





THE FUTURE OF OUR FARMERS.

EDS. COUNTRY GENTLEMEN.

At the approach of spring we are all meditating as to what crops we should raise upon our fields the coming season, and considering the low prices of almost all farm produce, it might not now be out of place for us who are not necessitated by location to one course of cropping, or one particular crop, to consider whether we shall continue in the same old routine. The crops usually grown in the Western States, where land is cheap, and soil comparatively free from weeds, can be produced at such a rate as to drive us entirely out of the market in regard to production for profit.

Statistics show that our averages are lower in Western New York than in the West, and many seem blind to the fact that the continuation of the same course of cropping year after year when this section was then "the West" cannot be a profitable operation, in view of the mammoth grain crops grown in that western country. We must alter our husbandry to the new condition of things, and determine upon a higher and better system of farming; have more in view a "large manure pile" than a nicely painted house and barn. In this town of Ogden, one of the most productive townships in Monroe county, with land worth from \$100 to \$200 per acre, most of it of the limestone order (and where clover can be grown *ad libitum*) it occurs at some seasons of the year that we are destitute of any choice fat cattle, and pig breeders, even for local trade, have to look elsewhere. Now with the approaching spring, and that must inevitably come from England for fat cattle, sheep and swine to be cut upon the butchers block to feed the millions on that wealthy but diminutive island, is surely behooves us, who live in the most productive part of this great continent, and where we are but a comparatively short distance from the seaboard, to consider well if we are not to be the first in this field to receive the benefits of this profitable branch of husbandry. The recent account of one set of quarters weighing 147 stone, selling in London for £30 and some odd shillings (over \$200 American money), must readily convince us of the profit to be obtained by those who are disposed to feed none but choice steers.

We are all willing to admit that for years past Indian corn has been marketable at a price below the cost of production here, and what a grand chance to bring our farms up to a high standard of fertility! We must do away with the "farming at large" system and substitute the "small" system, where the animal does not waste away its surplus fat to procure food for its own sustenance. I look upon the successful experiments of carrying fresh meat across the Atlantic as a perfect good send to us nationally. Any one who has ever been around the London docks and seen the immense amount of damaged Indian corn that arrives at that port, will readily admit that more profit would attend its being fed here, than to take the chances of its heating on the journey. When a large "on coast" is offered on Mark Lane no sample is necessary, as no one would purchase unless at reduced rates, as the chances are equally in favor of its being damaged as of its being sound.

The Agricultural Gazette says that the London market will warrant the shipment of 200 tons weekly, and this means 15,000 tons during a single year. This will completely revolutionize our present poor grain trade and leave those elements of fertility which are wasted in drawing the very life out of the soil. In fact the advantages are manifold, and some sections of country will make this a specialty. Shall ours be the one?

A FRENCH POISONING CASE.

HOW A MOTHER AND SON DO AWAY WITH THE FATHER—A SON'S RETURN FOR HIS EDUCATION.

An extraordinary poisoning case, showing what rural manners are in France, is now being tried by the Assizes of the Dordogne. The facts, as detailed by the Paris correspondent of the London Standard, are as follows: "M. Garrigues, a well-to-do farmer, living at Julien Lampor, had an only child, a son, and, like many persons in the same position he desired to make the young man a gentleman. So he sent him to Paris to make a doctor of him. But, as often happens, even in the best regulated families, the young man, on arriving in the French capital, preferred pleasure to medicine, and devoted himself more to the study of the interesting subjects outside the hospital than to the patients within. However, he passed his examination, and was duly legalized as one of the disciples of Aesculapius. But on returning home, he found that his father had not only ruined himself in paying his debt and for his education in Paris during seven years, but that the family situation was aggravated by a difference between his father and mother, which led to the latter leaving the conjugal domicile for six months. Mme. Garrigues, however, eventually returned to her husband, and matters

went on pretty smoothly until M. Garrigues, pere, being taken unwell after eating some soup, began to suspect he was being poisoned! A quarrel arose, M. Garrigues, pere, struck his wife, and was sent to prison a few weeks. On regaining his liberty, he found that during his absence a domestic named Essier had taken his place at home, and that they were determined to get rid of him somehow. Being entirely ruined, he brought an action against his son, who was condemned to support his father. On leaving Court the young Doctor was heard to say: "I won't pay the pension long." A few weeks later M. Garrigues, pere came home rather late; he had not dined, but his son and wife had taken the precaution to leave him some of the *coût de leurs* they had eaten. He partook of it, and in a short time was seized with cramp and vomit. He took to his bed and died in a few days. His death was the occasion of general rejoicing at home. The domestic, Essier, the lover of Mme. Garrigues, ordered the coffin and offered to place the body in it, which he did, but the coffin being rather too small, he had to trample on it to get it in. A *bon* habileté was then given by M. Garrigues, and toward midnight the coffin was found to be in flames, the curtains around it having been set on fire. Notwithstanding these suspicious facts, the burial took place in due course. But the police were aroused, and a post-mortem examination of the body showed that the deceased had been poisoned with arsenic. Dr. Garrigues, his mother, and the domestic Essier, were at once arrested. As in similar such cases, they all professed their innocence, and threw the blame of the crime upon the shoulders of their accomplices. Mme. Garrigues, however, admits giving her husband something in his soup provided by her son, but she protests she thought it would do him good, and that her son, being a doctor, knew what he was about. On the other hand, M. Garrigues, pere, pretends that he acted under the influence of his mother. As for the servant Essier, whose relations with Mme. Garrigues were no secret to her son, he denies having taken the slightest part in the death of M. Garrigues, pere. The son is thirty-two years old; he appears in Court dressed in nimspeachable black, with violet gloves, and appears calm and confident. His mother is a little woman of fifty-two years, and wears her mourning and widow's weeds with apparent sincerity. Essier, her lover, is described as a vulgar clown-bopper, with blonde whiskers and mustache. The trial has created great sensation, not only in the Department of the Dordogne, but also throughout France.

A little three-year old daughter of Mr. Wm. Kessalus, of Bastrop, was choked to death last Wednesday with a grain of corn.

Only two deaths occurred in Waco during the week past. The fact is, every section of Texas is unprecedentedly healthy at this time.

Mr. Wm. H. Beard, of Bell county, killed five rattlesnakes in one day a few days ago. The largest one was five feet long, with thirteen rattles.

Mr. J. S. Hawkins, an old gentleman aged 75 years, was found dead in his bed, in Bell county, one morning last week.

The Northern Methodist of Dallas had a tabernacle dedicated Sunday. The dedicatory sermon was preached by a Bishop Peck. The congregation doubtless was mostly colored.

There was a small fire in Galveston Monday Night, three frame houses being burned. From the cattle occupying two of the houses, the loss may not be considered very serious.

The prairies along the Pecos river, on both sides towards Fort Concho east, and Stockton west, are on fire, and doing considerable damage burning down the frontier telegraph poles.

A man named Barber was shot by a teamster in the vicinity of White Rock, in McLennan county Saturday. Barber was shot in the breast, and it was supposed he was fatally wounded.

A TROUBLESOME CAT.

The Utica (N. Y.) Observer has this statement: "Stories of danger to infants from cats attempting to suck their breath have been frequently narrated, but similar attempts of the animal in regard to grown persons are not so common. An instance occurred in the city several days ago, however, which should at least warn people to keep cats out of their sleeping apartments. A young gentleman was awakened by a slight pain to find the high tom cat of the family with his paws about his neck and endeavoring to get his mouth open. The cat was working on his chin, and had partly succeeded in opening his mouth when the movement awakened him. He tried to push the cat off, but could not get it away until he seized it violently about the neck, choking the animal until it released its hold, and then throwing it off. The cat had been excluded from the sleeping apartments of that family since the young gentleman's at least uncomfortable experience."

AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

CHARLES W. BELT AMONG THE CANNIBALS.

Last Monday night Wm. Stewart, a plaster well known in this city, who he leaves a divorced wife and child, died of apoplexy in the office of the Chicago Tribune. He was a very remarkable experience, especially in his younger days, and is told as follows by one who knew him well—Mr. A. R. Bell, of the Loganport Phoros: "Born in the city of New York some thirty-eight years ago, imbued with all the romance and ambition of youth, he forsook a home of wealth and refinement, and, at the age of fifteen years, shipped upon a whaler bound for the South Pacific Ocean. His experience during the following six months were varied, and partakes more of the startling than usually falls to the lot of sailors. The vessel on which he sailed was wrecked on the Navigator Islands, at that time inhabited by cannibals. Of the entire crew Stewart and three others only were saved. They remained prisoners among the savages for about six months, and finally escaped and reached Hong Kong, China, from which Stewart again sailed, this time for San Francisco, but deserted the ship at Honolulu, owing to the inhuman treatment of his officers. He remained in the Sandwich Islands for nearly two years, in which time he learned the language and obtained a fund of information regarding the habits and modes of life of the Kanakas, not readily gleaned in any other man-

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