

Do your Best.—This is our advice to young farmers, young mechanics and young men, of every calling and profession—do your best. In every thing you undertake, exert every faculty to do well.

When I was a little boy, I said a gentleman one evening, "I paid a visit to my grandfather, his venerable breeches, and huge silver knee-buckles filled me with great awe. When I went to bid him good-bye, he drew me between his knees, and placing his hand on my head, said 'Grand-child, I have one thing to say to you; will you remember it? I stared into his face and nodded, for I was afraid to promise aloud. 'Well,' he continued, 'whatever you do, do the best you can.'"

In this fact was my fathers legacy to me, and it has proved truer than gold. I never forgot his words, and I have tried to act upon them.

After reaching home, my uncle gave Marcus and me some seedling to do in the garden. It was Wednesday afternoon, and we had laid our plans for something else. Marcus, fretted and ill humored at his disappointment, did not more than half do his work; and I being pretty much like him, until grandfather's advice came into my mind, and I determined to follow it; in a word, I did my best.

And when my uncle came out, I shall never forget his look of approbation, as his eyes glanced over my beds, or the fountaine he slipped in to my hand afterwards, because as he said, my work was well done.

Ah, I was a glad and a thankful boy, while poor Marcus was left to drudge over his beds all the afternoon.

At fifteen, I was sent to the Academy where I had to earn my own way through the course. The lessons came hard at first, for I was not fond of study; but grandfather's advice was my motto, and I tried to do my best. As a consequence of this, though I was small of my age, and not very strong, my mother had three offers for me before the year was out, and one was from the best merchant in the village, a place whose store was considered very desirable.

Here then was the key to the man's character. He is considered one of the best business men, and one of the best citizens, one of the best officers in the church, one of the best friends of the poor, one of the best neighbors, fathers, husbands, friends; in a word he is universally beloved and respected. And what is the secret of it all? He always tried to do the best he could. Let every boy and girl take this for their motto. Acted upon, it will do wonders for you. It will bring out powers and capabilities which will surprise and delight yourself and your friends. "Do your best," or as the Bible has it, "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord."

I have never more than from twelve to fifteen cows, and so far as my experience goes, I have come to the conclusion that it is best to keep good ones, and no more than I can keep well. When they come to the barn in the fall, I am careful to give them a change of feed as much as possible. To those that do not give milk, I give the poorer hay, and occasionally corn husks, stalks, &c., until about six weeks before calving, when I give them better hay, and some grain. By this way of managing, the flesh that the cow puts on by her own industry in summer is easily kept on through the winter, with a little extra care, which enables her to bring up a good, strong, healthy calf, worth at least five dollars for every four weeks old.

The wages of women in the United States, measured in the same way, have trebled since the year 1818—the period of the general introduction of machinery into manufactures.

The wages of men in France have in like manner trebled in 130 years. While the process of doubling the wages of labor was going on in England, the population rose to fourteen millions.

The facts of political economy must have another and fairer hearing than the old school authorities could give them. Increase of population and the undiminished multiplication of products by the use of machinery, do not depress wages, but on the contrary, the improvement of the condition of the laborer everywhere keeps even pace with all such increase.

The laws which govern society are better than the disciples of the dismal science imagine. Life is not necessarily a battle, nor is humanity a failure. We have indeed a great deal to learn, but we have as much to hope for, which will come in the fullness of time. The present good of this faith, is that we can thank God and take courage.

Plowing and Manuring. Soils are so differently constituted and located, and present so many peculiarities of their own, that only a few rules are of general application.—That a gradual deepening of the soil is beneficial to crops, is a well settled principle. But even this must be varied according to the manner in which the manure is to be applied; so that it seems necessary that each shall experiment for himself on his land. Some most exemplary farmers spread green dressing upon the sward and turn it under from six to ten inches, and say that they obtain fine crops of corn from the process, while others declare that they have tried it with an utter want of success. Now it would seem that each one might settle this question for himself, by treating the same field with the same kind and amount of manure, first by plowing under, and then spreading the manure and working it down two or five inches by the plow, cultivator, horse-hoe or harrow. An experiment of this kind instituted upon each part of the farm where the soils vary, would produce such results as to satisfy most persons what particular process they ought to pursue with regard to the depth to which manure should be placed from the surface.

GALLS ON HORSES.—To cure galls on horses, take whiskey, and add as much pulverized alum as it will dissolve in this, with a little potash. I have known the very worst of galls healed in this way, and the horse kept in constant use. I ever resort to this remedy, carrying it with me wherever I journey, and continue its use with undiminished approval. I apply no other remedy. When a horse has been put out for the winter, and has not been used, his hair and back get very tender; a single hour's use, then, on a hot day, will scald his breast so as to cause serious injury. My ordinary practice, therefore, has been, for a week or so before beginning to use the harness, to harden the breast and back by bathing them regularly two or three times a day. No injury has then resulted from the application of the collar.

To Preserve Butter Fresh.—Finding the following receipt in an old paper, I send it you, hoping that some of your many readers may be benefited by it:—Take of best pure common salt two parts, sugar one part, saltpetre one part, and blend them completely together. One ounce of this mixture to every pound of butter, to be well worked into the butter, which is then put up close for use. It is to remain three or four weeks before the salt is sufficiently blended. It has been found sweet when three years old."

A Farmer's Wife in Olden Times.—Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, Chancellor to Henry the VII., thus describes the model farmer's wife:—"It is a wyes occupation to winnow all manner of crones, to make malte, to wash and ironing, to make hay, fill the muckwage or dung cart, drive the plow, load hay, crone, and such other. And goe or ride to market to sell butter, cheese, eggs, chynkins, capons, hens, pigs, geese, and all manner of crones."

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Wagon and Cart.—The wagon and cart are the most important vehicles used in agriculture. They are used for carrying manure, hay, and other agricultural produce. The wagon is used for heavy loads, and the cart is used for lighter loads. They are both made of wood and iron, and are designed to be durable and strong.

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