

ALLENSDALE, Barlow Dist., S. C.

WORK FOR JANUARY.

With the returning new year, it is appropriate that we form new purposes and enter upon new plans of operation. The experience of the past is full of lessons of instruction, admonishing us of errors, which though it may now be too late to cure, yet in the future may be corrected or avoided. Few things have been so well done, as not to leave the hope of improvement, and it is in the recollection of the events of the past, that we bring to our aid the benefits of experience. This is an appropriate time for such retrospection.

In the operations of the farm, it so happens in Southern Agriculture, that most of the plans for a new crop begin with the new year. Christmas is a sort of winding up of the business of the past, and after the respite of a week's holiday, the first of January brings us to a starting point for another year, from which we look out and commence planning and arranging for another crop. This is not only an interesting epoch, but very much depends upon the correctness of the plans now made, and upon the fidelity of their execution. Each period has its work appropriate to the season, and what is not well done, and in its proper time, usually goes undone, or is so poorly done as to entail its consequences upon all the after operations of the year. It is emphatically true of planting, that each season has its duties and its burdens; and it is never safe to put off to-morrow that which ought to be done to-day. In fixing upon the work of this month, there is a great deal, to be started now, which only is to end with the crop making. In this class we may put down PLOWING.

With all possible speed let the plows now move off, that all stubble or fallow lands may be broken so as to get the full benefit of the winter freezes. Lands which are close or stiff, and inclined to break coarse or in clods, should be prepared early, that they may also be pulverized by the rains and the frosts. When vegetable matter or coarse manures are to be incorporated, a turning plow drawn by one or two mules should be used; and if the sub-soil is clay, break as deep as the strength of the team will enable you to do. In such lands, the most effectual operation would be made, by using a sub-soil plow; running one furrow in the bottom of that made by the turning plow. We think this plan greatly preferable to the one operation of the turning plow, even if it was practicable to reach the same depth, without the aid of the sub-soil plow. Our winters are not long enough, nor are the freezes in our climate severe enough to disintegrate and pulverize soil, so much turf and clay as may be thrown up by a large two horse plow. Whatever may be done in the way of plowing now upon one plan or another, be sure that it is well done, recollecting that depth and closeness are indispensable to good work.

SOILING OATS.

Those who have not sowed their oats in the fall, need wait no longer. Spring oats may be put in any time from now, until March, but the sooner the better. Put plenty of seed on the ground, and plow well, and with good seasons, a good return may be expected. The spring and early part of the summer are so often dry, as to make the fall sowing of oats altogether the most reliable crop, and as a general rule, it would be best that we should avail ourselves of an advantage so manifest.

FENCING.

These safeguards and ornaments to the farm ought to claim a full share of attention just now. If not attended to at once, other pressing duties may force a compromise by which a little patching up may do for the present, and through repairs be put off to a more convenient season. This will be an unwise conclusion if adopted. Pull down

to the foundation, clean out the old row, lay a nice worm, put in plenty of new rails, and build up a good high fence, and then you have the guarantee of peace and security for years to come. Let the gates have new posts and latches, and be well hung, and if your conscience is as well protected as the farm, you may expect to sleep soundly and sweetly.

DITCHING.

The importance of draining and drying our lands is but little understood, and but poorly appreciated in our country, and but few of us do well, even that, which our convictions demand. Something in this way needs to be done on almost every farm, and we suggest it now, not because the season is peculiarly appropriate, but because there is thought to be leisure, before the beginning of the crop, to attend to such jobs. We feel well assured, that its importance is such, as to give it prominent place in our plantation arrangements, until all excesses of water appearing upon the surface, or lying beneath it, should be removed. We do not propose discussing the merits of this work, or directing how its operations are to be performed now, but merely to call attention to it, as one of the things that ought to be done, and giving assurance of full compensation, for all labor or expenditure, judiciously made, in its accomplishment.

MANURING.

We hope our friends have a large amount of well rotted manure, prepared to send out, as a compensation to mother earth, for her bountiful return for our labors in the past year. Verily, we are her debtor, and I hope we are prepared to make a liberal payment. We do not like the appellation of robber, and though our drafts upon the soil may be slow, and conducted with so much stealth, as to evade the accusation, yet posterity will sustain the count, and mother earth yield up her supplies with a less liberal hand, if we do not mend our ways. Let our carts and wagons get to work, that all our manure may be on the ground in good time, and soon after its delivery, let it be deposited in the hill, or drill or broadcast, and be covered up, that nothing be lost by evaporation. Scrape close; you need not leave any for seed another year, but as soon as the lots and stalls are cleaned, provide fresh and ample supplies of material for making more.

REPAIRING HOUSES.

Your houses ought all to have had tight roofs, and well stopped cracks, before the winter came on; if however the cotton picking has induced a postponement, do not defer any longer, lest the doctor should charge you more for curing pneumonias and pleurisies, than the cotton comes to. Apart from the claims of humanity, it is good economy to have plenty of good negro houses, well elevated above the ground, and with good pitch to the body, with good chimneys, tight roofs and warm rooms for winter, and well ventilated in summer.—Soil of the South.

WINTERING SHEEP.—The Maine Farmer

tells how to winter one hundred head of sheep on two acres of land. But I have done better than that. This is what I do it, and not on rich, highly-manured land: I take for the purpose nothing more than a common wheat soil; if rich, the growth is apt to be too large. I plow it deeply, harrow it well, and about the 20th of June sow two and a half bushels of corn. I use the large variety; plow in with shovel plow, or cultivator, and if weeds try to grow among it, they will get heartily tired of such a sickly life, and try to grow among something else the next time; leave standing until the leaves get seared, and the crop loses some of its weight; then cradle down when dry, and put in loose shocks; tie at the top with rye straw, and leave standing until wanted for feed; it may be fed cut short, or as it is on clean ground.

In this way I have wintered one hundred

head of sheep without grain, and in good order, on an acre and a half of land. I have not had a better crop of wool, nor lost fewer sheep, nor raised a better crop of lambs, for five years, than I have done this spring.

FOUNDER IN HORSES.—Pull the animal's

tongue out as far as possible and throw a table spoonful of pulverized alum down his throat. In six hours, no matter how bad the founder, he will be fit for moderate service.

DRYING PUMPKINS, &c.—Cut them up

and stew them till they are soft and dry; pound and strain them through a colander; then grease pie pans, and spread it on a quarter of an inch thick and dry it; roll it up, and put it away in a tight box or bag, from the insects. Each one of these rolls will make a pie. It is very easy now to make a pie. Put it in sweet milk, and let it soak about two hours; put in an egg, a tablespoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of ginger, and one of allspice; and if you are lovers of pumpkin pie, as we are, you will pronounce it good.—Ohio Farmer.

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HAMBURG, S. C.

THE Subscriber has taken the Planters Water Proof Ware-House, formerly occupied by Mr. JOHN USHER, Sr., and by strict attention to business he trusts to merit a liberal share of the patronage of the generous public of the upper and Cotton-growing Districts.

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Hamburg, Sept 18, 1855. C. H. KENNEY.

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C. McCREGOR, F. L. SMITH.

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Connected with our Ware-Rooms, we have a large establishment, the machinery in which is driven by steam power, where we can at the shortest notice, manufacture any article not usually kept on hand.

In our Furniture Department, which embraces three Stories, can be found

Every Article of the latest Design, and we particularly request all persons to look before purchasing elsewhere, as we guarantee to duplicate any article at Charleston prices.

We also have on hand a splendid Stock of Tapestry, Brussels, Ingrain, Wilton, Three-Ply, Dutch Hemp and Cotton

CARPETS,

CRUMB CLOTHS and DRUGGETS, (all sizes and widths.)

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Damask, Lace and Muslin Curtains, Gimps, Cordes, Tassels, Cornices, Bands and Pins of the greatest variety.

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FLOOR AND TABLE OIL CLOTHS,

Of all widths, and of high reputation as to style and quality, and cut to fit any size room or entry in one piece.

The attention of buyers is respectfully requested to the above, which comprise the best and largest assortment ever offered in this city.

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Augusta, October 1, 1855.

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Orders at night or on Sunday, will receive prompt attention if left at Mr. J. B. PLATT'S residence on Ellis Street, in rear of the store.

C. A. PLATT & CO. August 2, Oct 1 4m

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CHOICE GOODS,

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RICH VELVET BROCADE SILKS; Morio Antique SILKS, in black and colors; New and beautiful shades of Plain and Rippled SILKS, very heavy and rich; Plain and Striped SILKS in great variety; Black Italian and Taffeta SILKS; Silk Robes, Satin Turk, Cashmeres, DeLaines; Ameline Cloths, Plain Stuffs; French and English MERINOS, all shades; Plevin DeLaine, a MUCH LOWER SCALE OF PRICES, French and American CALICOES OF GINGHAMS, Calico ROBES, &c.; Black Bombazines, Canton Crapes; Canton Cloths, Black Challies and Alpaccas; EMBROIDERIES and LACE Goods of every description.

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Augusta, Sept 18, 1855

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TINCTURE and Specie Stands from one gallon to half pint, assorted; Vine and bottles, all sizes. Also, a few Ther mometers,—for sale by

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EDGEFIELD C. H., Sept. 12, 1855. S. F. GOODE.

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