The Farmer's Column.

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Orchard Grass.

The present season has clearly shown what orchard grass will do under such circumstances. Its growth is immense. The tufts shoot out a foot to a foot and a half in diameter. The leaves are perfectly green and lush, affording the tenderest and best feed. A peculiarity is, there is not the tendency to shoot up as in timothy and other grasses, after the first mowing. And in this fine pasture condition it remains till late in the Fall, affording feed when other grasses fail. When to this is joined the fact that this grass is the most nutritious, as well as [illegible] more, we think, need be [illegible] drouth it has also a reputation superior to most, if not all, grasses. In this respect it agrees with clover, the two (June clover) mating well. But perhaps the best [illegible] is to give the land to this grass alone, especially where it is not desirable to raise clover.

The second cutting must necessarily partake of the nature of aftermath, improving in quality on that account,—the nitrogenous element prevailing or increased. But its yield is, nevertheless, a good one, and is rapidly cured, having no large stems, only the ribbed leaves, which are very long and fine, reaching often to the length of two feet.

After the second cutting there will at once be a good growth; and the third time the scythe may be passed through, and still leave a protective crop. If not, you cannot well winter-kill this grass; you only deprive the soil of its nutriment. Our second cutting (of a small plot) gave a growth thereafter that in a few weeks covered the ground with a dense coat fit for [illegible] a short [illegible] later than other grass, and this it will bear also in view of its late growth, for protection during the winter. Here, then, from four to six tons to the acre can be realized yearly; and, we think we are safe in saying, on an average, taking three cuttings, which can more readily be had than two of clover.

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