BLATEMETER ARRIVAL

Half a league, Half a league, half a league rearward, Right through the mire and dirt, Much to its beauty and hurt, Drugged the rich silken skirt,

Half a league rearward. Half a peck, half a peck, half peck fully, Hirsute and woolly. Right into the liquid air Rose up the pile of hair,

Prom other heads sundered, Nobly astraddle on it, Rode the brave bonnet-Rode, though it wondered-

Curls to the right of it, Curls to the left of it, Curls to the rear of it, Curls that were plundered.

What though men shout, " Oh fie, Fortunes you have squandered!" Theirs not to make reply,

Theirs not to reason why, Theirs to dress or dye"Charge!" to the clerks they cry-"Charge by the hundred !"

## AGRICULTURAL.

The notion prevails with many farmers and others that the roots of plants actually consume the manure in the soil-that it is taken up and digested in the system of the plant and thus contributes to its growth. The stock of corn or grass does not eat, but it drinks. All their food is taken in a liquid state. Water is the great solvent to absorb and prepare the plant food.

Soil is nothing more or less than decomposed rock with a mixture of vegetable matter, and the growing of crops takes nothing from the weight or measure of the soil in which they are grown. This has been proved by actual experiment, and may be proven by others at any time.

Farmers are apt to dispute about the best manner of applying manure to the soil, whether on the surface or ploughed under, two, four, six or eight inches. The rains fall on the surface, passes into the soil through the manure and absorbs the fertilizing properties contained in it, and thus the soil is impregnated with its juices in a proper condition to be taken up by the absorbing power of the roots to stimulate plant growth, or to mature its seed.

Some plants strike their root deep, others shallow, but as a general law, those that supply nonrishment to the plant range the surface, attracted there by the influence of the sun and atmosphere. Now if the manure is placed too deep and the rain carries the substance still deeper, it is out of reach of the rootlets that feed the plant and therefore its value is lost.

During dry weather plants drop, wilt down and die. This is not for want of plant food about its roots, but because that food is not in such condition that the spongioles or root-lets can take up and apply it. A shower of rain falls-the soil is saturated-the plant is food is solvent—the plant is stimulated, lives and grows; however rich in plant food the soil may be; however congenial to the growth of vegetation the climate may be-there can be CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUno growth without moisture. To grow, vege tation requires moisture, heat and light. It may be done to some extent without soil, but not to any useful purpose. Seeds vegetate better in the dark, but the living plant requires moisture, heat and light. We repeat that the farmer should try to keep the manure near the surface, for every rain that falls carries more or less of the plant food deeper and deeper, until it reaches a depth so low that the sun and atmosphere have but little influence. Every farmer and gardener is well aware of the fact, that however rich and well manured his land may be, grain,

grass, or other plants will not grow in it without moisture; the reason is, that the food of plants must be in a fluid state, or the roots cannot absorb and apply it to the plant Thousands of meadow and ulpand pastures are producing less than half the quantity of Bothtaains make close connection to all points hay and feed which the land is capable of, North, South and West. Through tickets sold f on a deficiency of plants of those kinds which are most productive and suitable for the soil. In some cases where the pasture is

very foul with weeds and moss, it is advisable

to pare and burn the old sward, and re-sow the land entirely, as above directed. In some other instances it may be desirable to drain and manure the land; but in most cases great improvement can be effected by mere ly sowing renovating seeds (which should consist of the finest and most nutritive kinds of grasses and clovers) in the following man-ner: Heavy harrows should be drawn over the old turf early in the spring, to loosen the soil for the admission of seeds, which, if

soil for the admission of seeds, which, if sown freely, will occupy the numerous small spaces spaces between the grasses already growing, and supercede the coarse grasses and noxious weeds. After the seeds are sown, the land should be carefully rolled. It is a good principle to sow these seeds at the at the same time that the top dressing if there is my applied. But this is by no means necessary. The months of February. March and April are proper for sowing the seeds; the earlier the better, as the old grass will protect the young from the frost. It is

will protect the young from the frost. It is also useful to sow in July and August, immediately after carrying the hay. Should the old turf be very full of moss, this is generally an indication that draining would be CORN, FLOUR, &c., &c. beneficial. The following is however, an almost infallible remedy for the moss, not only destroying it, but preventing the growth in future: Mix two cart loads of quicklime with eight cartloads of good light loam, turning the compost several times, that it may be thoroughly mixed and the lime slaked, and spread this quantity per acre over the pasture dragging the turf well with iron harrows.

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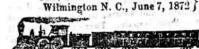
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