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.

Fall Plowing for Corn, and the Profit of Corn on Hilly Land at Present Prices.

The Fallston Farmers' Club, of Harford county, Md., met at Sunnyside, the home of Mr. James Robinson Thursday, October 30th.

The president appointed as committee of inspection Garrett Amoss, Wm. Preston and Joseph Hoskins. They reported everything in very good condition; would advise him to cut his fodder instead of feeding it on the stock.

Mr. Keech wanted to know if it is best to plow in the fall for corn.

Mr. Garrett Amoss thought that land plowed in the fall will be harder and more difficult to keep clear of grass and weeds than that which has been plowed late in the spring.

Mr. H. Preston likes plowing in February.

Mr. Wm. Preston preferred plowing as late as possible before planting. A piece of ground he had in corn last year verified his opinion.

Mr. Robinson's experience is against fall plowing; thinks it takes nearly as long to prepare a field for planting after fall plowing as it would to plow it again.

Mr. Edelin thought the longer land is kept in sod the better. Prefers to do plowing in February.

Mr. Hoskins would plow as late as possible before planting; thinks it results in better crops; the worm will not be so bad; would not plow so early as February.

Mr. Favor would rather be two or three weeks late in planting than to plow in the fall.

Mr. C. J. Moore observed that fall plowing on the Moss-wood farm is best, as the land does not bake, it being sandy, and he thereby gets rid of the worms, which have been an annoyance; it washes, however, somewhat, which is an objection.

Mr. L. Bond thought it harder to get the ground in order when plowed in the fall, but likes it because it helps the work in the spring.

The subject for discussion was next taken up, 'Is corn a profitable crop on hilly land at present prices?'

The opinion of the club was that it is not a profitable crop to grow exclusively for the market; but, as a crop grown in rotation, after a field has failed to produce less than one half ton of good hay to the acre; there is no cereal, even on hilly land, more profitable, taking the fodder into consideration, than the corn crop, but all agreed that it would pay better to buy corn at present prices than to turn down a good sod for the sole purpose of growing corn. Mr. Edelin differed with the general opinion. It was evident from his remarks that he had given the subject considerable thought. He carefully figures the cost by charging the crop with labor, fertilizers, exhaustion of fertility and the washing to which hilly land is subject, to within three dollars of the market value of the entire crop, fodder included. This small sum, he says, will not justify us to grow corn, but try to bring our fields into grass in some other way than by first growing corn.—*Belair Times.*

Applying Manure.

After careful study and experiment, says a correspondent of an exchange, I have adopted the rule of using most of my manures at the surface. The only exception to this rule I make is when I wish to manure very heavily to permanently enrich a garden plot, then I plow under a liberal coat of manure and top dress in addition. When it is to be used on wheat, so convinced am I of the superiority of top dressing that I would not allow a man to draw out the manure before plowing the land if he would do it for nothing.—We want the manure applied to the wheat so as to act as quickly as possible, for wheat has a short time to grow in the fall, and it is important that it get well rooted and make growth sufficient to protect the roots before winter sets in, and the finer the manure is, and the nearer the surface, quicker its effects on the young crop. I am satisfied that by fining our manure and using it at the surface we can double its value for the wheat crop.

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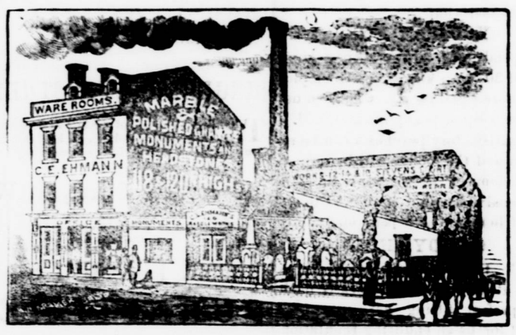

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