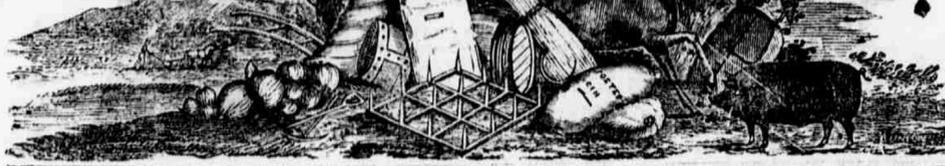


THE AGRICULTURIST.



AGRICULTURAL.

Frogtown, March 28, 1857.

Editor Home Journal:

I have been looking over the Journal and some other papers until nine o'clock has rolled round, which is the common bed time for most farmers, but as I do not sleep well, I have concluded to give to the readers of the Journal a few of my thoughts on matters and things in general; and as the season for planting our crops is at hand, and being much better in theory than practice, I propose to give some instructions to the farmers of my county in regard to planting. Now, I would not have you think that I am writing to make a display of my ability to present something arranged in systematic style, which might please the lawyers, doctors, and merchants,—that's not what I'm after. My object is to write something to help along those of my own profession—the farmers. And I am determined to present practical things, whether you will take heed or not. After I tell you how to do, if you should then persist in your old traditions of balancing your bag of corn with a rock in one end when you go to mill, you need not blame me if you do not make a good crop of corn.

Now, just let me state to you the result of my experience in corn raising. Some few years past several men in this neighborhood tried their skill upon one acre, trying who could produce the best acre of corn. The result was that I was able to gather 85 bushels of corn from one acre of as poor land, in its virgin state, as ever a toad hopped over. The crop was planted on the 16th of May, rows 3 feet apart, and one grain to the foot in the drill. It would be needless for me to tell you that I manured the land well—that I did—and prepared it well by ploughing and breaking all clods before planting. After the corn was planted it required but little more work to make the crop. I ploughed round once with two furrows to the row, and once with three. That's the amount of ploughing. You may think that it had a good deal of hoeing—Well, I hacked through it once with the hoe myself. That's all about work. Now, the question arises, if I made the above amount of corn on poor land what can be done on rich land? The best way that I can point out, is to go to work on your rich land and try. You may look out for some of the largest yields of corn this year that ever has been made in this county, as there are several engaged in fixing for a big crop in this district, in anticipation of a fine suit of clothes from contending parties, and then a silver cup at our County Fair. I mention this that others may take the hint, lest Frogtown take the premium on corn. Let me tell you how to fix your seed corn. Before planting, put your corn into a kettle, then stir in tar till every grain becomes thoroughly immersed in the tar, then stir wood ashes in until your corn will separate one grain from another, so as to be easily dropped. You will find from this process that no insect, varmint, or fowl will have anything to do with your grain or young shoot, and I believe it will grow much faster than if planted in the old style. I have tried this and I know it will do. Farmers, if you cant go your whole crop, try on a small scale, and I think you will be amply remunerated for your trouble.

Now, you that wish to raise cotton, if you will take the trouble of rolling your seed in ashes and let them lay in the bulk until they are nearly ready to sprout, you will find that you will nearly save one working by this process. I planted about one acre last year, about the 10th of May, after preparing my seed as above directed, and gave but little attention to working, only working the crop three times. The result of my crop was over one

thousand pounds. You will see that I planted one month later than is usual to plant cotton in this country. My chief object was to raise watermelons, never having succeeded well without planting in among cotton.

The iron tongue of time has told 11 o'clock, and I must go to bed. April 1st, 1857. The first day of April—all fools day—and it is raining very nicely, so much so that I am compelled to suspend my out door business, and whilst I am sitting by the fire, musing over first one thing then another, I have concluded to drive my pen in fixing up and finishing my yarn on agricultural.

I suppose we have some of the best farmers down this way that are to be found in any part of the county; fine corn and wheat raisers, some of whom pay but little attention to agricultural works, and they make good crops, each one choosing his own mode of procedure. One prefers shallow plowing, whilst another prefers deep; one chooses to break up his land with what is called the bull-tongue plow, whilst another prefers the barshear or turning plow. I will take the liberty of mentioning the names of some of our best farmers down this way.

I know of no man in the county who I think beats Mr. John Hill in corn raising. I consider him a practical farmer. This is evidenced by the large amount of corn he sells every year. He believes in shallow plowing. Peter Simmons, who also is a good corn raiser, believes in deep plowing. He breaks up a good portion of his land with two yoke of large oxen; and I am bound to express my opinion in favor of his plan, as I consider that the deep plowing preserves the land. I know he is now making better crops on his land than was raised on it twenty-five years ago.

John Keith will be found in the list of good farmers. He ploughs pretty deep. And his sons are all right sharp farmers, but they do not all set their ploughs quite as deep as the old man. I must not omit to let my friend, Dr. Metcalf know how to sow his cabbage seed. But the proper day for sowing the seed for early cabbage is past. That was lost Saturday 28th when the sign was in the head. That's Uncle Henry Larkin's day, and as I know him to be one of the best gardeners down this way, I speak of him. You should go somewhere where you could burn a large brush pile, after which dig it up well, mixing the ashes with the earth. Then sow your seed, and they will come up quick and grow rapidly, and not be interrupted by insects. Now, Doc, try my plan and if you fail to have plenty of good plants, let me know and I will furnish you, if I have any, and I hardly ever fail to have plenty.

Perhaps it would be best not to say all that is due to this neighborhood in regard to agriculture, soil, &c., lest we might depopulate some other portion of the country and bring in a flood of emigration upon us that we could not well stand just at this time, as a good many of us are getting scarce of meat, and not much corn, and there seems to be considerable interest manifested about the Winchester & Fayetteville Railroad, and should that be revived and the work commenced, we will have need of all the surplus in this section for that object. More on the subject of Railroad in our next, as we fear we are extending this article beyond anything interesting.

You may look for us again from Frogtown.

Plough deep, and you will reap abundance of corn.

We have an excellent article on hand, entitled "Thoroughness of Farming," which will be in our next.

Working Horses, Oxen, Mules.

Let the food of these be good in quality, and let them have enough of it; not to surfeit them, but to keep them in good order for labor. See to it too, that they get all that you allow them, that they get it at the right times, and in the proper state. By having your grain c'opt or ground into meal and mixed with oat hay or straw, you may save some 25 per cent, in grain, while your beasts will look better and be better. See that your working animals are carried and rubbed down twice a day, regularly fed and watered three times a day; that they have good clean bedding at night, and receive three a week, each, two ounces of salt, or that quantity of salt, oyster shell lime and ashes. When not at work let them be slightly exercised, as standing in the stable without exercise is apt to swell their legs and bring on a diseased condition of the stomach.

Transplanting Trees and Shrubs.—The desire soon to have large trees and see them bearing is very natural. Most persons are, therefore, anxious to plant large trees. Large trees however, have always large roots, which never can be taken out of the ground without being considerably injured.—The most experienced nurserymen, therefore, in all countries, agree that thrifty "maiden trees," that is, one or two years old, are by far the best for transplanting.

An habitual distrust of our fellow beings is a source of much evil in the world. When man loses faith in humanity it is a sad misfortune, not only for himself, but for those around him. Instead of a hearty confidence in others, he is constantly suspecting some wrong to be in course of preparation. The heated imagination sees mischief in every smile, hears a conspiracy in every whisper, reads a fell purpose in every look. One thus unfortunately situated is truly an object of pity. From him the enjoyments of society are cut off. Friendship ceases to throw around his heart its gentle ties; and he feels like one "alone and deserted" in the world. He fears to trust others, and thus is cut off from the cheering sympathy of kindred hearts. In sadness he treads the lonely path of solitary misanthropy, unblest and un blessing, without one ray of cheering comfort to gladden his spirit. Such a state of feeling should be sedulously guarded against by all, as it is most destructive of personal comfort, and a constant annoyance to those with whom the unfortunates are called to associate. A trusting, hopeful spirit is a source of constant happiness, and should always be cultivated with care.

The best way to break and train vicious colts is to handle them with the utmost gentleness. There is nothing that compares with kindness in submitting the "metal" of a refractory colt. He should be taught to understand and obey the voice of his master, rather than stand in fear of the whip. A horse's power of memory is very extraordinary; should he be submitted to ill treatment during colthood, he never forgets it, and it almost invariably tends to render him vicious and unmanageable in after life. On the other hand, colts appreciate kindness, which can be engrafted on their memories so as to render them docile and obedient.

The fruit crops over a large portion of the South has been destroyed by the frosts of March. Apples and pears were not even saved. The wild fruits, blackberries, &c., are uninjured.

To Protect Hens from Vermin.—It is said that pennyroyal woven into their nests, will perfectly and certainly protect hens from the annoyance of vermin. Some poultry raisers make the nests entirely of this herb.

Wagon for Sale.—A number one Wagon, suitable for either two or four horses. It is new, with iron axles and a good body. Apply at this office.

MANNY'S COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER, WITH WOOD'S IMPROVEMENT, AND EDWARD H. PEASE'S EXCELIOR HORSE POWER AND THRESHER TOGETHER WITH THE EXCELIOR FARM MILL AND FAN MILL, AND OTHER FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Having become the regular agent for the above Machines, I offer them with confidence to the citizens of Franklin and surrounding counties, as the best machines of the kind in use, having taken the PREMIUM at almost all the Agricultural Fairs in the United States; and Manny's Combined Reaper and Mower with Wood's Improvement, took the medal at the World's Fair in Paris.

During the year 1856 I sold between seventy and eighty of the above Threshers, with the promise to take them back if they did not perform well. Not one has been returned, and the supply has not been equal to the demand. Early orders will be most likely to be filled. Address **MICHAEL SHOFFNER,** Shelbyville, Tenn. Jan 22, 67.

Wheeler, Melick & Co. MANUFACTURERS OF Wheeler's Patent Railway Chain Horse Power and Overshot Thresher, Combined Thresher and Winnow, Pennsylvania Straw Cutter, Clover Huller, and Saw Mill.

I offer the above machines to the farmers of Franklin, and would say that I offer them the best Thresher and Power manufactured in the United States, and in proof of that fact the above machines have taken premiums at all the State Fairs except New York. I warrant these machines to give entire satisfaction, else returned at my expense. Dr. S. W. HOUGHTON is my authorized agent for this county, and he holds himself in readiness to make all explanations necessary to the satisfaction of those desiring to purchase.

CERTIFICATES. This is to certify that we have used Wheeler, Melick & Co.'s Threshers and they have given entire satisfaction, and we believe they are the best Threshers in use. Dr. W. P. Temple, W. S. Watters, R. H. Temple, G. W. Bell, H. C. Hurst, James O. Glover, Wm. Hoover, Esq., Alfred Elliott, Maj. C. P. Houston, John Knott, Jesse Phillips & Ganbrel. **JOHN HART, Agent,** Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn. Jan 29

HOWARD ASSOCIATION, PHILADELPHIA.

Important Announcement. To all persons afflicted with Sexual Diseases, such as SPERMATORRHOEA, SEMINAL WEAKNESS, IMPOTENCE, GONORRHOEA, GLEET, SYPHILIS, the vice of ONANISM, or SELF ABUSE, &c., &c. The Howard Association, in view of the awful destruction of human life, caused by Sexual diseases, and the deceptions practised upon the unfortunate victims by Quacks, have directed their Consulting Surgeon, as a charitable act worthy of his name, to give MEDICAL ADVICE GRATIS, to all persons thus afflicted, who apply by letter, with a description of their condition, (age, occupation, habits of life, &c.) and in cases of extreme poverty and suffering, to FURNISH MEDICINES FREE OF CHARGE.

The Howard Association is a benevolent Institution, established by special endowment, for the relief of the sick and distressed, afflicted with "Virulent and Epidemic Diseases." It has now a surplus of means, which the Directors have voted to expend in advertising the above notice. It is needless to add that the Association commands the highest Medical skill of the age, and will furnish the most approved modern treatment. Just published, by the Association, a Report on Spermatorrhoea, or Seminal Weakness, the vice of Onanism, Masturbation or Self-Abuse, and other Diseases of the Sexual Organs, by the Consulting Surgeon, which will be sent by mail, (in a sealed envelope,) FREE OF CHARGE, on the receipt of TWO STAMPS for postage. Address, Dr. GEO. R. CALHOUN, Consulting Surgeon, Howard Association, No. 2, South NINTH Street, Philadelphia, Pa. By order of the Directors. **EZRA D. HEARTWELL, President.** **GEO. FAIRCHILD, Secretary.** Feb 6

HOUSE PAINTING, PAPERING AND GLAZING, Winchester, Tennessee. R. S. HILL respectfully tenders his services to the citizens of Winchester and vicinity, and requests a liberal share of patronage. Thankful for favors extended to him in the past, he pledges himself to use every effort to give satisfaction in the future. Feb 19

McMinnville Inn, W. W. NUNNELY, PROPRIETOR. EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE, McMinnville, Tenn. This house has been thoroughly refitted and contains large and comfortable rooms. Good accommodations for horses, and persons conveyed to any point they may desire. Charges moderate. July 5 1y

C. M. FARMER, AT HIS OLD STAND, SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF THE SQUARE, Winchester, Tennessee. Very thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, keeps on hand and will furnish any article in cabinet furniture at the shortest notice, either of his own manufacture or of factory work. He is determined that no one shall undersell him or give more inducements for custom. Any article of his own make that does not prove to be such as he sells it for may be returned on his hands.

COFFINS FURNISHED at all times as cheap as any other person will furnish them, and on the shortest notice, and sent to any portion of the country without extra charge. His horse that he keeps for such purposes is well known and cannot be surpassed in point of gentleness in any country. July 12, 1856. 1y

Wagon for Sale. A number one Wagon, suitable for either two or four horses. It is new, with iron axles and a good body. Apply at this office.

NASHVILLE.

THE GENTLEMEN'S EMPORIUM!

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE subscribers are now prepared to say that their stock of Fall and Winter Clothing is superior to any they have ever before offered in the city, comprising every article that gentlemen have occasion for, either for adornment or comfort. Our garments are made up in Philadelphia in the most substantial manner by experienced and tasteful workmen, whose services are devoted to our own special trade, and as they are better paid than tailors generally they are expected to do all that can be done to render their work every way neat and durable. It is needless to enumerate the multiplicity of articles embraced in an establishment like ours, as every one is aware that, to do so, would be trespassing upon the columns of our editorial friends beyond the accorded limits. Suffice it to say that our stock of gentlemen's and youth's clothing is complete, and that every article in the finishing department may be found here. We take pleasure in saying that we have recently secured the services of the celebrated cutter "HARVEY," well known to every gentleman in Philadelphia as the man who never fails; the system he cuts by is unexcelled, which combined with superior judgment has enabled him to acquire an enviable reputation in his vocation. He is now prepared to take measures and to exhibit a stock of piece goods (Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings) that any gentleman can select from to suit his taste. Oct 31 CLIFTON & ABBOTT.

MANSION HOUSE, Market Street. Two doors North of the Square, OPPOSITE THE INN, Nashville, Tennessee.

W. L. BERRY, having taken charge of this house, is prepared to accommodate all who may favor him with a call, with good rooms and board at about half the charges of the large hotels. Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended, he solicits a continuance of the same, and hopes to give entire satisfaction. Good accommodations for horses. House open at all hours, and meals furnished to suit Railroad time. February 16, '56—1f.

New and Extensive stock of BOOTS AND SHOES, JOHN RAMAGE, 42 COLLEGE ST., NASHVILLE.

I have just received a large supply of Fall and Winter stock of Boots, Shoes and Brags for city and country trade, to which I invite the especial attention of Merchants and others who purchase by the package or dozen.

The best and most fashionable Shoes, of the latest styles, and very beautiful for ladies, misses and children. Gentlemen's Super French Dress and Double Sole water proof Boots, Shoes and Gaiters. This description of stock cannot fail to please in quality and price. Heavy stock of every description of Calf and Kip manufacture for men and women's wear. Negro Brogans, single and double sole, and Mud Boots, extra size. Sole Leather Trunks, Valises, and Traveling Bags, &c., &c., all of which will be sold at very low prices. JOHN RAMAGE.

HUGHES BROTHERS, Ambrotype, Photographic and Daguerrean Artists, 26 Union Street, Nashville.

ST. CLOUD HOTEL, D. T. SCOTT, PROPRIETOR, Corner Spring and Sumner Streets NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

S. D. MORGAN, G. J. CHENEY, ST. C. M. MORGAN, SPRING IMPORTATIONS!! **MORGAN & CO.,** No. 49, PUBLIC SQUARE, NASHVILLE.

We are now receiving and opening our usual Spring Purchases, which will be ready for inspection by the 25th inst. and at which time we will display a more complete assortment of DRY GOODS, than we have ever done at any season heretofore.

Our Stock will embrace all the latest styles of DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN Staple and Fancy Goods, and to it will be added all the NOVELTIES, as they appear in the Eastern cities.

In addition to the large and generally assorted Stock we have been in the habit of keeping, we have added to it all the styles and grades of **READY-MADE CLOTHING.** We shall be pleased to exhibit our assortment, to our old friends and the Trade generally, as we feel confident that from our long experience and the advantages we possess, we are able to offer inducements to all. Nashville, Feb. 12, 1857.

PHOTOGRAPHY. I am now prepared to execute, in the best style of the art, **AMBROTYPES, PHOTOGRAPHS, OR DAGUERREOTYPES,** at my rooms, over Houghton & Lough miller's drug store.

Those wishing miniatures, please call and examine specimens. The Ambrotypes I have recently introduced, and succeed far beyond my most sanguine expectations. They are surely a great improvement over the Daguerre type, both in beauty of appearance and facility of execution.

Bring on your children—they can be taken before they can have time to move. Satisfaction in all cases guaranteed or no charge. **J. W. HOUGHTON,** Winchester, Aug. 16, '56—1f.

STEWART HOUSE, J. W. STEWART, PROPRIETOR West Side of the Public Square, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE.

CITY HOTEL, JOHN W. THOMAS, PROPRIETOR. SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE.

ADAM HANCOCK, LICENSED AUCTIONEER, WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE.

Will attend promptly to all business in his line with which he may be entrusted. Winchester, October 10, 1856. 1y.

EAST TENNESSEE MARBLE WORKS,



BY CHARLES SCHMITT, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Continues the business of Marble Manufacturing at the old stand, adjoining William Ingle's Mills and Ware Rooms, on Cumberland Street, opposite the Coleman House, and west of Coffin's old stand, where he keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of work, such as Monuments, Tombs, Grave-stones, Statuary, Fountains and Urns, of the latest style, and of the finest and best East Tennessee Marble, which is highly spoken of here and elsewhere.

He has had experience in Marble Manufacturing for the last twelve years, especially in the largest cities of Europe, and in the United States; he flatters himself that he feels able to fill all orders concerned with the above business to a satisfaction, at short notice and cheaper than the cheapest.

Drawings of the above work will be sent to any Post Office in the State; so persons abroad have a chance to purchase by letter, as well as if they work here personally.

The East Tennessee Marble Works received the premiums offered by the Fairs held at Loudon, Tenn., October 23d, 1856, and at Knoxville, October 30th, 1856, for the best work in Marble. Refer to James Harris, C. R. Embrey, B. S. Templeton, Nathan Frizzell, and others, in Winchester. C. M. FARMER, agent for Franklin county. Particular attention will be paid to boxing and packing for transportation. Feb 12 '57 1y

Quit drinking Poisonous Liquors. PATENT IMPROVED PROCESS For making All kinds of Liquors and Vinegar, INSTANTLY BY THE USE OF **LACOUR'S ESSENTIAL OILS.**

These Oils are obtained by Distillation at the Chemical Laboratory, Parish of Jefferson, of Pierre Lacour, author of Lacour's Chemical Analysis, Lacour's Chemical Manipulations, Lacour on the Manufacture of Liquors, &c., &c.

Purchasers are particularly requested to return the flasks and obtain their money, if the Oil does not give perfect satisfaction.

Lacour's Oil of Cognac converts neutral spirit to a superior imitation of Imported Brandy, viz: Otard, Sazerac, Martell Cognac, Poulntney, Seignette, United Vineyard Proprietors, Castellan and London Dock Brandy. These Liquors will have a full fruity flavor and a beautiful, sparkling color. Common rectified Whisky will be changed by the use of the Oil of Cognac to New York Brandy, Fine Apple Brandy, Common Cognac Brandy, &c.

Lacour's Oil of Rye changes Rectified Whisky to Monongahela Rye Whisky, Old Virginia Malt Whisky, Bourbon Whisky, &c. Oil of Cedar changes common Rectified Whisky to Old Irish Malt Whisky, and a superior article of Scotch Whisky.

Oil of Peach changes common Whisky to Virginia Peach Brandy, &c. Oil of Peach and Oil of Cognac will convert common Whisky to Apple Brandy.

Oil of Gin converts the poorest Whisky to Holland Gin, Scheidsma Schnapps, Rose Gin, Swan Gin, English Gin, &c. Lacour's Concentrated Acid will, in five hours after being mixed, change five gallons of good Vinegar and twenty-five gallons of water to thirty gallons of the most acid Vinegar that can be found in the market. By the use of Lacour's Concentrated Acid, vinegar can be made for one dollar and sixty cents per barrel.

For making Liquors, Lacour's Oil require no preparation—only pour the Oil into the whisky and shake well. The liquors thus made will have a fine natural aroma, a full, rich, oily taste; a beautiful transparent color and a fine head. Lacour's oils exert three distinct properties in converting common whisky to brandy, gin, &c. The first property combines with and subsides in the form of flocculent particles the whole of the grain oil, (Amylic Alcohol.) The whisky is thus deprived of that peculiar irritating and burning taste, and becomes a neutral spirit; the second property consists in an oily mucilaginous taste imparted to the liquor, which renders it mellow, and imparts an appearance of great age; the third property is exhibited in the rich vinous nutty odor that is imparted to the liquor, which renders distinction from the genuine brands impossible.

These Oils are put up in quart flasks; each flask contains sufficient oil for making three hundred gallons of liquor. Full and comprehensive directions accompany the bottles.—Price, \$2 per bottle. For sale at the corner of St. Charles and Poydras streets.

One box of these oils, five in number, will be securely packed and shipped, with bill of lading, to any part of the country, upon the receipt of \$10 to the address of **P. LACOUR, New Orleans.**

Purchasers are requested, as a guarantee of good faith to furnish us the name of any house in New Orleans and we will ship them a package of the Oils. If they do not perform all that is claimed for them, they will cost nothing. Jan 2, '57 1y

Notice to Liquor Dealers and Merchants.

A complete assortment of the Oils necessary for making and flavoring every variety of liquor, and directions for making Cider without apples, and for converting the cider to all kinds of white and red wines, Champagne, &c., and a package of the articles used for giving

ARTIFICIAL STRENGTH to liquors, (converting 70 gallons of Whisky to 100 gallons) and every article necessary to commence a

LIQUOR STORE will be furnished for \$25. Also all the information necessary to conduct such an establishment, thus enabling the new beginner to successfully compete with the oldest liquor dealers. Address through the Post Office, **P. LACOUR, New Orleans.**

Lacour's Concentrated Acid for making VINEGAR, is put up in 2 gallon packages at \$5 per package—in good shipping order. Jan 2 '56 1y

LEWIS METCALFE, ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE. Will give prompt attention to all claims entrusted to him.