

AGRICULTURE—XX.

ITS EARLY HISTORY IN ENGLAND. We have not the least reliable trace of English Agriculture beyond the period when the Romans invaded that island.

The first steps toward improvement were owing to the Romans. Rutilius correctly said that "Rome filled the world with her legislative triumphs, and caused all to live in one common union, blending discordant nations into one country; and, by imparting a companionship in her own acquirements and laws, formed one great city of the world."

Thus, the diffusion of the Roman arts and customs among the early natives of England: "Agriculture was one of those arts in which they so rapidly improved, as is attested by the fact that in the fourth century the Emperor Julian exacted as a tributary a vast amount of their corn, and at one time sent six hundred large ships to convey it away."

Possessing this improved state of agriculture, England was successively subdued by the Saxons, the Danes and the Normans; but as all these came to improve their fortunes and secure the comforts of life, agriculture continued to flourish, but her operations were interrupted, her products destroyed, whichever direction swept the tide of war; but no sooner was peace restored than the inhabitants, so shortly since in mortal combat, laying aside all deadly hatred and hostile feuds, united their knowledge in the improvement of the country and the encouragement of the art of agriculture, upon which all nations of the earth for their existence do much depend.

SIZE OF ESTATES. The native Britons, appropriated but small portions of land for raising corn, or any other cultivated vegetables; and the rest of the country was left open, affording a common pasturage for their cattle, and penance for their swine.

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produce of the farm." This race of farmers and this course of farming continued until about the close of the eighteenth century; yet the wife had long previously ceased to participate in the above-mentioned duty, but she still attended the dairy and marketed its products. S. D. N. (To be continued.)

A BEAUTIFUL eye makes silence eloquent. FABLE is a torch borne in the hand of truth. A PEOPLE who have no amusements have no manner.

The richest man in Great Britain is the Marquis of Westminster, whose annual income is about \$7,000,000. A WISE man prevaileth in power, for he sense his balancing engine; but a fool titheth headlong, and his adversary is aware.

In a Limerick paper an Irish gentleman whose lady had absconded from him, thus cautions the people against trusting her: "My wife has eloped from me without rhyme or reason, and I desire no one to trust her on my account, for I am not married to her."

Once day the philosopher Bias found himself in the same vessel with a crowd of sorry scoundrels. A tempest came on, and instantly the whole band began to invoke the succor of the gods.

The judge interrupted Curran in the midst of his speech, when an ass began to bray under the window, by saying, "One at a time, Mr. Curran, if you please." Presently the judge began his charge to the jury, and the ass began to bray again, when Mr. Curran remarked, "Does not your lordship hear a remarkable echo in the court?"

VIRTUE OF BORAX.—The washer women of Holland, so proverbially clean, and who get up their linens so beautifully white, use refined borax as washing powder, instead of soda, in the preparation of a large handful of borax powder to about ten gallons of boiling water.

HOME.—The pain which is felt when we are first transplanted from our native soil, when the living branch is cut from the parent tree, is one of the most poignant which we have to endure through life. There are after griefs which wound more deeply, which leave behind them scars never to be effaced, which bruise the spirit and sometimes break the heart; but never do we feel so keenly the want of love, the necessity of being loved, and the utter sense of desertion, as when we first leave the haven of home, and are, as it were, pushed off upon the stream of life.

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GRAND OPENING OF NEW GOODS J. S. SMITH & Co's.

Rich Mohair Poplins, Irish Poplins, Rich Tartan Poplins, Rich Scotch Plaid Poplins, French Merinos, English Merinos, Empress Cloths, Fig'd and Plain W. Delaines, 20 Pieces of the Celebrated Buffalo Brand of Black Alpaca, Poplin Alpaca, and a great variety of medium and low priced Dress Goods.

REAL LYONS' VELVETS, for Cloaks and Sacks. HOSIERY AND GLOVES, in great variety. Large Stock of A. T. Stewart & Co's ALEXANDRE KIDS.

Chimisees, Laces, Embroideries, &c., &c., &c. A very large stock of WATER PROOF and CHINCHILLA CLOAKINGS, new styles.

Beavers, Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings. The best assorted stock of LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, in the County, Fresh new styles.

A big stock of FLANNELS cheap. DOMESTICS, at greatly reduced prices. A great bargain in a fine 4-4 Bleached Cotton, at 10c per yard.

A choice stock of GROCERIES, The CHEAPEST TEAS in Ravenna, try them. We want any quantity of good Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Lard, &c., &c., AT THE HIGHEST MARKET RATES.

NEW GOODS CHEAP. No. 1, ETNA BLOCK, Main Street, is now well filled with a fresh and well selected stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS, bought at the head of the market, and in the right time at low figures. The Dress Goods Department is in good trim. A good assortment of FRENCH MERINOS and EMPRESS CLOTHS, cheap.

I keep the celebrated BUFFALO BRAND ALPACAS, and sell them low. Very pretty Plaid and Striped Poplins, Choice Mohairs and Delaines. A good assortment Prints, a good article at 10c per yard. Good Domestic Gingham, at 1s. A big pile Cotton Goods, good yard wide. Brown Cotton at 1s. Good yard wide Bleached Cotton at 15c.

BEECHER & SEYMOUR'S COLUMN, FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

Black and Fancy Silks, Irish Poplins, Rich Warp Poplin Serges, English and French Merinos. A full line of ALPACAS, FANCY PLAIDS AND FLANNELS.

SHAWLS. Have just received a new Invoice of Fall and Winter Shawls, which we are offering very low. CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES, we have a fine stock.

PRINTS, from 8c upward. COTTONS, Bleached and Brown. NOTIONS, a full line. LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES AND GAITERS, a full stock.

TAPESTRY, BRUSSELS, INGRAIN AND HEMP. OIL CLOTHS 4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4. BEST COCOA MATTING. SUGARS, TEAS, COFFEES, SPICES, SALT, &c. Best 1s Sugar in the City. TEA, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. The best for the money in the city.

WANTED TO BUY 1000 BUTTER, 2000 DRIED APPLES. For which we will pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE IN CASH OR GOODS. CALL AND SEE OUR STOCK. JONES' MARBLE WORKS!

RAVENNA SHINGLE FACTORY FOR SALE.—On account of ill health and desire to change my business, and therefore offer for sale my Shingle Factory, a few rods south of the Court House, in Ravenna. The machinery is nearly new and in complete running order. The shingle machinery will be sold separate from the engine if desired. It will be running constantly until sold, and any one desiring to purchase is requested to come and see it operate. Those wanting shingles made are requested to bring along their timber either in the log or bell.

RAVENNA MARBLE WORKS. I have now on hand, and am manufacturing in order a large variety of Marble Work consisting of MONUMENTS, TABLES, HEADSTONES AND CABINET SLABS. I use the best material that money will buy; employ none but honorable and skillful workmen; have no traveling agents, and sell as low as the lowest.

Having this day purchased of C. H. Mills his Marble Works 3 doors north of the First National Bank, I am now better prepared than ever before to furnish those in want of Monuments, Headstones, &c., all descriptions at low rates for the same material and workmanship as can be bought in northern Ohio. I would advise all in want of Marble not to buy of Agents. You can save 15c per cent by coming to the shop and selecting what you want. Having had a long experience in the business and being a practical workman myself, I can make it to your interest to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. Shop on the alley north of First National Bank, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. G. W. FOX.

WANTED. The people to remember that CLARK & SNAY continue to keep on hand the largest and most complete assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES, ever offered to the people of Ravenna, and vicinity, and that CASH will buy GOODS of us cheaper than they can be purchased at any other place in this County, where

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VANCE & WELLS, Manufacturers Wholesale and Retail Dealers

PARLOR SUITS, MARBLE TOP TABLES, EXTENSION TABLES, DINING TABLES, CARD TABLES, LOGGERS, WICKENETS, CHAMBER SETS, BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS AND BUREAU GLASSES, WASH STANDS, BUREAU WASH-STANDS, COMMON WASH-STANDS, CRIBS.

CHAIRS. UPHOLSTERED, CANE SEAT, WOOD SEAT. LOOKING-GLASSES, in great variety. OFFICE FURNITURE, in every variety on hand, or made to order.

BOOK CASES, DESKS, OFFICE AND LIBRARY CHAIRS in fact, anything that is found in any First Class Establishment. We also offer the largest stock of CROCKERY, CHINA AND GLASSWARE, ever brought to Ravenna, of the best brands of imported ware.

Picture Frames, Different styles, made to order on short notice. WINDOW SHADES, Something new, never sold in the market before. Call and see them. CURTAIN FIXTURES, WINDOW CORNICES AND MOULDINGS, PICTURE AND CURTAIN CORDS, FINEST SILKS, LAMPS, BRASS AND WARE, CUTLERY, &c.

Coffins and Metallic Burial Cases, of all sizes, constantly on hand, and made to order on short notice. Reduced Rates. No. 8, PHENIX BLOCK, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. W. D. DURHAM. E. H. WAT.

DURHAM & WAIT, Manufacturers AND DEALERS IN Boots and Shoes, Leather and Findings, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. A complete assortment of all the most desirable styles and qualities of LADIES' AND GENTS' MISSES AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS, RUBBERS, &c., always on hand, and we are confident that all who may favor us with their patronage, will be convinced that we cannot be

Undersold by any other House. CASH paid for HIDES AND SKINS. DURHAM & WAIT, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. W. D. DURHAM & WAIT, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. WANTED. The people to remember that CLARK & SNAY continue to keep on hand the largest and most complete assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES, ever offered to the people of Ravenna, and vicinity, and that CASH will buy GOODS of us cheaper than they can be purchased at any other place in this County, where

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E. T. RICHARDSON & SONS, Wholesale and Retail HARDWARE.

We would invite the attention of buyers to our SPECIALTY in LARGEST and MOST COMPLETE in the county. Having had sixteen years experience, and being our own

Direct from the Manufacturers and Importers, FOR CASH, enables us to offer Goods of the same quality and in same quantities, AS LOW AS THEY CAN BE BOUGHT IN OHIO. We have a full line of BUILDERS' HARDWARE, CABINET HARDWARE, TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY, HAND AND GARDEN TOOLS, CROSS-CUT AND MILL SAWS, ROPE AND CABLES, IRON, NAILS AND GLASS, SHEETING AND SHEET PILE, LEAD PIPE, SHOT, HOIST SHOES, SHOVING AND GRUBBING STEEL, SWEDISH IRON, &c., &c. We make a specialty of Carriage Hardware, and have everything that is used in making a Two-horse Wagon, or a thousand other Carriage.

We would call the attention of the FARMERS to the fact, that in the year to cut their Hay, Straw and Corn Stalks, we have four of the best mowers at prices from \$15.00 TO \$85.00. You can save the price of a Cutter each year in cutting feed. Call and see them. We are agents for Western Iron Company, Iron and Nails AT FOLLOWING PRICES: Iron at 4c per lb. 100 to 600 Nails at \$5.00 per keg. 60 and 70 5.00 40 4.00 30 3.00 20 2.00 10 1.00 We have the celebrated RED JACKET AXE, which will cut 25 per cent more Cord Wood per day than others. GENTLE STUB AND TWIST ENGLISH DOUBLE BARREL SHOT GUNS, of \$46.00 SINGLE BARREL AMERICAN SHOT GUNS, SMITH & WESSLEY'S REVOLVERS AND BENJAMIN'S REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS, CARTRIDGES, POWDER, SHOT AND CAPS, GUN WADS, &c. Also the GENTLE BUCKEYE CIDER MILL, NOVELTY CHAMPION, BUCKEYE AND LITTLE GIANT CLOTHES-WINGERS, all of which we offer at the LOWEST MARKET PRICES, at No. 2, PHENIX BLOCK, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. E. T. RICHARDSON & SONS, Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888.

CHEAP SIDE, No. 2, Etna Block, (North Front), is the place to buy GOOD GOODS at LESS PRICE than elsewhere in town. You will find at my store a general assortment of everything that is usually kept in a Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Store, although there has been a BIG ADVANCE on all the Eastern markets within the last thirty days, I shall continue to sell MY OLD STOCK AT THE SAME PRICE which they were sold at during the summer. Now is the time to GET BARGAINS, as I have a splendid stock of CLOTHS and CASSIMERES for those who want their goods made to order. I am now prepared to receive every one FITS that may favor me with their work, as I have in my store the largest stock of Clothiers, who has had seven years experience in CUTTING in one of the best shops. It is an ample room and the best of tools, and I will make up my work. You will also find at my store a splendid stock of HATS, CAPS, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, TIES, GLOVES, COLLARS AND SUITERS. I also keep CHILDREN'S PATTERNS for those who wish to cut and make their own children's Clothing. Also the size of SHIRT PATTERNS, which give universal satisfaction. ALL GOODS SOLD IN CASH OR READY. We also do CUTTING for Ladies to make up in a short time. Ravenna, Sept. 3, 1888. E. M. MUSHER.

PORTAGE COUNTY BOOK AND NOTION STORE! The people will bear in mind that S. M. BASSETT is still to be found at No. 1, Etna Block, (east front), where he will keep constantly on hand a choice and well selected stock of MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, JUVENILE BOOKS, TRAVEL BOOKS, PRIMERS, &c. Also, a full line of BLANK AND SCHOOL BOOKS! STATIONERY! CAP LETTERS, CONVOYERS, NOTE, LADIES' NOTE, ENVELOPES, AND ALL PAPER, BUSINESS AND FINE ENVELOPS, INK, PENS, PENCILS, MILLICAGE, and all the sundries usually to such a trade. SHEET MUSIC, a Specialty, and in Full Stock! Music furnished to order. BOY AND NOTION DEPARTMENT, in full and varied assortment. WILLOW BASKETS, in full stock and variety. CHILDREN'S CABS, &c., &c. Receiving Photograph Albums, something new. A nice assortment of PICTURES and OVAL PICTURE FRAMES. Wall Paper! I have a choice and well selected stock, which I sell at prices to compare with the cheapest. I am agent for the Summit County Book Store, and will guarantee satisfaction in all cases. Also Agent for MASON & HAMILTON'S Metropolitan Cabinet and examine our stock and prices. All goods sold as cheap as the S. M. BASSETT. Ravenna, Sept. 2, 1888. E. M. MUSHER.

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