

Agricultural and Domestic.

From the American Farmer.
DRILLING THE WHEAT IN BY A MACHINE.

We prefer this mode of putting wheat in for the following reasons:

1. It requires three times less seed to get an acre of land in wheat by the drill, than when broadcasted. Five bushels of seed per acre by the drill is sufficient; whereas, by broadcast, when well done, 8 bushels of seed are necessary—a saving of seed in a hundred acre field, of 75 bushels.
2. The seeds are more equally and evenly distributed, as regards space and depth, than can possibly be done by hand, however skillfully performed.
3. By drilling, the labor of forming the drill, dropping the seed, covering and rolling is performed at one and the same time, thus saving much time and labor, while the work is done better. Some of the drilling machines have an attachment for depositing the guano, in which case, a considerable saving of guano is effected—at least 25 per cent.
4. By drilling the machine raises a slight ridge on each side of the drill, which, to its extent, protects the roots of the plants from the injurious effects of cold and wet, the slight elevation acting as a barrier against wind, water, and cold.
5. Should the roots of the plants be uprooted by the contraction and expansion of the alternations of cold and heat of winter and early spring, the earth forming the ridges, settles down in the ridges and covers the roots, thereby affording a tolerably fair protection to them, rendering it an easy matter in spring when frost is out of the ground, and the earth settled and dry enough to replace the roots by passing a roller over the fields—an operation of infinite service, and which should never be omitted.
6. Wheat planted in drills admits a freer circulation of sun and air, than when broadcasted, consequently the grain ripens several days earlier. The space between the drills opens a direct channel for the reception and absorption of the dews, so universally acknowledged to be at once a rich source of fertilization, and promotive of the growth of plants.
7. Drilling of wheat is said by one of the best, most enlightened and successful wheat growers in the country, to render wheat less liable to rust, than when sown broadcast. He does not assign the reason; but we presume the theory of the thing to be this:—that owing to the free circulation of sun and air between the drills or rows of wheat, the plants do not suffer so much from superabundance of water, as do those sown broadcast, and as a consequence, vegetation grows on more regularly; the plants, therefore, are not so liable to be forced into an ambition of an excess of sap, and by this means, escape the evils which would flow from an exuberance of that fluid; the vessels of the stalks avoiding disruption no exudation takes place; so that should the close, musky weather, which so favors the parasitic or fungus plants, to which the rust is referred, occur, the stalks of the wheat plants remaining whole, and there being no weeping out of the sap, no lodgment can be made of the parasitic tribe, and hence they are wafted away by the wind as it passes through the spaces of the drills. For the efficacy of this we do not hold ourselves responsible, but merely give it as a theory.

TIME OF SEEDING.—This is a question which involves others with it, as location and kind of wheat. We have ever been, and continue to be the advocate of early sowing, and notwithstanding the oft-repeated attacks of the Hessian fly, to which the early sown wheat plants are peculiarly subject, we remain unshaken in our belief of the propriety of the practice. It is not our purpose to designate any particular day as the one on which wheat should be seeded; but will merely urge as our opinion that it should be put in as soon after the 20th of September as may be practicable, regard being had to the variety of the wheat and location, and that favoring circumstances concurring, all should make their arrangements to have the seeding of their wheat completed by the 10th of October, or at all events by the 15th of that month.

WATER FURROWS.—When your wheat is seeded, make your water-furrows; be particular so to make them as they will carry off all the water that falls: have them examined and cleaned out through the winter and early spring. When your water-furrows are made, pass the roller cross-wise over them.

FROM THE AMERICAN FARMER.
A PROBLEM FOR FARMERS TO SOLVE.—A gentleman in my immediate vicinity last year, planted a portion of his land in peas, which was cultivated in the usual mode; immediately adjoining, above and below he had a luxuriant pea-fallow. At seedling wheat time the cultivated peas were drawn up and removed from the land, and the peas on the fallow turned under, the thin portions of land had equal quantities of guano applied, and wheat sown thereon. On the 23d May last, I was invited to inspect the wheat sown, and to my unbounded astonishment, that on the cultivated pea lot stood three feet in height, while that immediately adjoining only 16 inches—to-day (the 29th of June) it is reaped, and it is the opinion of the owner, as well as myself, that the cultivated lot will yield twice the amount of the fallow lots.

THE VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, of Virginia, will hold its second Annual Exhibition at Winchester, on 13th to 16th October next. We have received the list of premiums, &c., which are on a most liberal scale; and we are pleased to learn from Marshall Wm. A. Jackson, Esq., that the first exhibition was a very successful one, in every respect; the receipts being sufficient not only to pay for the improvements made for the accommodation of the Show, and the premiums, &c., but left a surplus on hand. We wish the Society all success in its laudable efforts.

DRAINING.—Drain your wet lands and thus prepare them for more profitable tillage. The health of your families, as well as the yield of your crops will be vastly improved by the operation.

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Miscellaneous.

MARION STEAM FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP.



The subscribers respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Northwestern Virginia, to the various articles manufactured by them, and which are constructed to be constructed on improved principles and as durable, as those furnished by any other manufacturers.

We have just introduced a NEW and VERY SUPERIOR THRESHING MACHINE, which excels in EASY DRAGGING, CLEAN and RAPID action, and is well adapted for use by farmers. We can also furnish COMMON MACHINES, and machines with STRAW CARRIERS, or CLEANERS, attached.

We are manufacturing a very superior article of REAPING MACHINES, suitable for cutting grain or grass. This machine can be used to advantage upon any ground where a wagon can be driven.

We are also manufacturing a CUTTING-BOX, for hay, straw or fodder; which for easy and rapid work, exceeds anything in the country.

PLUGS.—We have always on hand a large assortment of the best PATENT and other Plugs, found in the country.

COOKING STOVES.—We have on hand a new and excellent article, performing more work with less fuel, than any other Cooking Stove in existence; Leffle's Double Oven Cooking Stove, various sizes, as well as the best of the large and small sizes; Complete Cooks, &c. and with an assortment of PARLOR and EGG STOVES.

The above articles are kept constantly on hand and can be furnished at any time.

CASTINGS OF ALL KINDS, including some new and improved Mill Gearing, Gears of every description, Hollow Ware, &c. This establishment being situated upon the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, gives to the subscribers the facilities for transporting articles to a distance at small expense, and the inducements offered of reasonable terms and superior manufacture, must continue to render this a popular establishment with the public.

Repairing done at the shortest notice and in good style.

COOPER & MORRISON, PALATINE, Marion Co., Va., May 23, 1857.

MILL FURNISHING.

WM. W. WALLACE, 319, 321, Liberty St., Pittsburgh, Pa. STEAM ENGINES, of the best quality, on hand and made to order. Steam Boilers made to order, of stamped No. 1, Juniata iron. French Burr Mill Stones.

Laurel Hill do. Portable Corn and Flour Mills. Bolting Cloths, of the best quality. Mill Spindles and Mill Irons. Hoisting and Tempering Screws. Cast Iron Proof Shafts. Corn and Cob Grinders. Mill Belts and Sorel Wire. Leather Belting for Machinery. Flax Belling for Elevators, a cheap article. Mill Gearing, made to order. Stunt Millstones of various sizes. Orders addressed to the subscriber at 319 Liberty St., Pittsburgh, Pa., filled with dispatch.

N. B.—There is a Railroad from Wheeling to Pittsburgh, and 3 trains daily each way. mar27 16m.

NEW STORE, AT THE CLARKSBURG STATION.

I WOULD respectfully inform the public that I am now opening a very large lot of Seasonable Goods!

At my Warehouse, which will be sold wholesale or retail, on the very best terms.

The ladies are invited to call and examine the stock, as they have been cared for in the selection.

A full supply of Iron, Nails, Glass, Salt, &c., always on hand.

Now is the time to save the dime. All kinds of produce purchased on liberal terms.

Any produce, or produce sent to my care will be promptly attended to. A. M. BASTABLE, Clarksburg Depot, N. W. Va. R., October, 1856.—oc8 1t

Bailey Keys & Son, WHOLESALE GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 2, South East Street, Baltimore, Md., will give their attention to the selling of Flour, Grain, Wool, Leather, or any kind of country produce which may be consigned to their care, and by leave we refer to the following gentlemen.

J. W. Harrison, Benj. Wilson, Chas. Lewis, J. D. W. Barton, David Clark, Clarksburg, Md. J. B. Bennett, Jas. Bonnett, Minter Bailey, Caleb Duggins, Wm. E. Arnold, R. J. McDonald, Jas. T. Jackson, C. S. Hurley, Weston, J. J. Winters, Wm. C. Fitzhugh, G. W. Sandusky, Messrs. W. Johnson & Co. Elias Lawson Bridgeport.

M. H. Johnson, L. D. Johnson, G. H. A. Kuntz, J. E. Shanks, Abraham Smith, John Burdett, Prantytown.

Stoves! Stoves! Stoves!

The subscriber would call the attention of the public to the very superior quality of all the stove improvements, &c. at all the latest improvements.

The Cooking Stoves are warranted to be better than any ever sold in the country, and at low prices.

The Church, Parlor and Shop Stoves are of great variety, of fine styles and cheap. Those wishing to make themselves comfortable during the cold weather, can be accommodated at small expense. C. W. SMITH, Clarksburg, October, 17th, 1855.—1t

Clarksburg Depot.

THE N. W. VA. RAILROAD being in operation to this place, persons desiring goods to be properly taken care of and forwarded with delay, should have them when sent to this Station, addressed to the care of the undersigned, acting agent.

Acting Agent for R. R. Co. Clarksburg, Va., Oct. 25th, '56

Blacksmithing!

The subscribers having formed a partnership in the Blacksmithing business, G. W. McGinnis, formerly occupied by J. W. McGinnis, and J. W. McGinnis, are prepared to do any kind of work in their line, at the shortest notice and upon the most reasonable terms. All work warranted.

Clarksburg, Feb. 9, 1856—1y

Dried Apples Wanted.

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Hotels.

Dent's Hotel.

THE undersigned having refitted this popular hotel, situated on the south side of the street, in about the center of Clarksburg, and having invited his old friends and the public generally, to give him a call. His aim is to keep a quiet and orderly house and afford to his guests the comforts of a home.

His table will be supplied with all the market affords.

His bar is stocked with a choice supply of the best liquors.

He has extensive stabling connected with the house, for the accommodation of drovers and horses.

Every attention will be paid to all who may favor him with a call.

N. DENT, Proprietor, je 20

Northwestern Hotel.

THE undersigned would respectfully announce to the public, that he has leased the house known as the Northwestern Hotel, situated in Clarksburg, Va. The house and furniture are now undergoing a general course of repairs, which when completed, will render this one of the most pleasant houses in the country. The rooms are large, airy and conveniently arranged. A portion of the house is now open, and public patronage is respectfully solicited. No pains will be spared to render those who may patronize this house, comfortable and contented.

SAUEL WELKER, Proprietor. Clarksburg, June 1st, 1854. P. S.—A limited number of boarders can be accommodated with rooms. je 17

Harrison House, BRIDGEPORT, VA.

THE undersigned would respectfully announce to the public, that he has opened a Public House in Bridgeport, Va.

This House having been built and fitted up expressly for the entertainment of the public, he can confidently assure them that he will endeavor to furnish them with all that may be required. His STABLE is large and convenient and will be carefully attended.

Charges will be made at all times as reasonable as circumstances will admit.

D. D. WILKINSON, Proprietor. April 4th, 1855.—1y

Virginia Hotel.

BY H. A. BARRON, PHILLIPS, VA.—The proprietor has reopened his house for the accommodation of the public, and respectfully solicits a share of patronage. His hotel has just been enlarged and fitted up in good style, and he will spare no pains to contribute to the comfort and convenience of those who may favor him with their custom.

There is attached to the house a good stable attended by careful and trustworthy hostlers. October 4th, 1854.—y

Fetterman House.

BY D. E. DELAY, has undergone a thorough renovation, and been fitted up in a good style. The subscriber hopes to give general satisfaction to all who may patronize him.

His STABLE will be supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and attentive waiters. His TABLE is at all times supplied with the best of provisions, and trustworthy hostlers.

Though he is a generous community for past favors, he hopes to merit a continuance of the same. D. E. DELAY. June 20, 1856.—1y

Union House.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing travelers and the public generally, that he has opened a Public House in JANE LEW, Lewis county, Va., where he will be pleased to see all disposed to favor him with a call.

He is furnished with all conveniences necessary to render the visits of his guests pleasant and comfortable, and no pains will be spared to attain the object.

A portion of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. M. W. BALL. December 6th, 1855.—1y

United States Hotel.

T. S. CONLEY, Proprietor, opposite the Court House, PARKERSBURG, VA. This House has been refitted and many improvements made by the present proprietor, who will spare no pains to contribute to the comfort of his visitors.

Good Stabling attached to the house sep 21 y

BARBOUR HOUSE.

BY D. CAPITO, PHILLIPS, VA. The proprietor of this old and popular stand, has recently made some improvements in his house, would respectfully invite his friends and the public generally to give him a call. Every attention will be paid to render the visits of his guests comfortable and agreeable. There is attached to the house extensive stabling, which is attended by careful and trustworthy ostlers. May 15th, 1857.—1y

MORE NEW GOODS!

AT THE Clarksburg Station!

I AM just receiving, and now opening, at my store on the R. R., a splendid assortment of SEASONABLE GOODS, consisting in part of the following articles:

Brilliant, Robes, Chiffons, Debages, Berages, Lawns, Gingham, Prints, Illusions, Mantillas, Trimmings, Flowers, Bonnets and Ribbons, and every variety of Ladies' apparel.

Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Fists, Groceries, Coffee—12½ to 14c lbs. Molasses—8c gallon, Oils, Paints, Iron, Nails, Salt, and Sacks in barrels, Bacon, Hardware, Queensware, &c.

My assortment is complete, and for quality and prices will compare with, if not surpass, any in this market. I am willing to do with small profits, and as the past six months has been favorable to my trade here, I anticipate the future with confidence.

I wish to purchase a few kinds of produce. Almonds, Staves, Headings, Locust Pins, &c., which I am paying the cash for.

Having made permanent arrangements with the Master of Transportation of the Railroad Company, I will pay any that goods consigned to my care will be properly delivered to my warehouse. A. M. BASTABLE. Clarksburg, May 1st, 1857.—1t

Liquors.

75 BARRELS Double Rectified Whiskey. 25 " Old Rye, none very choice. 5 " Old Bourbon Whiskey. 2 " Prime Old Irish do. 12 Cases Rye Whiskey Bottles. 12 " Brandy in Bottles, very superior. 30 Packages French Brandy, various grades and prices. 20 Packages Peach, Apple, Cherry, Blackberry, Ginger and Lavender Brandy. 24 Cases Polivin Brandy, (very fine.) 10 Cases Schiedam Schnapps. 2 " Claret Wine. 2 Barrels Port Wine, (pure juice.) 2 " Madeira, " 25 " Sweet Malaga Wine. 2 " do. imported. 1 Case "Simpson & Co's" Stom. Bitters. London Port.

Just received, and for sale cheap for cash or Produce, THOS. BLACKFORD, Parkersburg, mar16m

1857. SPRING 1857. NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS!

J. & W. P. IRWIN are now opening a beautiful and extremely cheap lot of Spring and Summer Goods. Their stock of ladies dress Goods, Shawls, Hosiery, and many of the latest styles of DeLaines, Chiffons, Berages, Crapes, do. Tissues, Lawns, &c.

A large lot of Brilliant, Nainsooks, Jaconets, Hosiery, Gloves, Parasols, Umbrellas, Linen C. Hdkfs., F. W. and Bagged Collars, and a nice lot of Fringes, Laces and Trimmings. He would call attention to a lot of Black and Fancy Colored Mantles.