

AGRICULTURAL.

—The amount of dash forming food is greater in oats and oatmeal than in any other grain, being about 16 per cent, and the amount of fatty substance is double that contained in wheat. —[Poultry Monthly.]

—COLONIZING fowls in separate small flocks in the manner they are kept in villages and small towns is practicable. Any number divided into small lots with separate houses and runs will be productive and profitable, if brains, means and a thorough practical knowledge of poultry culture be employed at all times. —[Poultry Monthly.]

OVER FOUR BALES TO THE ACRE.—J. C. F., of Rome, Georgia, writing to the Editor of *Cotton*, New York, under date of May 24, 1880, says: "Your Aberdeen (Mississippi) correspondent, who describes at length the process by which a planter of the town obtained two bales to the acre, has probably never heard of the achievement of Mr. T. C. Warther, of Washington County, Georgia, in 1873. He obtained, I believe, the heaviest yield of cotton on record. He was competing for a premium offered by the Georgia State Agricultural Society, and gathered from an acre 6,891 pounds of seed cotton, yielding 2,096 pounds lint, or a little over four bales of 500 pounds each. The rows were checked off three feet each way, and one stalk was left in each hill. This distance gave him 4,900 stalks to the acre, and, allowing 100 bolls to the pound, he must have had 140 bolls to the stalk in order to procure 6,891 pounds of seed cotton. Mr. David Dickson, of Hancock County, Georgia, reported in 1867 a sixteen-acre field which averaged 2,700 pounds of seed cotton to the acre. He estimated that a portion of his sixteen acres yielded at the rate of 6,000 pounds to the acre."

SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.—Ester Manor, the farm of John B. Davis, is twenty-five miles from Richmond, Virginia. It contains 2,000 acres on the Pamunkey river, of which 1,200 are cleared. A few years ago this farm was poor and unproductive. It is now rich, giving employment to hundreds and feeding tens of thousands of people in various parts of the globe. During the last season 500 acres were in tomatoes, 130 in peas, 50 in asparagus, 50 in black berries, 60 in clover, and several hundred in peach and other fruit trees. Upon this farm the owner has a large canning establishment. There is no similar enterprise of this magnitude in the world, and it is the creation of Mr. Davis' own genius. He has built a whole village about him, as residences for the people in his employ, in which there is included a hotel, a church and a station on the Richmond, York River and Chesapeake Railroad. His canned goods have been sent all over this continent, and have been introduced into Europe. He grows his own fruits and vegetables on land specially adapted to their healthy development. They are gathered carefully and at exact maturity. Nothing unripe, over-ripe, unsound or tainted is used. The specialties are tomatoes, green peas, peaches, sugar corn, cultivated blackberries, asparagus and mixed pickles. —[Exchange.]

BRINGING STOCK SOUTH.—We are pleased to know that the desire to improve our live stock is extending to every nook and corner of the South. This improvement will form the basis of real prosperity, and we expect to see the good work go on till scrub stock of all kinds shall live only in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant."

But just here we wish to sound a note of warning. It is much the fashion to send North and West for thoroughbred stock. In very many cases it is necessary to do so. But remember that no kind of stock can be brought South in the Spring and Summer without certain loss, especially if full grown animals are purchased. Only in the Fall and Winter months should valuable stock be imported, and it should be as young as the nature of the case will allow.

Thoroughbred stock of excellent quality can be purchased at home as a rule, and we are at a loss to know why our home breeders are not more liberally patronized. Prices demanded for good stock may seem exorbitant, but when transportation charges for long distances are considered it will be found to be economy to purchase at home, even when leaving the matter of selection out of consideration. —[Country Visitor.]

THE SUCCESSFUL FARMER.—Many years of experience and much observation have taught us that there are two things absolutely necessary to successful farming. The first requisite is to ascertain, by experiment, what crops the land is best adapted for. We say crops, for the second requisite is a proper annual diversity, which insures the farmer against want or that most to be dreaded foe—debt. Having decided what can be raised with profit, we urge an adherence to these crops, regardless of ex-

ceptional changes in the markets.—Some years prices may run very low, and discouragement will enter the mind of the farmer, especially if some other farm product, not adapted to his soil, sells for high prices. It is at such times the temptation to depart from the beaten path is presented. If the farmer yields, the chances are ten to one that he is ruined. It requires long experience and careful study to learn him to grow any given crop—cane, cotton, corn, rice, etc.—to the best advantage. The diversity and rotation, absolutely essential to success, will fully occupy the mind and time of the farmer without allowing any running after "strange gods." If he is growing cotton, corn, oats and rice, or any possible combination of crops, his whole attention should be devoted to the cheapest way of producing the largest yield. He should never be contented with moderate yields. His land should be forced to the greatest possible extent, for in this way, and this alone, is there any real profit. It has become fashionable to buy large quantities of commercial fertilizers. These are valuable and produce immediate results. But they cost money, and money our farmers do not always have. The far-sighted tiller of the soil takes into consideration his future wants, and clover and cow peas furnish the bulk of his fertilizing material, at insignificant cost. The successful farmer does not attempt too much. He concentrates, and the more he does this the greater are his gains. He does not expect large crops from his land without liberal manuring. He recognizes the necessity of constant study and watchfulness. In slang phrase, which is, however, exactly to the point, he does not "bite off a bigger piece than he can chew," neither does he "put all his eggs into one dish." —[Merchant, Mechanic and Farmer.]

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