

AGRICULTURAL.

The National Porosity of the Soil.

I often watch the habits of insects that pass part of their lives in the ground. The female of the seventeen year locust deposits her eggs in the twigs of trees, but the young locusts, almost as soon as hatched, throw themselves to the ground, and at once pass into the earth. I have often been amazed that anything so young and so feeble, could penetrate the earth so rapidly, but they seem to have no digging to do. Everywhere there seem cracks and fissures, just wide enough for their free passage. It seems as easy for them to pass through earth as a fish through water. Why is it not just so with the rootlets of plants? In the paper read here some weeks ago by Horace Greely, on deep plowing, he says in his eighth proposition: "In a wet season, deep plowing does, at the worst, no harm. In a dry season it doubles the crop." Is this true? If so, agriculture becomes at once a fixed science, and the struggle for life that Darwin speaks of is ended—there will be no more struggling, except to push in the plow, and steam will probably soon do that. I have lately been assured by letters from Salem county, that the field plowed only three inches deep, so spoken of, has yielded six bushels of shelled corn to the acre, except where shaded by adjacent woods. That district of country was parched by a drouth of six weeks when we saw it, and it continued six weeks longer. During all these twelve weeks they had a few slight showers, but not enough at any time to reach the growing potatoes in the hills. Now, according to Greeley's theory, had that field been plowed six inches deep, it would have yielded one hundred and twenty bushels of shelled corn to the acre, for certainly it was dry enough to come up to its requirements in that respect.

Fall and Winter Plowing.

Much is said of loosening or mellowing the ground; and some say the deeper the better. Hence subsoiling and trenching. Are these necessary? I was told by farmers in Salem county, that their crops, and especially corn, did best when plowed on ground plowed in the fall or winter, and only harrowed in the spring. The seeds germinate as well, and grow to three or four blades in thoroughly loose ground as in that more compact; but after this they seem to stop, and time is lost unless a seasonable rain comes to pack the earth just where the young roots want to go. In loose ground there are spaces of air as in stone heaps—the rootlets with the hungry sponges at the end of them, have a perpetual hop, skip, and jump, from one cold through space to another cold. The native element of roots is earth; they want it everywhere; just as we want air—as fish want water. Much is said about "aerating" the soil; has it been proved necessary? Theoretically, I would suppose aerating the air for the tops of plants would be as necessary as aerating the earth for the roots. Even if loosening the soil and subsoil were useful, have we any proof that the effect of deep plowing and subsoiling is at all permanent? Even a fence-maker knows that the earth taken from a post hole will not refill it if well packed. Hidebound meadows in stiff clay that are so often plowed to loosen them, if well top dressed with barnyard manure in September, would in a month return thanks for such a manifestation of good sense, and the next summer, instead of half a ton, would give you two tons of hay to the acre.

Care of Young Stock in Winter.

All kinds of young stock are tender and requires more protection and more care than older ones. Colts that have been weaned in the fall should be stabled at night and be sheltered from storms in the day time, their stables should be well ventilated and the manure removed frequently, the fetter the better. Eyes and limbs are both often injured by the beating of manure and the rising of the ammonia. The skin should be kept clean by using a stiff brush and woolen cloth; if the curdy comb is used, it should be handled very gently so as not to hurt or irritate the young animal. Feeding and watering should be regular at stated times. Just enough of food to eat and none to waste. Calves and young cattle should be treated as above directed if you wish them to grow fast and keep in good condition and young stock will never pay you unless you keep it constantly growing, for if they once get stunted it costs almost more than they are worth to give them a good start.

The truth is, that many of our calves and colts get a "stun" while young, which they do not recover from for years, if they ever do. A perfect animal can never be obtained unless its wants are liberally supplied, in regard to food, shelter, and comfortable accommodations. Some animals are fed well, but are so cramped for room that, like a vigorous tree in a stone wall, they can scarcely grow without pushing the barn over. Others are fed well, but are so exposed to cold and storms that they grow very slowly, or yield little milk. A too liberal use of grain for young animals is undoubtedly injurious. No farmer of good judgment need err in this particular.

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