Farmers' Column.

Give fools their gold & knaves 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.

Stock Breeding vs Grain Raising.

A farmer who for a long term of years has a good paying crop four seasons out of five may consider himself in average luck, and this fact has induced many to turn their attention from grain growing to dairy farming. Though the prices of butter and cheese are subject to very wide fluctuations, it is not often that a farmer. having once embarked in dairy farming, ever goes back to the growing of grain for market. In view of the present demand for beef cattle, however, it seems somewhat surprising that a greater number of farmers do not turn their attention to stock breeding. Beef is a commodity with which it would seem impossible to glut the market. As the quality improves the consumption increases, and if its price declines perceptibly, it straightway begins to take the place of some other staple article of food, so that its consistency is immediately and in most cases permanently rendered broader.

Why is it that farmers will, year after year, go on cropping their farms to death, and reaping very meagre returns, till they or their children are driven into other lines of business, while the old homestead is reduced to all but a desert, is difficult to determine. The establishment of cheese factories has done much to correct er rather lessen the tendency to overcropping, but even dairy farming is not so well calculated to restore land to a state of fertility as is stock raising.—The manure from a herd of cattle amply compensates the land for all that the cattle can by any possible means take from it, while experience has always shown that those farms whose only marketed product is live stock steadily increase in fertility.

The results of grain farming and stock farming may be summed up as follows: The grain farmer spends his energies in getting all he can out of his land during the short space intervening between the beginning of spring's work and the end of harvest, or perhaps he may have a few acres of wheat, which he sows in the fall, and after sprouting waits till the advent of spring to renew its growth. In any event, his farm lies unproductive during the greater portion of the year, while his taxes, the interest on his investment and his family and household expenses are going on all the time. And with all this his farm is every day becoming less productive.

The stock breeder has his work at his hand the whole year around.—Some fields must be cropped with coase grains for winter feed, and these are more than fertilized by the product of manure every year. These fields have to be cultivated by farmers, but his pasture lands only require cultivation at long intervals, while, as for the rest of the work, the herd manures the land, reaps the crop, and carries it to market. The crop of the intelligent and thrifty stock farmer is growing from the first of January to the thirty-first of December, night and day hour by hour increasing in value, while every year sees his farm more productive and his breeding herd more richly bred and valuable.

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Brandywine	6 58	"	Brandywine	2 50	"
Cheltenham	7 04	"	Cheltenham	3 07	"
Linden	7 08	"	Linden	3 15	"
Croome	7 15	"	Croome	3 35	"
Marlboro'	7 23	"	Marlboro'	3 50	"
Hill's	7 28	"	Hill's	4 00	"
Leeland	7 32	"	Leeland	4 10	"
Hall's	7 37	"	Hall's	4 25	"
Mullikin	7 41	"	Mullikin	4 30	"
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Leeland	5 45	"	Leeland	9 05	"
Hill's	5 49	"	Hill's	9 17	"
Marlboro'	5 55	"	Marlboro'	9 25	"
Croome	6 04	"	Croome	9 42	"
Linden	6 11	"	Linden	10 00	"
Cheltenham	6 16	"	Cheltenham	10 04	"
Brandywine	6 23	"	Brandywine	10 25	"
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