

Agricultural.

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COUNTRY COUSINS.

How dear to my heart are the sweet country cousins, When dog days of summer begin to draw near, When bric-a-brac is hung out, and when sunstroked by...

A Belated Report.

We secured excellent assistance from every section of the state in making our report to the American Pomological Society, and finished and forwarded it August 10th.

MR. SWIFT'S REPORT.

Apples grow successfully in this vicinity, if the right varieties are selected; also pears of the harder kinds, Flemish Beauty and Clapp's Favorite.

Ed.] I keep the soil rich enough to produce a good crop of grass or grain. For the first three or four years I plow the land annually, and keep the soil free from weeds for a space of three feet around the tree.

I prefer to have the head of the tree about five feet from the ground; have the branches come out horizontally, and I take great pains to prevent crooked trees that will eventually split down and spoil the tree in its prime.

Fairs in Massachusetts.

The agricultural societies in Massachusetts receive a bounty from the state of \$600 annually to aid the cause of agriculture, but from the manner in which it is applied, seem to think it is given for premiums for horse trotting, competition of fire engines, balloon ascensions, side shows, etc.

Potato Culture.

Very careful experiments made in New York last season show that the flat culture of potatoes produces the finest tubers and the largest yields. The best results followed the Dutch method of planting, which consists in keeping the surface of the ground level, planting a single eye in a place, covering it six inches deep, and allowing but a single stalk to grow on a hill, which are a foot apart each way.

We fear Commissioner of Agriculture Loring got astray, in his remarks before the forestry congress in St. Paul, a few days ago. He is reported as saying the spruce timber of Vermont will be exhausted in four years. We beg leave to correct the doctor on that, as he is as far out of the way as when he was depreciating the sorghum industry.

It is not enough for us to say that our farming pays, or that we are doing better than our neighbors. It is our privilege and duty to press our business to the extent of our ability and for all that the farm will give.

As a general principle it may be affirmed that good yields of butter can be produced from any breed, and that frequently a common cow will yield as much and as good butter as one with a boasted pedigree.

The bulk of the American people are living by farming, and the growth of the country's wealth is sufficient proof that it pays.

Religious Miscellany.

For the Vermont Watchman, HEAVEN.

There is a city built by God, Where mortal footsteps never tread, Unhallowed by the taste of sin, And all its paths within.

The Bung and the Spigot.

That orifice in the bulge of a barrel or cask, we call the bung. Through this the vessel is filled. But there is another opening into which is inserted a spigot, through which the contents are to flow out.

This is an interesting report, and Mr. Swift has our thanks for it. He seems to have worked his way along mainly by himself, and has a number of not widely known kinds, yet lacks some that we believe he would find very valuable.

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A Death of Hearers.

We have read and written so much on the subject of a famine of the ministry, that we do not deem it amiss to call attention to another side of the question which is quite as important, a famine of hearers.

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