COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

How Far They are Profitable to Farmers - A Good Article on an Important Subject.

(From the Southern Cultivator)

extra seed, is thirty five dollars, or five dollars clear profit. Five dollars net inuse of a ton of fertilizer would not be considered unusual: it is probably much below the average results. But five dol lars on thirty dollars, for six months, is cotton is the price agreed upon for the fertilizer, payable November 1st, and

No reasonable man will be likely to deny the fairness of the above figures. The per cent. increase credited to the fertilizer is probably less than the average results of the use of commercial fertilizers in general-good, bad and in different-for a series of years together, ing period of ten years, or, in other words, that commercial fertilizers do not yield as good results on the same fields as they did ten or fifteen years ago. This may be accounted for without assuming that the quality of commercial fertilizers has been lowered. Chemical analysis shows that they have not. Field tests on similar lands that have not been "run to death" in cotton with concentrated fertilizers prove that the same results can now be secured as before, with average fertilizers of the present time. More over, the price of standard fertilizers has steadily declined—the cost of material and manipulation being less and competition reducing the profits of the manu-

facturers and dealers.

What, then, is the difficulty? De those farmers who refrain from the use of commercial fertilize a succeed any of them striking the young soldier's better? If the do, is their prosperity due to their policy in this respect, or is it not in spite of it, and because of exceptional skill, industry, economy—especially in the utilizing home manurial resources? When the latter policy is supplemented by the indicious (and liberal) use of the best grades of commercial fertilizing materials, composted or mixed—as far as possible—at home, we almost invariably see the best results. Nearly all of the most prosperous farm ers in the country are those who do not depend on bought fertilizers alone, but who bring intelligence, skill, industry and sound judgment to bear in all the

details of farming. The fact is, too much is expected of fertilizers. Guano cannot compensate for the absence of the qualities and habits, etc., that characterize the suc-cessful farmer. If a farmer, without using guano, falls behind at the rate of cessful farmer. If a farmer, without using guano, falls behind at the rate of thirty dollars to the mule, it is not reasonable to expect that he will "come out even," much less "ahead," by using a fress.

ton of fertilizer to the mule, without complying with the other conditions of successful farming. He might as well expect to make a musician of his son by simply buying him a fiddle.

the extra expenses of packing and the Washington "Vanity Fair" with the ginning, and adding the value of the highest priced vituals, and swills them with the choicest vintages of Eurgundy and champague. One of her recent "blowouts," as she would call it, brought together many of the most noted people in the capital and guests of distinction from distant parts of the country.

That miracle of municipal modesfy, 16% per cent., or 33% per cent. per Chicago, contributed a pair of these annum! Or suppose 350 pounds of lint gilded elbowers and pushers, whose grotesque, gold-plated antics have for two or three years afforded amusement to on-fazing gods and men. Nothing is We now have 75 pounds of fint cotton too extravagant for their Chicagonese more than enough to pay for the fernerve or cheek. They went into official mourning a year or so ago for a person they had never met, and there seems Victoria, by the grace of God Queen of England and Empress of India, should appen to pass in her royal checks their brown-stone eastle would fly a black flag for thirty days and discount the British say for the last ten years. It is true that | Minister's residence in profuseness of emblematic woe. - Washington Letter to

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A Hero of American Heroes. "It was once my fortune," he says, "to see a young man take an ax in his hand and walk alone across 200 yards of open ground under the fire of 400 discounted troopers, and deliberately cut down a telegraph pole. While he was chopping away at the tough cedar wood I could plainly see the splinters whirling as the whizzing bullets aimed at him crashed through it, or seamed its sides with ragged sears. Near by stood a brick chimney, where a house had been burned down; a twelve pound shot struck the pile, and it went tumbling to earth, scattering its bricks about, some egs. He did not waver. As regular as beat of a pendulum was the swing of that ax, and when the pole fell friends and foes vied together in yelling their admiration of the young man as he deliberately shouldered his ax and returned to his place in his command,"—Maurice Thompson in the Independent.

It Was an Old Story.

A boy about nine years old sat on a loor step on Clinton street yesterday, and a patrolman who heard a great noise up stairs in the house inquired of him;
"Isn't that a row going on up stairs?"

"Who is it?" "Dad and ma'am."

"Why didn't you tell me they were

HOUSE PLANTS AND SPRING.

(From the London Queen.)

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asked to read articles and prepare them for the printer, to condense a paper of 5,000 words into 1,000 without omitting a point or weakening an argument, read a delicious little wrap made of tiger skin—just the sort of thing that only a very wealthy woman dare buy, for it could not possibly be worn more than hali a asked to read articles and prepare them proof, hold copy for the proof-reader, write advertising paragraphs, attend to editorial correspondence, look after the make-up of the "forms." prepare advertising circulars, review books, write obituaries, report events, write headlines, answer questions, look after the exchanges, make clippings consider the exchanges, make clippings, compile arti-cles, write editorials, or do a hun-dred other things. If she earns a per-manent place she must do some of these things better than any other available person, and before she rises to an editorial position she ought to know how to do them, all, and what is more know when others are doing them right. Journalism is by no means purely literary work, nor is it without its disadvantwhat he wants and does not want, and the flowers in the bonnet. all work must be done in accordance w'th his views, often in direct opposiway from the pole from top to bottom, ton to personal tastes; the hurry of the work, particularly on daily and weekly papers, is a heavy strain; the associations in reportorial positions are not always pleasant; advancement is often slow, as even a person well fitted for the work is a long time obtaining thorough command of his resources. The disadvantages peculiar to women are not many. A greater liberality of ideas as a rule characterizes journalists than other professional men, and the question of ability is usually the only one raised. There are certain kinds of reporting, as police and morgue news, impossible to a woman; but it is a kind of news which advancing civilization makes more and more unpopular.—Ida M. Tarbell in the Chautauquan.

Sleepless People.

worst soporific is laudanum, and the very injurious effect of the shade is very noticeable in plants growing in secluded is tawny seldom requires a pill.

to say, when neither torrents of rain, trimmed with a high bunch of Naples frost or cutting winds prevail—the plants violets. A large cluster of similar bowopen air, bringing them back—as I have already said—towards evening. Women in Journal sun. Which came down in points upon the sembre velvet. The ear rings were amethysts, just a little too blue in tone journalist must fit into the organization to assert comfortably with the pale wherever she is needed. She may be manye of the violets. This lady carried

dozen times in the year, being too con-"A handsome brunette had a ruby velvet jacket, quite tight-fitting, edged with beaver. Her bonnet was red, and so was her gown, but the former was velvet, the latter silk. A tall and spleudid blonde, with glorious coils of ale brown glossy hair, wore a bodice and overdress of putty colored ottoman over a skirt and plastron of brightly striped silk. The collar and culls were of the stripes. The small bonnet was embroidered and edged with a fluff of silk chenille, just a shade darker and a tone richer than the putty tint of the silk. It was trimmed with a group of red roses or poppies. The ear rings were ages. The halo which surrounds it is very long and very old-fashioned, but largely fictitious. Every department of they were of diamonds and pearls of the the work has more or less dradgery con-nected with it; the editor-in-chief knows trimmed with sable tails, just matched "Two sisters in half mourning were

beautifully daessed, one in black velvet, trimmed with chinchilla, and bounct to match; the other, also in black velvet, with trimmings of rich, finely cut steel. A handsome but morose looking woman had no less than three diamond stars in her bonnet strings. A blonde who was present had something black in her hair. We could not make out what it was, so decided that she had truffled her hair as a refreshing novelty.

Girls That are Loyable.

Girls without an undesirable love of liberty and craze for individualism; girls who will let themselves he guided; girls who have the filial sentiment well developed and who feel the love of a laughter for the woman who acts as their mother; girls who know that every day and all day long cannot be devoted to holiday-making without the interven-Sleepless people, cays Health and Home, should court the sun. The very who, when they can gather them, accept who, when they can gather them, accept their roses with frank and girlish sinworst soporific is laudanum, and the very bost is sunshine. Therefore it is plain that the poor sleepers should pass as many hours of the day in the stunshine mand as few in the shade as possible. The injurious effect of the shade is very gladdens and does not oppress or disjunctions of the shade is very gladdens and does not oppress or disjunctions of the shade is very gladdens and does not oppress or disjunctions. tract the old, whose sweetness and ready places and ladies who are accustomed to submission to the reasonable control of carry sunshades. The invigorating power of sunlight is infinite, and he whose skin charge so light to those whose sare they e skin charge so light to those whose care they

ment?"

"Nay, be me troth; Italia's wandering genius of the crank, the booming business of Esculapians, the school boy taking furlough from his books to interview the spiral angleworm, the homely hen that hums her humble hymn of Easter emblems, and the housewife's howl as with the moth she holds her annual joust, these be some symptoms that assert to me the year's conjunction with the wanton spring.'

Would Make a Good One,

Lee made his recent visit to Minnesota is part of a plan to give him the second place on the next national ticket origiit is difficult to see how a flying trip, or any other trip, to St. Paul or anywhere else, could promote such an object. Governor Lee came here to dine with the President and Mrs. Cleveland, and at the last moment decided to accompany some friends to the northwest-a little rest from the worry of office. At the same time vo again insist that he would make a model Vice-President,—Washington

A City of Beautiful Women.

Detroit, Mielf., is noted for its healthy and handsome ladies, which the leading physicians and druggists there attribute to the general use and popularity of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

"Wisely improve the present is good advice," said the newly-married man, as he sold a duplicate wedding gift.

THE SORROWS OF GRAVE-DIGGERS. Instructions for Reporting and Caring for Returning to Simpler Forms-Gray the How the German People Celebrated His They All Die Poor-Their Woes Told by The Men Appointed by the President to

One of the Craft.

hoarse with flerce protests, and stude me through with filly-ments of wrath,"

"I wonder, sith thy stable wit I hear, that thou doet favor not this teeming time."

"This steaming time is good thou cumming conjurer, for three the seams and sewers of soil doth cose obnoxious odors that proclaim the steaming process of that proclaim the steaming process of that proclaim the steaming process of the dainty crest above the gleise, and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seattly the dainty crest above the gleise, and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seattly the dainty crest above the gleise, and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seattly the dainty crest above the gleise, and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and seems the garden truck's collivium, he hies to silent sanctum of the soil and the truck the thinks, only in the event that the deels assued of his clection. He will alter our custom the time and attended the will attended the custom that the feels assued of his clection. He will alter our stable reason the will that he times, and the time that he does so as to be ready to

imposed and wholly needless. Fears of calamities which never happen, a doleful habit of looking at the worst, a suspicious disposition, a jealous turn of mind—these are the tyrants that load us with burdens heavy to bear and needless to carry. If we should honestly examine the various burdens of our lives, we would be surprised to find how many of them are of this character. Not only may we drop them if we will, but justice to others demands that we should. A The report that Governor Fitzhugh man or woman habitually unhappy ssentially selfish, and is always a thorn in the community. There are enough crosses and trials in life which must be nated, of course, in a Chicago paper.

borne, without manufacturing artificial There is not the slightest basis for the and needless ones; and the more thoreacturing artificial and needless ones; and the more thoreacturing artificial and needless ones. and needless ones; and the more thorimputation. General Lee is not the oughly we rid ourselves of the latter, the man to go around hunting for office, and more energy and spirit we can bring to

"No Physic, Str. in Mine!"

A good story comes from a boys' board-ig-school in "Jersey," The diet was mo-otonous and constipating, and the learned style physic in the apple sauce, and await the happy results. One bright had, the smartest in school, discovered the secret mine in his sauce, and pushing back his plate, shouted to the pedagogue, "No physic, sir, in mine. My dud told me to use nuthin but Dr. Pierce's 'Pleasant Purgative Pellets,' and they are a doing their duty like a charge." iuty like a charm!' They are anti-bilious and purely vegetable.

The Persian proverb, "Woe unto that by this particular nation.

THE INTER-STATE COMMISSION.

"Let him not in, Andromeda, I pray till he hath purified his breath a bit, and purged his raiment of its rubbish tang."
"Dost thou not like the spring, thou testy one?"

"The good Bishop McLoughlin, of in the South making speeches, more with diggers in Flatbush cometery, and he pays it every day—rain or shine.

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ty one?"

"Aye, if the same were not too long An amusing incident occurred not action Sherman believes he can have it "Aye, if the same were not too long a springing. This spring halt makes me hoarse with fierce protests, and studs me through with filly-ments of wrath."

"I wonder, sith thy stable wit I hear,"

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saith: 'My dainty redolence will seem place of meeting, where an exchange obscure in atmosphere so freight with times,."

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"And to the promotion than of the mug-with the place of meeting, where an exchange of the place of meeting, where an exchange of the mug-with the place of the mug-with th more gregarious. It largely draws its strength from the Republican party, as does the labor vote from the Democratic A large part of life's burdens are self- party. In his own mind the problem now being revolved by Mr. Blaine is "Will there be enough votes cast outside of the Republican party for a prohibition candidate to jeopardize fork or any other Republican State?" If he comes to the conclusion there will not be, Mr. Blaine will be a Richmond

Mr. Sherman's candidacy this time means more and looks more portentous than it ever did before. The Camerons, of Pennsylvania, Simon and Don, are allied with it. They are afraid Blaine in power would cut that wing. They are for Sherman because of martial alliances which binds the house of Sherman with their own, and because, while they might not get all they asked from him, they would never get the cold shoulder. However, it doubtless is true that in Pennsylvania Blaine is stronger than the Camerons. In Ohio he has heretofore shown more strength than Sherman.

In accordance with the law enacted by congress providing for the purchase of white marble busts of the Vice Presidents, to be placed in the niches of the Senate Chamber, the library committee has solicited propositions from sculptors for the work, commencing with the late Vice-President Hendricks. Not more than \$800 is to be paid for a single bust, and prefor-ence is to be given in each case to an artist from the State from which the Vice-Presi dent came. The first response from the committee's invitation assures the orna-mentation of the Chamber with the bust of ration where the young have already the vices of age, and the aged retain the follies of youth," might be remembered profitably by this particular nation.

John C. Calhoun, by Theodore Mills, of this city, son of Cark Mills, who produced the equestrian statue of Jackson in Laby this particular nation.

Fayette square.—Cor. Cin. Enquirer.