

Farmer's Column.



Give foot their gold & harness their power. Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall. Who sows a field or trains a flower. Or plants a tree, is more than all.

Water on Wheat Ground. The greatest enemy to the wheat crop, says the Germantown Telegraph, is too much water. It may be said that the wheat root is more susceptible to injury from too much water than many of us believe.

The English seem to understand this water injury better than we do, and provide against it on wheat lands by numerous furrows; in some cases of flatish land one-twentieth of the whole area may be counted as surface furrows; and yet with this waste of land, as some would say, they beat us considerably in the number of bushels they get per acre.

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A Train in a Herd of Antelopes. The west-bound train between Green river and Granger, on the Union Pacific, recently encountered a flock of 1,200 or 1,500 antelopes. The snow was quite deep and drifted in places, and the antelopes were running on the roadbed, finding that the easiest road to travel in.

An Agricultural Creed. According to the Canada Farmer the agriculturists of Canada have chosen for themselves the following creed. We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation; we believe that the soil lives to eat, as well as the owner, and ought, therefore, to be well manured; we believe in going to the bottom of things, and, therefore, deep plowing and enough of it—all the better if it be a subsoil plow; we believe in large crops which leave the land better than they found it, making both the farm and farmer rich at once; we believe every farm should own a good farmer; we believe that the fertilizer of any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise and intelligence—without this lime, gypsum and guano would be of little use; we believe in good fences, good farm houses, good orchards, and good children enough to gather the fruit; we believe in a clean kitchen, a neat wife in it, a clean cupboard, a clean dairy, and a clean conscience; we believe to ask a man's advice is not stooping, but of much benefit; we believe to keep a place for everything and everything in its place saves many a step, and is pretty sure to lead to good tools and keeping them in order; we believe that kindness to stock, like good shelter, is saving of todder; we believe that it is a good thing to keep an eye on experiments, and to note all good and bad; we believe it is a good rule to sell grain when it is ready; we believe in producing the best butter and cheese, and marketing it when it is ready.

A Dangerous Experiment in Mesmerism. A new and dangerous development of mesmerism was displayed the other day at Paris to an admiring and sympathizing public by a well-known mesmerist, who at the same time is a lion-keeper in a certain menagerie. A beautiful young girl, on whom the spiritualist generally practices, was brought into a cage of lions, and, after being thrown into a cataleptic sleep, was submitted to the most frightful ordeals. In one of these the head and arm of the girl were put into the mouth of a lion, which had previously been infuriated by lashes from its master's whip. But the apparently dead body did not excite the animal's appetite. At the end of the scene the girl was released and we are smiling again, while the mesmerist earned rich laurels.

Weighing Silver Dollars. In the mint at San Francisco there are fifty women employed at a salary of \$2.75 per day. The hours are from nine o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon, with the exception of Saturday, when work ends at two. Their business is to weigh the gold and silver after it has been rolled, annealed, cut, and washed, and they are known as adjusters. Each piece should weigh 412.4 grains for a silver dollar to be up to the standard, a slight discrepancy being allowed on either side. If a coin is found to be outside the limit, it is returned by the adjuster; if too light, it is condemned, and must be remelted; if too heavy, it is filed to its proper weight.

What is Love?

One hundred letters were written to many well-known thinkers requesting answers to the question: 'What is love?' The result of the editor's labors indicate a confusing variety of opinions as to what love is. Following are the answers from sixteen different persons.

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I don't know anything about it; don't think it amuse to be passionate excitement known to men—binding together by the strongest cords sex, kindred and nations. Don't know anything about it; I never was there.

It is something that no fellow can find out, yet we all feel its power, more or less. A sweet and delusive imagination only. A dormant passion of the mind aroused by beauty and intellectual qualities of some one woman.

An undefinable principle which all beings possess, and which lies at the foundation of all happiness. A notable passion which envelops our whole being and shows itself in every thought, word and action.

True bliss—void of fancy—of happy happiness. An egotism of two. A feeling that takes root in the heart and is only made perfect when it enters the soul.

One of the worst diseases of the heart.

Who does not like to hear a really good talker, whether in the public room or the private circle? Men may glibly quote the adage, 'Speech is silver, but silence is golden; yet it must be acknowledged that the silent man, as a rule, at a great disadvantage compared with his neighbor who can use his tongue well, and is, as the phrase goes, 'good company.'

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Then there are the double-tongued talkers, the inquisitive and the grandiloquent—all of whom are objectionable.

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