THE FARMER'S COLUMN

Theory and Practice.

There are farmers who are as stubborn and unwilling to accept the teachings of theory as are men in any other relation of life. They entertain a contempt for book farming, as they call it, that is absolutely withering. Fancy farming and fancy stock breeding are to such men the most trifling puerility—it is boy's play that was never equaled in frivolity by the game at the fireside or on the green. Yet it is a fact that some of our most important and profitable practice in both these industries has been taught us by fancy operations. Fancy farming is largely experimental—and it is seldom that experiment in anything fails to result in some benefit. A prejudice against theoretical farming, experimental farming, or book farming, whatever you choose to call it, is a prejudice which other callings have never cherished toward similar teachings. It is true that much of this fancy or experimental work amounts to nothing.—There are visionary men in all spheres of action, and they disgust us with their wild vagaries and schemes; but an intelligent experimenter will usually do something to benefit himself and the world. Roger, for instance, was experimenting in growing grapes from seedlings for a quarter of a century, and during time failed in many, many instances to produce anything of value in the way of variety; but we all know that he produced the choicest varieties that we have. All intelligent experiments result in similar blessings to the world, and generally in pecuniary profit to the experimenter in the end. The breeding of short-horn cattle is another example. Mr. Thomas Bates, for instance,—among the greatest, if not the greatest among breeders—determined to fix the type of the best animal for all purposes—more especially for beef. He had fixed theories, and labored to reduce them to practice. In doing so he sacrificed anything that prevented success or retarded his progrsss. If an animal was in any manner deficient, it was ruthlessly slaughtered, and the result has been a perfect animal and an inestimable blessing to the breeders and to the world. It is our neglect to theorize, together with our neglect to reduce existing theories to practice, that is proving an incalculable injury to our agricultural interests. In the former wheat growing regions, or the East, there is now scarcely any wheat grown. The wheat belt of our country has been constantly westward. Indiana, Michigan and Illinois comprised the wheat producing sections, when the Fast ceased to produce it. Now the still more Western States are the wheat producing sections. Well, why is it that East doesn't any longer grow wheat? Because it can't do it with profit. Why don't Indiana, Michigan and Illinois produce as much wheat as formerly? Because they can't; and why? For the reason that natural richness of the soil tempted men to grow wheat year after, without returning to to the soil any of the elements taken from it, until the soil was thoroughly exhausted, and refused longer to nourish this crop. But the same thing is being done in the present wheat regions, and it will go on moving West until we reduce to practice the theory that the elements which the crops take from the soil must be replaced.—*Western Rural.*

VALUE OF POULTRY MANURE.—From actual experiment, we found that droppings from four Bramahs, for one night, weighed in one case, exactly one pound; and in another more than three-quarters; an average of nearly four ounces to each bird. By drying this was reduced to one and a half ounces. Other breeds make less; but allowing one ounce per bird daily, of dry manure, fifty fowls will make in their roosting house alone, about ten cwt. per annum, of the best manure in the world. Hence, fifty good fowls will make more than enough manure for an acre of land, seven cwt. being the usual quantity applied per acre; and poultry manure being even richer than guano in ammonia and fertilizing salts. The other stock will give an actual return in this way, and these figures demand careful attention from the large farmer. The manure, before using, should be mixed with twice its bulk of earth, till decomposed throughout, when it makes the very best manure that can be had.—*Am'r Poultry Journal.*

WORMS IN HORSES.—A correspondent of the *Maine Farmer* gives this remedy for curing worms in horses:—"I have found linseed meal the best thing I have ever used. Give from a pint to a quart for a few days, then a a less quantity will do. I usually give this in shorts, meal or oats, mixed with boiling water, and a little salt put in every day. In some cases a few doses of soul apples, without anything else, will remove worms. The meal is a good feed for horses, in small quanties, when they are not troubled with worms.

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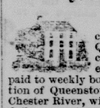

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Hillsboro',	7.40
Ridgely,	7.55
Greensborough,	8.15
Goldsboro',	8.30
Henderson,	8.45
Marydel,	8.55
Slaughters,	9.10
Kenton,	9.25
ARRIVE.	
Clayton,	3.40
Wilmington,	4.20 P. M.
Philadelphia,	5.40
Baltimore,	7 50
New York,	10 05

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LEAVE.	
New Yark,	8.25 P. M.
Baltimore,	6 50 A. M.
Philadelphia,	8 00
Wilmington,	9 35
Clayton,	11 15
Kenton,	11 30
Slaughters,	11 45
Marydel,	12 00
Henderson,	12 15 P. M.
Goldsboro',	12 30
Greensboro',	12 50
Ridgely,	1 05
Hillsboro',	1 20
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