Agricultural Department. W. H. EVANS, . . . Editor

THE EDITOR BEGS TO RESUME HIS DUTIES IN THOUGHTS FOR MARCH.

The first and most important a report of an experiment upon five thing for us to consider is, what acres of good red gravel land of have we learned from the experi- natural average fertility. The stand become more scientific and practi-cal farmers? Have we got anyence of the past year? Have we thing from experience or books to ket. The compositions of the mixaid us in our work? Do we know anything more about manures and manufacturing added. Some of the their application, the proper kind results in the experiment are conto use and how much, the practical tradictory and not easily explained. part of farm work, the proper agri- The burden of proof, is however, cultural implements to use and when, the kind and quantity of seed vid Dickson in his advice to use to plant, the cultivation of our crops about the equivalent of 200 pounds and the harvesting of them, the of guano per acre. economy of labor in all our farming, or are we content to go on in the old beaten track doing the same with good horse power and improvthings that we did last year; buy- ed implements, pay a handsome ing and using fertilizers with ut profit; that the same with a light knowing their composition or value; spending time and money in haul-at least temporary, is entailed upon ing in pine straw because our dad the advocate of the intensive sysdies did it; filling our stables and tem, who makes large application lots two or three feet deep with of compost or fertilizer, although he straw or leaves, thereby adulterating our manure so that it is nearly worthless and making a winter's work to baul out again that which is cf no benefit to us; digging into the ground with cutters and shovels under the mistaken notion of making a soft bed for the roots of the cultivation of our crops, digging can make nothing for himself, and into them with the same ploughs and cutting off all their roots in or- every ten or fifteen dollars borrowder to make them branch out and ed, and fifty cents storage, and 21 put out more feeders, under the no- per cent. commissions for selling tion that plants thrive better the more mouths they have, regardless of the quantity of food supplied hot, hot, hot. There is no use to tions and as they can be answered in the affirmative or negative we are either prospering or falling behind. A farmer cannot stand still, he must either increase his means every year or else fall into debt. Let us take care on which side of this fence we fall. With cotton at seven or eight cents, it is a very difficult matter not to fall in debt, Ward, who has just been released unless we practice the most rigid economy in all our necessary ex- the particulars of which he has conpenditures and waste no time or sented to give to the public. He writes as follows: money in idle pleasures.

The second thought that stumps us is, what are we to do about the oat crop! This is the third crop that has been entirely or partially killed by the cold. We had heretofore supposed and have written to My head, face and shoulders bethat effect that early planting, so as to give the crop a firm hold in and finally the disease commenced thelground, will prevent killing, but that theory has been upset by this winter's experience. We have seen oats planted in September, October, November and December all medies and applied to nearly all equally killed; some six inches sprouting in the ground. This is a couraging that unless we find a remedy for it we will have to discontinue planting them.

What is the remedy? We would suggest a change of seed and time of planting. The red rust proof is now the only one planted in this ccunty. Its only merit is that it is rust-proof. It is more delicate and therefore more liable to be killed than the white or black that were used before the war. If planted had been burned and then restored. early and not killed it will make a My case was well known in this good crop; if planted in the spring, county, and for the benefit of others after the danger of cold is over, it is not productive, and unless heav- to the public, and to extend my ily manured will not grow high enough to be cut with a cradle. We will have to substitute for it a winter oat, if we can find such a ROBERT WARD.

The public, and to takend my the ensuing year attractions unequalled by any previous volume, embracting two capital illustrated serial stories, one by Mr. Thos. Hardy, among the foremost of living writers of fiction, and the other by Mr. Walter Besant, one of the most thing, or else plant in the spring and manure more heavily. The the undersigned, know Mr. Robert crop has become too important to Ward, and take pleasure in saying us to be given up and we will have that the facts above stated by him are true, and that his was one of to find some method of growing the worst cases of Blood Poison we day. them without subjecting ourselves ever knew in our county, and that to the loss by cold. We were glad to see that a large portion of this crop in the county has been replant.

W. C. BIRCHMORE & Co., Merch'nts ed, and we trust our farmers will J. H. BRIGHTWELL, M. D. give their experience in the NEWS JOHN T. HART, of the success of spring-planting.

The next thought is, what crop shall we plant? We fear that nine Brightwell and W. C. Birchmore & men out of ten will answer, more cotton of course to make up for the add take pleasure in saying that small price. Would that remedy the they are gentlemen of undoubted evil we complain of? The more that is made the less the price. We already produce more than is needed for the world's consumption. Would increasing that supply help us any? The only remedy for the it. Diversify our crops in every way that we can think of. Try more cases as the above, is it not reasonable to suppose that any and all cases of Blood Diseases can be way that we can think of. Try more corn, more potatoes, peas, forage crops, fruit, vegetables—everything to eat, and stop the heavy outlay that goes out of the country every year to buy food. It makes us blush for shame at our folly to see the quantity of vegetables and cansed less money and less medicine than

goods sold in our county, when it ever before known. is so easy to grow the same things

(to be continued.)

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may have increased his yield of

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> Ward's Woes .-- and His Desperate Struggle and How it Ended.

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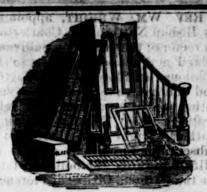
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