The Farm and Dairy.

My First Experience in Gardening.

BY THIRZA DILA PINCKNEY.

My health being somewhat impaired by literary pursuits, I thought of no better way of repairing it than to engage in gardening.

After the ground had been plowed and enriched, I cultivated it by loosening the soil with a hoe and raking off the stones with a garden rake. I sowed upon the ground, thus prepared, onion seed in drills one foot apart. This work was performed in the month of April. When the onions were three inches high, I thinned them so they stood three inches apart. I began to eradicate the weeds as soon as they appeared, by pulling them from the rows of onions, and by hoeing them out between the rows. I continued this process until they ceased to grow, which was about the last of July. The month of June was a busy month with me. I sifted ashes over the onions to keep off all insects; and as it was a very dry season here, I sowed plaster upon them.

The last of July, or first of August, I broke down the tops of the onions by rolling a barrel containing stones over them; and if any of the tops arose again, I repeated the process. The tops must be kept down to make them set, or they will, principally, be scallions. After the tops were thoroughly bent, I loosened the soil around each onion, that they might enlarge better above ground. During the months of August and September they attained their size.

On a piece of ground three rods long by twenty-two feet wide, I raised fifteen bushels of onions, and sold them for one dollar and fifty cents a bushel. The seed sown cost one dollar. That was my only expense.

Winter Protection of Grass Land.

Speaking of this, F. G., says in the Live Stock Journal, there are still many among the better informed who favor feeding the aftermath, or in other words denuding the meadows pastures. They hold that the aftermath is an excellent feed, rich in nitrogen. They do not consider, it seems, that results of superior importance may be reached by a retention of the fall growth; or do they hold that the grass itself suffers loss by being rotted down? It is clear enough that this last can not be the case, as the grass is pressed down by the snow close to the ground, and in the spring the rains rot and wash down the substance. The roots, lying near the surface get this at once, and exhibit a growth superior to that which would have taken place without this rotting. So the only loss is the interest on the value.

Now for the other benefits on retaining the aftermath. We have seen fields cut so late that they were almost barren when winter came, while others had a thick coat of aftermath. In the spring and through the summer, the difference was plainly seen, and the part retaining the aftermath yielded the best crop. Snow alone is a protection. If not excessively deep, so as to smother, and if it lies till late in the spring, it prevents the frost from lifting the grass; and when the snow disappears there is often a green look and an immediate growth. Thus decomposition of the grass need not interfere, or only to a partial extent. We know the effect of winter winds upon knolls, laying the ground bare and exposing the grass. Even a ledge or a row of evergreens will make a marked difference.

Some object to a heavy aftermath that it affords a harbor for mice. The mice will flourish some seasons with or without the aftermath. The roots of plants form their sustenance, and the snow is their protection, while the stubble and other refuse furnish material for their nests. Lack of protection may ruin a meadow or pasture, especially in not well drained. The value of the aftermath as a protection is equal to its value as a feed. If the grass is scant, from drouth or other cause, for fall feed give corn stalks, clover, hay, roots, etc. It is in general better to commence winter feeding earlier than is usually done. Our stock are too much exposed to cold rains and wet fields—an evil that no good farmer will fail to avoid. If manure is needed, give a coat in the fall.

Squash Seeds Fatal to Fowls.

A lady from Batesville, Ala., writes us as follows in regard to squash seeds being fatal to fowls:—"I live in a small town, keep a dozen hens for the eggs, and as grain has been scarce and high this year have fed them all the refuse from an excellent garden, among which were squashes in all stages of growth. I cut them so the seed were easily obtained. The fowls eat them readily and I fail as yet to see any ill effects from them.—Rural Home.

A Good Exhibit.

We find in the Poultry Bulletin, for September, an account given by J. A. Packer, of the number of fowls and eggs sent to market by him since Jan. 1, 1847. He says, "by reference to my books, I find that, from Jan. 1, 1847 to Jan. 1, 1873, I have sent to market 73,-000 fowls; the average number of eggs sent yearly from my three farms has been over 20,000. Of the large number of fowls above stated, a great number, nearly all, were bred by me, or under my supervision." Who of our readers can show an account anywhere equaling this statement?

Liquid Excrement of Animals.

[illegible] Journal of Chemistry [illegible] says:—How strangely we [illegible] the value of the liquid excrement of our animals! A cow, under ordinary feeding, furnishes in a year 20,-[illegible] [illegible] The comparative value of [illegible] the solid. This [illegible] been verified as truth, [illegible] The urine of [illegible] contains nearly all [illegible] of the body which are capable of producing the rich, nitrogenous compounds so essential as forcing or leaf-forming agents in the growth of plants. The solid, holds the phosphoric acid, the lime and magnesia which go to the seeds principally; but the liquid, holding nitrogen, potash and soda, is needed in forming the stalk and leaves. The two forms of plant nutriment should never be separated or allowed to be wasted by neglect. The farmer who saves all the urine of his animals, doubles his manural resources every year.

To Hull Corn.—One qt. strong lye, made by pouring warm water on a peck of ashes; add 2 qts. boiling water, and put in the corn; boil it until the hulls begin to start, when you can determine by taking a few kernels and washing them in water. Skim out all the corn; rinse in two or three waters; put it into cold water, and let it boil up; turn off that water so as to extract the lye; fill up with boiling water, cook four hours slowly; add salt to your taste; let it boil half an hour more, and serve. It must cook a great while to be palatable.

Proclamation.

WHEREAS a Court of Oyer and Terminer [illegible] appointed [illegible] to be held at [illegible] the village of [illegible] in and for the County of Allegany, on Monday the 27th day of Oct. 1873, Proclamation is therefore hereby made to inform it, to precept, to me directed and delivered, by the District Attorney of Allegany County, on the 21 day of October, 1873, to all persons bound to appear at the said Court of Sessions by recognizance or otherwise, to appear thereat, and all Justices of the Peace, Coroners, and other Officers who have taken any recognizance for the appearance of any persons at such Court, or who have taken any inquisition for the examination of any Prisoner or Witness, are required to return such recognizance, [illegible] to the said Court at the opening thereof on the first day of its sitting.

Given under my hand at the Sheriff's Office in the village of Angelica, on the 21 day of Oct. 1873.

JOSEPH GUTHES,
Sheriff Allegany County.

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Mortgage Sale.

BY virtue of a mortgage dated April 1st, 1870, [illegible] Arthur Neil and William Neil conveyed to Barton J. Green, Josiah McHenry and Ephraim J. Green, lands described as follows: All that [illegible] part of land in the town of Almond, Allegany county, New York, known as whole of lot thirty-nine, in south division, township four, seventh range of townships, containing of ninety-two and twenty three hundredths acres. Also all that other piece of land in the town of Almond aforesaid, known as middle west division of lot forty, in south division, township four, seventh range of townships, containing twenty-one and fifty hundredth acres, as surveyed by Abraham Allen; also that other piece of land in said town of Almond bounded as follows: commencing at south west corner of lot twenty-two, described in deed from Craven and others to Christopher [illegible], dated, January 1st, 1861, in highway, thence east along south line of lot twenty two twelve rods; thence north parallel with west line of lot twenty-two, twenty rods; thence west on line parallel with south line of lot twenty-two to west line of lot twenty-two to place of beginning, being one and one-half acres off from south-west corner of lot twenty-two.

Said mortgage, with power of sale therein contained, was recorded in Allegany County Clerk's office, on the 4th day of April, 1870, at 9 o'clock a. m., in Liber 31 of mortgages, page 650. The amount due on said mortgage at the time of first publication of this notice is three hundred and seven dollars, and to become due, two thousand four hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty cents with interest from April 1st, 1873. No proceedings having been taken to collect the money secured thereby, or any part thereof, therefore, notice is hereby given that said mortgaged premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of January, 1874 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Law Office of Wesley Brown, in the town of Almond, county of Allegany, and said premises foreclosed for the amount due and to become due thereon.

October 9th, 1873.

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EASTWARD.

STATIONS.	No. 12.*	No. 8.	No. 6.	No. 9.
Dunkirk lve	1.45 PM	.....	7.00 [illegible]	[illegible]
Little Valley	2.57	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cincinnati	8.40	.....	.....	[illegible]
Cleveland*	7.55 AM	.....	.....	8.00 PM
Salamanca	3.40 PM	.....	[illegible]	5.00 AM
Olean	3.58	.....	10.25	5.28
Cuba	4.33	.....	10.55	[illegible]
Genesee	4.53	.....	[illegible]	7.00
Andover	.....	.....	[illegible]	
Buffalo arr	[illegible]	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
Niagara Falls	12.35	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hornelsv'e	6.25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elmira arr	7.58	[illegible]	1.30	[illegible]
Binghamton	10.05	[illegible]	7.20	[illegible]
Port Jervis	2.50 AM	7.19	2.50 AM	6.25
New York	7.00	10.40	7.00	7.00

Additional Local Trains Eastward.

5.00 A. M. except Sundays, from Dunkirk, stopping at Sheridan 5.25, Forestville 5.38, Smith's Mills 6.15, Perrysburg [illegible], Dayton [illegible], Cattaraugus [illegible], Little Valley 9.10, Salamanca [illegible], Great Valley 10.15, Carrollton 10.5, Vandalia [illegible], Allegany 12 m., Olean 12.30, Hinsdale [illegible], Cuba [illegible], Friendship 2.55, Belvidere [illegible], Phillipsville 3.52, Scio [illegible], Genesee [illegible], Andover [illegible], Alfred [illegible], Almond 7.30, arriving at Hornellsville 7.55 PM.

9.30 A. M., daily from Dunkirk, stopping at Sheridan 9.45, Forestville 9.5[illegible], Smith's Mills [illegible], Perrysburg 10.3[illegible], Dayton [illegible], Cattaraugus 11.07, Little Valley 11.[illegible], Salamanca 12.0[illegible], Great Valley 12.18, Carrollton 12.32 P. M., Vandalia 12.42, Allegany 1.07, Olean 1.20, Hinsdale 1.4[illegible], Cuba [illegible], Friendship 2.40, Belvidere 2.57, Phillipsville 3.10, Scio 3.20, Genesee 3.35, Andover 4.16, Alfred 4.37, Almond 5.00, arriving at Hornellsville at 5.15.

WESTWARD.

STATIONS.	No 1.	No 5.	No 2*	[illegible]
New Y'k lve	9.00 A	11.00 AM	7.00 PM	7.00 PM
Port Jervis	12.10 PM	3.10 PM	10.40	11.05
Hornellsv'e	8.50	3.00 AM	8.00 AM	12.08
Andover	....		....	1.13
Genesee	9.31	4.30	9.06 AM	1.40
Cuba	10.05	4.53	10.05	2.37
Olean	11.46	5.21	10.32	3.12
Great Valley	....	6.01	....	....
Salamanca	11.40	6.15	11.10	4.00
Clevel'd arr	6.50 AM	....	7.20 PM	3.10 PM
Cincinnati	3.55 PM	....	6.00 AM	6.40
Little Vall'y	12.03 AM	6.32	11.20	4.28 PM
Dunkirk arr	1.50 AM	8.00 AM	12.5 PM	6.00

Additional Local Trains Westward.

The **3.00 A. M.** except Sundays from Hornellsville, also stops at Belvidere 4.25, Friendship 4.35, Allegany 5.29, Vandalia 5.42, Carrollton 5.54, Little Valley 6.32, Cattaraugus 6.47, Dayton 7.10, Perrysburgh 7.17, Smith's Mills 7.24, Forestville 7.42, Sheridan 7.51 arriving at Dunkirk at 8.00 A. M.

5.00 A. M., except Sundays, from Hornellsville, Stopping at Almond 5.30; Alfred 5.57; Andover 6.50; Genesee 8.05; Scio 8.30; Phillipsville 9.00; Belvidere 9.37; Friendship 10.15; Cuba 11.25; Hinsdale 12.05; Olean 1.20; Allegany 1.45; Vandalia 2.15; Carrollton 3.12; Great Valley 3.35; Salamanca 4.15; Little Valley 5.08 PM; Cattaraugus 5.57; Dayton 6.32; Perrysburg 7.15; Smith's Mills 7.53; Forestville 8.20; Sheridan 8.37; and arriving at Dunkirk at 9.00 P. M.

12.30 P. M., daily from Hornellsville, stopping at Almond 12.51; Alfred 1.02; Andover 1.19; Genesee 1.40; Scio 1.48; Phillipsville 1.58; Belvidere 2.07; Friendship 2.17; Cuba 2.37; Hinsdale 2.55; Olean 3.12; Allegany 3.26; Vandalia 3.40; Carrollton 3.50; Great Valley 4.00; Salamanca 4.05; Little Valley 4.28; Cattaraugus 4.50, Dayton 5.07, Perrysburg 5.15; Smith's Mills 5.32; Forestville 5.42; Sheridan 5.50; arriving at Dunkirk at 6.00 P. M.

4.50 P. M., daily, from Hornellsville, Stopping at Almond 5.00; Alfred 5.27; Andover 6.05; Genesee 6.30; Scio 7.07; Phillipsville 7.26; Belvidere 7.42; Cuba 8.47; Olean 9.47, Salamanca 11.18, Little Valley 11.05 A. M.; Cattaraugus 12.23; arriving at Dunkirk at 1.00 A. M.

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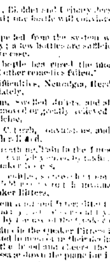

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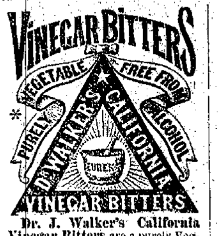

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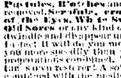

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