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The vegetable and fruit crops of this year have been unusually abundant in this parish. Cabbages and tomatoes, particularly, were raised in profusion, the supply being so far in excess of the demand that it did not pay to transport them to market; consequently, untold quantities of these delicious vegetables were allowed to decay in the gardens, only benefitting the soil with whatever fertilizing properties they may possess. In a few rare instances they were utilized and conserved in an other form. For example, Mr. P. E. Durand, who had a large surplus of cabbages in his garden, converted them into sourecrut, which, he states, not only equals but excels any that he ever purchased or tested during a long mercantile career emanating from the Western and Eastern markets. This result, however, was probably attained by the extra care taken in selecting the most perfect heads and removing all the green leaves until only the snow-white heart of the cabbage was left. He was then fastidiously nice in preparing his barrels, cutting the fruit, arranging the same in layers of uniform thickness, etc. None but the purest salt was used.

We have some Pennsylvania Dutch blood in our veins, diluted, it is true, to the thinness of split silk, yet we confess that a dish of friend Durand's sourecrut developed all the hereditary epicurean tastes of our Teutonic ancestors.

Cabbages enough to stuff every Dutchman in Louisiana three times a day for six months, were abandoned on Bayou Lafourche alone this season.

But what about tomatoes, out of which the sauce *par excellence* is made? We received a few bottles of tomato catsup the other day from Judge Tete, made from the superabundance of his crop, which was pronounced by a *connoisseur* in such delicacies superior to any imported article he ever tasted.

Every family in the parish, this year, could, with little expense, have made its own supply of pure, appetizing tomato catsup, and enough over and

above its own consumption to pay the small expenditure incident to the preparation of this favorite table luxury. In every family we will find an abundance of pyramidal tomato catsup bottles, the accumulation of years; so, for a while at least, we can save the expense of buying new ones. Estimating that each small family consumes one bottle of this catsup per week, which costs here, at retail price, 25 cents a bottle, and it saves \$12 per annum. Take our basis and extend the calculation *ad infinitum*, and you will be astounded at the amount of money that can be retained in a State, whose immense resources cannot be even approximately ascertained.

The late Charles Steinman, an intelligent, frugal German, once said to a planter who was buying vinegar, that no person in the sugar-growing region should ever buy it; "That you all," addressing himself to the planter, "throw away more than you make every year;" and suiting the action to the word, he produced a bottle of vinegar manufactured from the refuse of the same planter's sugarhouse, which, he asserted, was equal to the best cider or wine vinegar sold by New Orleans dealers, and tenfold better, stronger and more wholesome than that contained in the bottle of his planter friend.

We confidently believe with the lamented Steinman who was esteemed as a wild theorist; because he was constantly experimenting in order to arrive at great truths (for after all we learn almost everything by experiment and but little by induction) that we waste enough in the Southern States annually to enrich all the paupers of England, Germany and France with our own country thrown in.

It is therefore refreshing to note the fact, that our people are rapidly awakening to a true sense of their best interests, and begin to take care of the cents and let the dollars take care of themselves. A close perusal and critical investigation of the Col. Dennef's agricultural side of the New Orleans *Weekly Picayune*, will prove more entertaining and beneficial to the patriotic lover of Louisiana than all the heavy essays on political subjects ever written.

Last spring a gentleman here, who is the fortunate owner of a large garden, tried the following successful experiment to change the nature of stiff black land or buck shot soil: The soil was fertile but difficult to work and not so well adapted to gardening purposes as the sandy soil. To remedy this, he hauled a sufficient quantity of alluvium from near the waters edge of the bayou to cover a square of this black land six inches in depth. On this square he planted his cabbage plants, and without the aid of any other fertilizer reaped an abundant crop of large, full, round heads, equal to the best grown in the parish. The

mingling of this rich sandy deposit with the black stiff land rendered the soil light and easy to cultivate. He is now engaged in covering all his squares with this deposit, fully believing that no more superior fertilizer exists. If this be true, and it certainly proved so in this particular, we have at our own door, an inexhaustible supply of the precious article.

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If the valuable life of our intelligent young horticulturist is spared until the next Fruit Growers Fair, he intends to enter the list and measure lances with the most expert fruit and vegetable growers. Mr. D. keeps himself constantly supplied with the best agricultural works and papers, and speaks very highly of Col. Dennef's side of the New Orleans *Picayune*.

The Last Warning.
If the young gentleman, whose ancestral jungles are located in the wilds of Africa, does not immediately, if not sooner, desist from netting our pretty little "papes" or gold finches, which he employs for mocking-bird bait, we will file him on Judge Tetes penal docket. In our humble judgment the ostensible bird trappers engage in this occupation to no good purpose. It enables them more effectually to reconnoiter in closer proximity your enclosures and thus facilitates a thorough inspection of the poultry yard. We sour on such ornithologists, and sincerely promise these violators of the game laws that we will denounce them.

We owe thanks to the popular steamer Robert Young for late papers and other appreciated favors. The officers are daily gaining ground in public estimation, and we wish Captain Terrebonne and his boat success. Much obliged, Edgar, for late New Orleans papers.

The editor of the Thibodaux *Sentinel* is rivalling Stanley, the great African explorer—he has been to New Orleans, St. James and Napoleonville, and from late accounts, is now in search of the source of the river Teche.

"Oh, what is home without another?"
Sang a widower acquaintance of ours the other evening; we did not wait to hear the widow's response.