POETRY.

TO MY OLDEST FRIEND. BY GEORGE N. FIELD. Old friend, you never have forgot The vows we made together, When you were Jim, and I was Jack, And life ran smooth, though fast, alack, Through days of childhood's pleasure. We vowed that wheresoe'er we'd be, When leaves from death were springing. We'd sing some old familiar song, While back our thoughts would wander long To where we joined in singing. And so one month, at least, each year, Would fill with old-time pleasures, And memory dance with merry tune. To days that died, alas, too soon, Those days of hidden treasures. L left the home we both had known, And Westward sought a blessing, But with me took your sister Grace, Of gentle mind and sweetest face, But gave you sister Helen. But now again we meet, old boy,

Not dimmed by age or troubles, The old, old years come floating back, And my young Jim and your wee Jack Appear our very doubles. We'll see them grow, as, year by year, They pull in life's strong traces: And when death calls for you and me, I trust they then will able be To better fill our places.

AGRICULTUR E.

DEEP CULTURE.

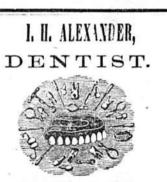
In Relation to the Retention of Moisture in Arable Lands.

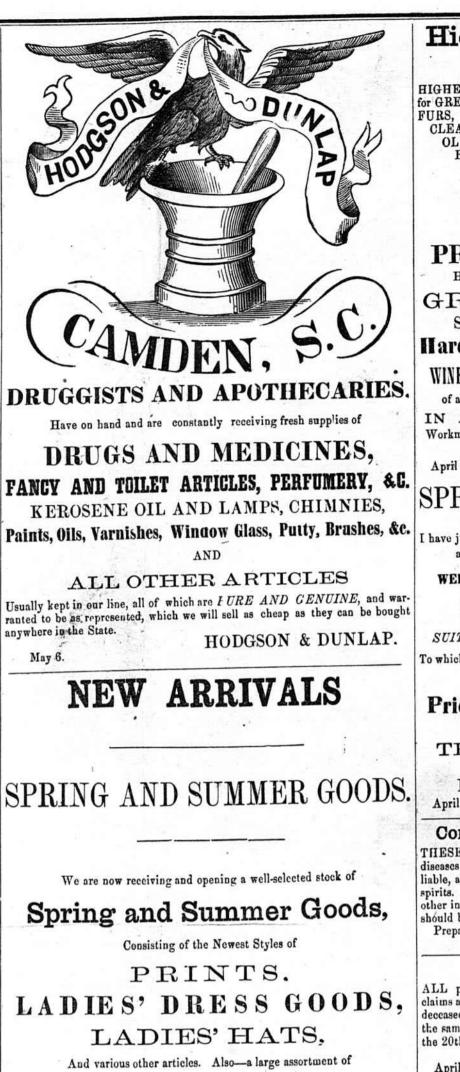
Deep digging, trenching and subsoil ploughing, says the Edinburg (Scotland) Farmer, are the means for preserving the moisture in the soil during heat and drought. There are not wanting many evidences that the several acts of husbandry stated under this head are advantageous on every desscription of land, even the most waterlogged fields. But, draining is a sine qua non in such fields, an operation that has been descriptively defined by Major McInvoy as "underground irrigation." "I consider," says he, "the most perfect system to be that which allows air and water to pass freely through the soil with their dissolving and fertilizing properties. Previous to draining and deep stirring, chemical action is very much confined to one stratum of soil-namely, where the air is neither excluded nor free, and where it is neither dry nor wet (speaking in common-place words.) Subsequently the laws of composition and decomposition have full play, and their effects are diffused throughout the whole mass of roil. In an essay published several years since, a gravelly, open subsoil .--The subsoil plough, which was drawn by two horses in the track of the common (for which the Maruquis of Tweeddale offered a prize,) it was said "that in every instance drainage gave a deeided advantage in the increase of temperature, except only in Summer, when a heavy fall of rain was found to lower the temperature of drained land more than undrained," which is evidently an advantage to a hot, parched soil. The writer subsoiled nearly 100 acres of a light, thin, incoherent soil, consisting of a small portion of black earth, with gravel and sand resting on plough, stirred the ground to the depth of twelve or fourteen inches. The weak point of the land so treated was its dryness, for even moderate heat and drought scorched whatever crops were grown ; but we found the process beneficial, the crops more abundant and less liable to suffer from an arid atmosphere. The rain water did not pass so rapidly away, and we ascribe this to the subsoil ploughing shutting up the grooves and channels through which the water has decended for untold ages. For this explanation we have been several times taken to task by intelligent agriculturists, who affirmed that subsoiling opened instertial places for front teeth, avoiding the unsightly ap-the more rapid descent of water. Such, pearatice of the foil showing through we believe, is the result of the operation in retentive bottoms. tributes to the retention of moisture .--We were in this point a follower of Jethro Tull, and is was the perusal of his writings that set us to work. He pronounced the opinion that pulverization was the one great idea of successful farming. When large cavities abound in land, plants suffer more in dry weather than with minute pores. This proposition seems to be self-evident, but it has often been disputed, as contervening a law of capilliary action that the ascent of the water is in the inverse proportion of the diameter of the tube. Now, it cannot be denied that a fine division of the soil is analogous to small eapilliary tubes; but one fact is fairly overlooked in this reasoning, namely, that the fine, small particles of soils con pacted together, exclude largely the air- to atoms, and thus prevent the full evapora- 1

tive powers that would otherwise rule and operate. It is said that, in digging a hole in the soil in dry weather, pounding down the excavated earth, and afterward returning it to the hole, more moisture is absorbed and retained in the surrounding ground. This process we have brought to the proof, and found its truth amply verified in soil ho'ding something less than their normal quantity of water, but in cases where moisture was redundant, it was otherwise.

In" the prevailing plan of draining soft flats forty or fifty years ago, we have undoubted evidence of the powerfnl action of evaporation. The shallow stone drains of eighteen inches proved an entire failure, so far as the removal of the surplus water was concerned .----The great law of gravitation being counteracted by capilliarity, the soft flats remained nearly as moist as ever .---Dixie Farmer.

ENLARGE THE MANURE HEAP .-We have some thousands of readers who will smile at our head line-their trouble with it is, it is too large, and they desire ways and means to destroy or put it out of sight; but the time will come when their descendents, or those who come after them; will think otherwise. The larger portion of our readers think otherwise now; and it is for their benefit that we discuss the matter. Stable or barn yard manure, we say it with emphasis, should claim the farmer's most particular attention. How to enlarge the quantity and quality of this great fertilizing agent should be his study by night and by day-he should have "manure heap" on the brain-he should not only think about it, and talk about it, but go to work and act about it. If a young man wants to get rich by farming, let him first study how to enlarge his manure heap. Feed everything in either the stable or barn yard, corn, fodder and all; haul in leaves from the woods, cut all the rubbish before it goes to seed and add it to the manure heap. Add plaster of paris frequently; this will attract and hold the ammonia, making the manure richer. If you have any swamp mud on the farm, haul it out on the bank in large heaps and mix with it plenty of lime and plaster; let it lay a year or so to sweeten, then apply it as a top dressing on your grass land .- American Stock Journal.





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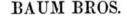
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