

FARMERS' READING.
 Fall Plowing.
 It is generally conceded that except with very light lands all soils are benefited by fall plowing. Care must be exercised, however, that they are in a proper condition of firmness. The freezeings and thaws of winter allow of their being plowed when more saturated with water than is, otherwise, safe.—*American Farmer.*

California Beet Sugar.
 The beet sugar factory at Sacramento is reported as under successful operation; the working up of this year's crop having commenced Sept. 20. The crop of sugar beets to be worked up amounts to nearly 10,000 tons. The field-gang of 45 men is gathering the crop as rapidly as possible. The factory is worked night and day by gangs of 45 men each, relieving each other. The sugar produced is said to be superior to any other raw sugar in the market.

Large Peach Orchard in the West.
 Shellers, who resides near Middleton, Del., the Horticulturist says, owns the largest peach orchard in the world. Last year he shipped to New York 125,000 baskets of fruit, and it is estimated that he lost, by being unable to procure labor to pick, about 25,000 baskets more. On several days he loaded, from his orchard, ten car loads. Mr. Shellers' orchard reaches along the public road for more than eight miles—generally on either side—and covers an extent of upwards of 1,000 acres.

Average Milk of a Cow.
 At a meeting at Jamestown, New York, according to the Country Gentleman, several dairymen agreed that one hundred and fifty pounds of butter per cow annually is about the average product of dairies generally.

The largest yield reported by any one present was nine hundred and nine pounds from three cows, selected from fifteen, and had two hundred pounds per cow for his dairy. One with dairy of twenty-nine cows had the following average for past four years: One hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and fifty six, and one hundred and forty-six pounds.

Value of Farm Products Per Acre.
 The last volume of the agricultural report—which has been so long delayed—has just been printed at the government printing office. The following table shows the average cash value of farm products per acre in this country, according to the report of the statistician of the department:

State	Av. value.	State	Av. value.
Maine	\$14.16	Ark.	\$12.84
New Hampshire	17.00	Ind.	17.60
Vermont	17.50	Ill.	18.00
Massachusetts	31.00	West Virginia	18.04
Rhode Island	34.00	Kentucky	18.54
Connecticut	32.94	Ohio	18.57
New York	22.94	Michigan	18.60
New Jersey	27.06	Indiana	18.61
Pennsylvania	20.80	Illinois	11.13
Delaware	13.24	Wisconsin	15.30
Maryland	15.22	Minnesota	11.83
Virginia	14.18	Iowa	11.99
North Carolina	11.38	Missouri	11.99
South Carolina	10.45	Kansas	6.92
Georgia	11.68	Nebraska	7.75
Florida	11.47	California	15.15
Alabama	12.48	Oregon	24.78
Mississippi	15.61	Nevada	44.30
Louisiana	16.07	The Territories	26.17

A Method of Reducing Bones.
 Mr. Porter Warren, of New Hampshire, gives the following easy and cheap formula for reducing bones:
 If the farmer will set aside a cask, in some convenient place, for the reception of bones, and throw all that are found on the farm into it, he will be likely to find a collection at the end of the year that would prove a valuable adjunct to his manure heap. Place them in a large kettle mixed with ashes, and about one peck of lime to the barrel of bones. Cover with water and boil. In twenty-four hours all the bones, with the exception, perhaps, of the hard shin-bones, will become so much softened as to be easily pulverized by hand. They will not be in particles of bone, but in a pasty condition, and in excellent form to mix with muck, loam or ashes. By boiling the shin-bones ten or twelve hours longer they will also become soft.

The Best Hogs for the South.
 We have recently received letters from many valued friends inquiring what is the best hog for the south? One of the good effects of having raised an abundant crop of corn is the generally diffused desire to raise our own meat, and as that good work must now be commenced from the foundation, the inquiry as to the best and most profitable breed is natural.

We unhesitatingly answer that the Berkshire, or a cross of the Berkshire and Essex, is incomparably the best hog for our country and climate. We are intimately acquainted with persons in Tennessee, and other states, who have raised the Berkshires for several years, and have brought them to a perfection such as we have never seen attained by any other breed. Give them a good range, and access to plenty of water, and they will increase, multiply and replenish the earth. At fifteen months old, with ordinary care and sufficient food, they will weigh from 350 to 400 pounds, and, owing to their small bone, there is less difference in weight between a Berkshire alive and one slaughtered than any other hogs we have ever known. Where crossed by the Essex the hog has more size, and is, perhaps, more industrious in "rooting" for himself; but, in our experience, the mere Berkshire is not deficient in this latter particular.

Berkshires than any other in the seed is ripe.—*Southern Farmer.*

How a Detroit Lover was Going to Get Even.
 Some five or six weeks ago a young man named Charles Perrin, twenty-three years old, and a carpenter by trade, fell in love with a good-looking girl, whose parents live on Orchard street. Charles has red hair, and a freckled face, and although the young lady treated him courteously when he called at the house, she had her mind made up that she could never wed a red-headed man. After an acquaintance of three weeks he asked her to become Mrs. Perrin, and was greatly taken down when she told him that she couldn't think of such a thing. Charles then sought to have the old folks put in a good word for him, but they declined to interfere. He continued his visits, perhaps hoping to soften the girl's heart, but Thursday evening the crisis came. He went to the house with a bottle of acid in his pocket, prepared to spoil her beauty if she did not give him a favorable answer. There was no one at home but the girl and her mother, and Perrin first invited the girl to take a walk with him. She refused to go, and he asked to see her alone. She also refused this request, and the lover had just got ready to draw the bottle from his pocket when something bit him. He thought it was a dog, but it wasn't. The oink had worked out of the bottle, and his coat-tails were turning brick color at the rate of a yard a minute. The acid wasn't content with the coat-tails, but struck out for flesh, and in about a minute the young man was dancing around the house as if to escape a bullet. Shouting and whooping he got out of doors and threw off most of his clothing and rolled in the mud, and it was some time before any one could find out whether he had snakes in his boots or had sat down on a bad-awl. He was so badly burned that two men had to help him to his boarding-house on Fifth street, where a physician dressed the burns. There is a good deal of laughing at his expense, and if he makes his appearance at the house again he will be arrested, as he told one of his friends in advance that he meant the acid for the girl.—*Free Press.*

Praise the Children.
 There is an idea that praise is too good a thing to be given to the children: that it too rich for their mental and moral digestion. Some parents are so afraid that a child will grow proud that they never praise him, and this course is often disastrous. It is apt to produce too much self-assertion—for self-assertion is a legitimate outgrowth of withholding commendation from one who is entitled to it, or it will endanger self-distrust or melancholy hopelessness of disposition. Praise is sunshine to a child, and there is no child that does not need it. It is the high reward of one's struggle to do right. Thomas Hughes says that you can never get a man's best out of him without praise. You certainly can never get a child's best out of him without praise. Many a sensitive child, we believe, dies of hunger for lack of kind recommendation. Many a child starving for the praise a parent should give runs off eagerly after the designing flattery of others. To withhold praise where it is due is dishonest, and in the case of a child such a course often leaves a stinging sense of injustice. Motives of common justice as well as a regard for the future of the child should influence the parent to give generous praise to all who deserve it. Of course there is a difference in the constitution of children; some cannot bear so much praise as others, and some need a great deal. It should never be indiscriminate. We remember a wonderful woman who taught a school in one village until she had educated a part of three generations. She was one of the most successful of teachers, but her success lay in her gift of praising with discrimination. A bad boy who was a good scholar got praises for his brilliancy sandwiched between her abomination of his bad behavior, and so was won to a better life; and we recall a good girl who had no gift for learning rapidly, but who was saved from utter despair by the praise she got for her untiring industry. In the discouraged heart of the children the praise of the teacher comes like sunlight; and the virtues, like fruit, can only ripen in sunshine.

The Prettiest Woman in New York.
 Miss K., well known in our fashionable society for her *distingué* appearance and beautiful complexion, is a tall, rough-skinned girl, chagrined at her red, freckled face. She pitched into Magnolia Balm, and in a few days her complexion as she is charming in manner. This article overcomes freckles, tan, sallowness, moths, patches, ring-marks, etc., and makes one look ten years younger than they are. Magnolia Balm for a transparent complexion, and Lyon's Katharion to make the hair luxuriant, soft and delicate, have no rivals. The Katharion prevents the hair from turning gray, eradicates dandruff, and is the best and cheapest dressing in the world.

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The heads of gambling houses privilege institutions in Siam—put in circulation a crockery currency, which they recall at pleasure. This crockery currency, however, is now to be recalled by the government, and paper notes of small denominations are to be generally used until a proper coinage can be decided upon.

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