

The Fun of the Thing.

DAT POOTY, LEETLE VIDDER-GAL.

A DOG ON THE OUTRIG-AND A CREAMERY.

AIR—'Jeantette and Jeanet.'

Das pooty, leetle vidder-gal.

Das I deebent vick to come.

Da shill bin on dat leetle shreet.

A doing shunt de carross.

Da shill bin on dat leetle shreet.

For the Farmer.

Seed Wheat.

Before the 15th of September, most of

the wheat that will yield a good crop next

year will be in the ground, and the value

of the crop will depend greatly on the

character and condition of the seed. The

importance of this great staple, and the

distress resulting from a diminished sup-

ply of it, entitle all the aids in its pro-

duction to a careful study.

SELECT GOOD SEED.—1st. Choose a

kind that has succeeded well in soil and

climate similar to your own. Intelligent

neighbors, who have raised good wheat,

can help much in this matter. It is not

well to try new experiments on a large

scale unless one is prepared to risk a con-

siderable loss.

2d. Accept only that which is perfectly

ripe and plump. Let no man impose on

you by saying, that smaller kernels will

produce a greater number of plants from

a bushel of seed. What is wanted, is a

strong, vigorous growth of wheat plants.

This you cannot effect from half grown

or shriveled seed.

3d. Never sow any but the cleanest seed.

You can tell by examining it what its

condition is. If the seed is good in oth-

er respects, but is foul, clean it yourself.

But be sure to have it clean at all events.

4th. Reject the seed that has been kept

damp, or has ever been heated; seed that

has suffered either, or both of these inju-

ries, may germinate, but it has lost a

part of its vitality, and should never be

used for seed, if better can possibly be

obtained.

5th. Do not sow mixed seed on the

same ground; let the seed of one sowing

in the same field, be of one kind alone.

You will thus know what kind of wheat

you are growing, and be able to compare

results, with an approach toward accu-

racy.

6th. If possible, never sow seed which

is more than one year, or at most, two

years old; old seed may grow well, but it

may not; prudence will suggest that seed

should be used before it has been exposed

to decay, to insects, to dampness, or to

other injurious agencies. Experience has

tought that some of these are likely to

injure the kernel, if it is kept after the

second year.

One way to get good seed is to select

the cleanest and best soil in your wheat

field, where the grain grows most per-

fectly, and is most mature; then harvest

and thresh these portions separately, with

the greatest care, and save the seed for

sowing. Pursue this course for a number

of years and you will produce what will

seem to be a new variety of wheat, but it

will only be the same, developed and

perfect in a higher degree. This opera-

tion for securing good seed, will pay in

every department of farming and gar-

dening.

A good mode of preventing smut is

the following: Spread good seed wheat

on the barn floor; upon four bushels of

wheat, dash from twelve to sixteen quarts

of human urine, stir the whole well to-

gether, then add about six quarts of fresh

slacked lime, and shovel the wheat over

until the lime is evenly diffused through

the wheat. It should be sown as soon

after this preparation as practicable, for

a long delay would injure its vegetating

powers. This mode of treating seed

wheat, is deemed, in England, a specific

against smut; it has been practical in

America, also; by some wheat growers,

who say it has been uniformly successful.

It will answer instead of urine,

and is preferred by many.

The farmer who will select and prepare

his seed wheat according to the

above suggestions, will greatly increase

the chances in favor of his having a fine

crop next year.—American Agriculturist.

"Wal, neither I can; but I ordered

the letter to be wrote, and got it done by

the hand of another man."

"Who was the other man?"

"Wal, it was my aunt!"

"This bell created some merriment,

which, however, did not disturb the

equanimity of the witness.

A PEZZLED YANKEE.—"Quill" told a

Elisha Kent Kane.

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