POETRY.

THE SQUEEZER. A yankee of inventive mind, Observing once that womankind Were blest with rather larger waists Than seemed conformed to ladies' tastes, Planned out and made of polished steel, With many a secret spring and wheel, A queer machine, to work a sure And altogether perfect cure, On every waist that might not be Of small enough periphery. His great machine at last complete, He advertised in many a sheet, In this poetic style: "Attention, ladies! call and see The wonder of the country! My patent Waist Decreaser, The ladies loving squeezer ! Gol up and run by Jabez Kile." scated in his office at his case, He waited calmly for a waist to squeeze. He had not very long to wait, For soon a maiden dressed in state, With rustling robes and smile serene, Came in to try this great machine, And throwing off her fure and hat, With stoic resignation sat Straight down among the wheels and springs, And screws and other curious things. rdeliko z little -just a little squeeze." Then said to Kile, "Sir, if you please, pleasure, ma'am," said he and placed

The pliant springs about her waist. Then turned the crank, the springs grew Again she smiled with pure delight. He turned again, she sighed, and then He turned the polished crank again, She suiled again, and whispered low, My dearest Jabez turn it slow! I'd linger long in joy like this!" He turned again, she murmured "bliss!" Again-she smiled, she strove to speak, But with estatic joy grew weak, Could only faintly gasp, Dear Jabez, ples Another, little, just a little squezee! The wheels went round, she fell asunder

AGRICULTURAL.

Age at which the Chestnut Tree Bears.

Under favorable circumstances, the chesnut tree comes into bearing aPa yery early age. A nurser man in Ohio received letters from various parties, attesting this fact, and from them I make the following extracts:

"I have some trees, six years old from the nut, that bore last H. G. STONE. Le Claire, Scott Co., Iowa.

There is a beautiful, thrifty chestnut tree, here on the prarie, twelve years old, that is bearing HENRY K. SMITH, Magnolia, Putnam Co., Ill.

"The chestnut trees, I received of you last Spring, gave entire satisfaction, some of them growing two feet. There are chestnuts in this county in bearing six years." CHARLES WATERS.

Springfield, Vernon Co., Wis. supposition that it will take them fitty years to come into bearing. compressed by rains as when the turning over is flat. a mistake to suppose that it will only grow in light soils. I have a vigorous young tree, some twenty feet high, of which I planted the nut, and it stands in a stiff, clay land. The editor of the Prairie Farmer, Mo. says: "The American chestnut does well on light praire soils. It is cultivated by several persons in the vicinity of Alton-Dr. B. F. Long, having trees which produce burs holding from four to seven nuts. Would it not be i well to bud or graft from such a stock? We have seen trees growing near Jacksonville, twelve years old, produce one bushel of nuts to a tree." The editor of the Kansas Farmer, (Leavenworth,) says: "The growing of chestnuts has created some excitement here, and one grove in this county bore an excellent crop nine years from the

Rousseau, the French philosopher, calculated, many years ago, that a given area in chestnut trees, would produce more food and better food than the same area in wheat. All farmers know the value of the chestnut for timber-no rails being so durable as chestnut rails. Its beauty as a park tree is unsupassed ;-it you are condemn. ed to the hard necessity of cultivating and owning but one tree, let that be a chrstnut tree. The nuts should be fresh and planted in the Fall-they grow as easily and as certainly as Indian corn. Out of a number that I planted, I do not think one failed to grow. Southern Home.

Deep and Shallow Plowing. A prominent and successful planter gives his views on the important subject, to Southern Agriculturists in the following language: D'Lhave paid a great deal of attention to what is termed deep plowing, and Thever yet have seen any plowing that can average over six inches deep, and that looked so deal; tean mexperienced person, it could easily be planted off as eight or ten inches deep. But after trying satisfactorily both deep and shallow plowing, I have come to the conclusion that plowing should be regulated to suit the land we were plowing. If I went into a field with but four inches of soil, I would turn over that land but three or four inches, and subsoil in the furrow of the turning plow; that would be my system for the first time I plowed such

lands. And the next year if there were stubble or weeds on the land, I would turn under again, going this time from four to six inchesthat is, would never plow land any deeper than its seil-the first plowing with a turning plow; but each succeeding breaking up, I would gradually go deeper, until I reached the depth of seven or eight inches, which is the maximum depth I have yet seen done by the very best plows, plowmen and team of two and three horses; and if wo have weeds, stubble, clover or peas to turn under annually when breaking up, soil can be made deeper than when we first commenced.

My rule for plowing is, to be governed entirely by the quantity of the lands I am going to plow. If shallow soil, I plow shallow, and subsoil; and put on the land such crops as will make the most rubbish to turn under-and, in time, a field of shallow soil can be deepened by judicious plowing and ro-

I would never turn up the clay to the surface if it can be avoided; and if a field had so little soil I would break up such lands entirely with subsoil plows-then sow them down with small grain, cut stubbles long, and then turn under as above described.

There is no implement we use of so much importance as the plow; it is our first and greatest imple-ment, hence every farmer should make the plow and plowing his study; he ought so to understand it as to be enabled to instruct or aid the manufacturer in its con-struction—telling him what he wants and what is necessary to make a plow perfect. But as it is, there are so few farmers who understand the plow and plowing, we have been dependent entrely upon the manufacturer to suit us in accordance with their own ideas of what the plow should be, and, right or wrong in construction, we find few who know it. The plow may break and turn well, and the draft may be too heavy, or the draft may be light, and the work of the plow imperfectly done; also, the fault sometimes lies in the gearing in of the beam. But be the fault where it is, the farmer should so understand the plow and gearing in of the same, as to detect the error and point out the remedy. If not, his plowings are accidental, whether right or wrong.

In turning lands, it will be noticed that some plows turn the furrow slice flat over, or lap on the principle of shingling. Where the plow turns over the furrow flat, I prefer such a plow for manurial purposes, that is to turn under clover, weeds, or stubbles.

But in breaking the ground for cultivation, and especially for corn, give me the plow that lodges its furrow-as, when the furrows are Many persons are deterred so lodged and the ground remains from planting chestnuts by the longer loosened and broken-as it is not so easily run together and

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