

The Farmer.

Winter Evenings at Home.

Winter evenings, generally, are to the farmer, seasons of leisure—portions of time in which he may rest from the more active duties of his calling.

No business with which we are acquainted requires a more extensive and accurate knowledge for its successful performance, than that of the farmer.

To this end, suitable additions should be made to the Library. Good books not only impart knowledge, but they awaken thought and may prompt renewed investigation.

Another matter deserves a passing notice in this connection. Our agricultural readers may devote an evening, occasionally, to the work of committing to paper "the cream of their experience," and the result of the season's labors, with such observations as may be generally interesting and useful, for publication in this paper.

We hope our agricultural readers will respond to the last suggestion in the above article, and during the approaching winter season, supply us liberally with original articles for the Farmers' corner.

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Mr. Hart intends to try for the State premium. We shall endeavor to obtain a full statement of culture of this crop.—Gen. Far

The Baldwin Theory. We give place with pleasure to the enclosed communication from Dr. Baldwin. Should the theory it maintains be fully established, the discovery will constitute a very striking epoch in agricultural annals.

While we should like to know what the scientific have to say to this theory, we have understood that the plain, practical farmers in the valley, now believe they can make their lands rich by shading them with anything; accordingly, they are covering them with any brush, straw, and clover, finding, as it is said, the raw material better and more profitable than the manufactured article; that is, the shade to be better than manure.—[Editor Plough, Loom and Anvil.

Dear Sir: I submit for the consideration of your agricultural readers a few plain propositions. If you are possessed of any facts, which create a doubt of the truth of any one of them, I shall be pleased to see them stated in your journal.

Proposition 1st. Of the various changes vegetable and animal substances undergo, during their decomposition, the product of the one only which has proved to be the nilment of plants is the residue of putrefaction.

2d. Each change is a distinct and peculiar chemical process, differing not only in the circumstances requisite to produce it, but also in the nature and chemical composition of each product.

3d. The value of each product depends very materially upon the attention paid to the circumstances necessary to generate each peculiar process.

4th. That a close, cool, dark, and damp location, with a contact of air, is indispensable to the generation of the putrefactive process. All organic substances experience this change only when thus located.

5th. No substance whatsoever will undergo the putrefactive process, when exposed to heat, light, and a free circulation of air.

6th. That decay, or emaciation, is a distinct chemical process, differing essentially from the putrefactive, in the circumstances which produce it, as well as in the quality of the product, which is invariably destitute of fertilizing.

7th. Putrefaction may be considered the ultimate result of vegetable and animal decompositions, because it forms the only product incapable of any other chemical change, and is consequently indestructible.

8th. That the excrement of animals is not manure. Like the bodies of animals, it never becomes the food of plants until subject to putrefaction.

9th. That the value of manure materially depends upon the perfection of the putrefactive process; that is, the strength or fertilizing qualities of the manure may always be estimated by the density and duration of the shade to which it has been subjected.

10th. That the surface of the earth itself will readily undergo the putrefactive process, if favorably located, that is, if densely shaded, which of necessity implies a cool, dark, close, and damp location.

11th. That the fertility imparted to the earth by shade, that is, manure made of the earth itself, is more durable, and therefore more valuable, than that made of any other substance whatever.

12th. It is not true that the impoverished condition of any soil proceeds from a deficiency in one or more of its mineral constituents, because all soils, alike, may be made exceedingly fertile by shade alone. Yours, respectfully,

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ADVERTISE:—Executors, Administrators, Public Officers, City and Country Merchants, Manufacturers, Mechanics, Business Men—all who wish to procure or to dispose of anything—would do well to give notice of the same through the "Lewising Chronicle." This paper has a good and increasing circulation in a community containing some of the largest and most active producers, consumers, and dealers in any other in the State.

"Novus"—a new correspondent—was too late for this week—the gifts of that pen shall be ever welcome.

There are some of our subscribers who owe us for near three years, who we advise to save themselves from a fit of the horrors, by carefully reading the "Case of Compulsion" among the other capital articles on our first page.

We had occasion to make a professional visit to the Courts of Columbia county last week, and were pleased to see that BLOOMSBURG has rapidly improved during the past season. Many substantial and elegant buildings have been erected, others are under way, and the town presents a stirring business aspect.

We didn't get a glimpse of that portrait of Jenny Lind, possibly perhaps because we forgot to exhibit the shilling—but had a pleasant interview with the clever, sociable Editors of the "Democrat" and "Star,"—may their shadows never be less—and learned that Mr. Case, late Editor of the "Herald of Freedom," is to start a Democratic paper in McEwensville about the 1st of Dec., for the purpose in part of aiding the "Freedom County" project, to the detriment of Union and Montour. We of course are bound to tonahawk anybody who attempts to carve up old Union, unless Lewisburg can be made a county-seat.

Newspaper Postage. Congress will doubtless do something at its coming session in behalf of cheap postage, a thing imperatively demanded by the great mass of the people, and essential to their comfort and prosperity.

Penna. Contractors in New York. We observe that a company of Pennsylvania gentlemen—Messrs. Looman, Rock-feller, Moore, & Co.—have undertaken the construction of the Rail-Road leading from Hornellsville to Attica, in New York—a work fifty-eight miles in length—and that they offer the same to sub-contractors in sections of about one mile each.

Well, under all the circumstances, we imagine it would be no more than generous to drop that "vegetable," and the Lyeomington Junior is accordingly turned over to the tender mercies of the "frosty sons of thunder" on the North Branch, at whose feet the glove is thus daintily thrown—though serious forebodings arise in our mind as to the final fate of the champion brought face to face under this new issue. There are still vacant lots, however, in the Lewisburg Cemetery, and we shall endeavor to have our pen mellowed down to the dew-point, in readiness for an epithet of hefting sadness.

Not quite "booked up," friend Masser. Money at interest, in whatever shape, is taxable for State, county and other purposes, by virtue of the acts of 11th June, 1840; 29th April, 1841; and 7th April, 1849; and is specially exempted from taxation for Borough and Township purposes by the 22d section of the act of 25th April, 1850.

The Carbon Democrat notices the death of JOSIAH WHITE, the pioneer and principal operator in the improvement of the Lehigh Coal region. The Company which has wrought the mighty changes in that now busy vale, was incorporated in 1818. Mr. White was afterwards Canal Commissioner under Gov. Wolf. He was a native of one of the Eastern States, but resided in Philadelphia, where he died on the 14th inst. at the age of 70 years.

Read all the New Advertisements, and don't forget the old ones.

More Rail-Roads.

Hon. S. N. PALMER, of the Pottsville Emporium, in view of the improvements which are being made in other portions of the coal fields, expresses the apprehension that they will destroy or very much lessen the value of property in the Pottsville region. After enumerating several existing and projected rail roads and other improvements, in rival localities, the Editor says, "In short, we hear from all sides of new avenues to the eastern market, and the question it at once suggested, what will become of Schuylkill county? We are expected to do our portion of the trade at a profit, after paying the interest of thirty millions of dollars to the Navigation and Rail Road Company, which have cost three times as much as they could now be built for, and which must make their dividends and interest, at any cost to us. There is not an intelligent man among us, who will not admit that the permanent prosperity of this county imperatively demands new, more direct, and cheaper avenues to the Eastern markets. New York would gain more each year by direct Rail Road communication with Pottsville, than the interest on the construction account of six such rail roads, economically built, would amount to."

The Emporium then expresses the opinion that the obstacles in the way of obtaining a direct rail road communication with New York, are the "supineness and venal character" of those most interested in such a project; a fear of the local influence of the "speculating managers of the Reading Rail Road Company," and the fact that most of the Schuylkill land holders are Philadelphians, and of course jealous of New York. The present is urged, however, as the proper time to move in the matter, when money is seeking investment in new enterprises; and it is said that New Yorkers need only know the truth, to furnish nearly all the capital necessary to build the few links in the chain of communication yet needed. The Emporium states that if the present opportunity is missed, "Pottsville instead of being the central city of the Coal Trade, will become one of the little villages on its far out-posts."

This is a strong picture, and indirectly interests more than the Pottsville people. If this new enterprise be accomplished, the West Branch will ultimately reap some benefit from it. By the time this proposed new communication is made, a rail road will no doubt be extended from Pottsville to Sunbury; and also from Harrisburg to Sunbury, and thence to Williamsport and Elmira; so that the rich country of the West Branch will emerge at once from its seclusion, and be placed in the most direct and advantageous connection with the Great West, and the markets of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

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Lewisburg University. The University at Lewisburg, we are pleased to learn, is in a flourishing condition. It is but a few days since we had a view of the buildings already constructed and in progress, and we confess they exceeded our expectations. The site is handsome and romantic, and when the buildings are all completed, it will compare favorably with any of our seminaries of learning.

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"Peterson's Magazine"

for the past year has maintained an elevated character, and stood manfully by the side of its more costly and older rivals. For 1851, the Publisher continues the reduced prices to clubs, and promises an increase of reading matter—superior Embellishments—and beautiful and early Fashion Plates. Mrs. ANN S. STEPHENS, the author of "Mary Derwent," "Palaces and Prisons," "Julia Warren," "Malina Gray," &c., continues to edit the work, which is a sufficient guarantee of its character. A specimen can be seen at the Lewisburg Reading Room. The Publisher says: "In 1851, a new feature will be introduced, in a series of National stories, located in different sections of the Union, and depicting manners and traditions North, South, East and West. The January number will be out by the 1st of December, and will be an annual in itself. Recollected, the terms of this Magazine are but two dollars a year; or eight copies for ten dollars, with a choice of two large-sized premium pictures to the person getting up the club. Address C. J. Peterson, No. 98 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

The Money Lennyman states that on last Thursday week, Mr. John Baker, of that borough, was found dead in a fence corner, a short distance from the boat yard of Mr. Charles Frick. He had been sent early in the morning to the boat yard, with some pumps, and after delivering them, had wandered into an adjoining field. Not coming home in the evening, search was made for him, and he was found dead. He was very intemperate, and is supposed to have died in a fit. He left a wife and a large family of children.

The Pittston Gazette states that there are now fourteen Telegraph stations kept up by the Susquehanna Company, and very strongly advises the people on the West Branch to urge forward the wedding of the West and North Branch countries with Philadelphia as soon as possible. The Gazette says truly, we have the means, if we have the will. We are informed that the monthly receipts at the Danville station have doubled. An Agent of the Company it is expected, will ere long visit us.

The Fulton Democrat urges us to send our X to M'Connellburg, Fulton Co., where we have sent it for near two months—but either the place is so retired that the P. M.'s know not where to forward, or our modern SAMSON since being entangled in the wires of an intoxicating Leader, don't know his former friends!

The Nashville Convention was unable to agree harmoniously upon any settled plan of operations, and finally broke up in the greatest confusion. They dissolved themselves, but not the Union.

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