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PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS.  
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REPORTS RECEIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE.  
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The Washington correspondent of the Newark  
N. J.) *Advertiser* writes from the August reports  
in the growing crops received at the Department  
of Agriculture. It appears that New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania, and Delaware, in the East; West  
Virginia, Kansas, and Nebraska, in the West;

cent, in Kansas, seven per cent, in Texas, and ten per cent, in Florida, and somewhat decreased average in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Delaware.

ucky, and Tennessee, ten per cent. The New England States range from ten to fifteen per cent. below; New York twenty to twenty-five per cent.; Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee, ten per cent. below; South Carolina thirty per cent. below. Tex-

In few of the larger States will the increase of acreage make up for the decrease in general condition, while in several of the larger corn-grow-

The States the craze has been reduced from last year, owing to the very unfavorable spring; hence it seems hardly possible that a crop equal to that of last year can now be made under the most favorable future, while the indications are that the yield of the season will fall considerably below that of 1868. Drought has done much damage in some sections, exceeding the ex-

ive rains, which had previously retarded the growth of the crop. Favorable weather henceforth, with late fall, may do much for the general yield; but a short corn crop appears inevitable. Illinois and Indiana produced about one

fourth of the crop of the whole country last year, and now threaten to reduce their production twenty-five to thirty-five per cent. Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee, which raised one-third of the crop of 1893, promise a serious

yield of from ten to twenty per cent. The reason, which has been unpropitious for this great national crop, has, however, proved favorable to most others, and though the corn be in short, there must be an abundance in the land.

While all the cotton States except Georgia and Florida reported the condition of the cotton crop in July as considerably below the average of the crop of 1868 at corresponding date, nearly all expressed an improvement upon these esti-

new report a improvement upon those estimates, and several of the more important cotton regions report the condition as better than in August of last year, the weather having been generally propitious and the injury by the worm comparatively inconsiderable, though there is no

lack of apprehension of damage from the latter. Mississippi, the largest producer of this staple, with an increase of ten per cent. in acreage, reports the condition fully up to that of last season at that date. Georgia, condition equal to last

ear, with fifteen per cent. increase in acreage; Louisiana, ten per cent. better in condition and fifteen per cent. increase in acreage; Arkansas and Texas report condition above average, with twenty per cent. increase of acreage in the former, and thirty per cent. in the latter State; and

On the other hand, North Carolina reports the condition five to ten per cent. below last year, though the increase of acreage, ten per cent., bal-

ness the loss. Tennessee alone, reports decreased acreage, and also reports condition ten per cent. below last year. Alabama, with eight per cent. increase in acreage, places the condition of the crop ten per cent. below that of last year.—

South Carolina makes the worst showing, reporting the condition twenty-five per cent. below the crop of last year, but with an increase of even to ten per cent. in acreage. In view of the uncertainty of the weather, and the danger of damage by insects to which the crop is sub-

et, it is yet too early to estimate the production of the year with any degree of certainty; but it is reasonable to anticipate, with an average increase of acreage equal to fifteen per cent, a yield fully up to the figures of 1868, which

reached 2,500,000 bales; and there is nothing in the present prospect to discourage the present expectation of a considerable increase, which can alone be prevented by some signal disaster from weather or destructive insects.

**LARGE POTATO CROP.**  
With quite a large increase in the area planted in potatoes, this crop promises a largely increased yield over the product of last year. New York and Pennsylvania, which produce nearly two-thirds of the entire crop of the

country, report an increase of three to five per cent. in acreage, with an advance of ten to twelve per cent. in general condition and promise.—Ohio reports six per cent. more acreage, and about fifteen per cent. better in condition. Illi-

wrong may be perpetrated if individuals are handed over to the tender mercies of Concordats, and to the arbitrary, irresponsible rule. The cell was some seven feet in length by six feet in width. The window was walled up, and only through a narrow chink a ray of sunlight could penetrate. There were no tables or chairs, and no stove to furnish heat in the inclement winter. The stench of the cell was hardly supportable. In a corner, lying on rotten, sinking straw, lay the poor crouching creature, "*Chob Mensch, halb Thier, halb Mensch*, half a brute, half savage, half mad, utterly naked," her body filthy, for she had not been washed for years. Her lean bones

“The cracks sink in, her hair  
hevelled at a dizzy  
Dante, with his amazing imagination, for he  
did not have portrayed. This poor skeleton of  
woman at the night of her visitors shook herself  
“I am hungry,” she pined bitterly weeping, said  
“I am hungry,” she pined bitterly weeping, said  
(Fleisch) and I will be a piteous creature  
immediately sent for the Bishop, who, in  
his justice showed as much indignation as any  
other. Let the name of Bishop Fleisch be hon-  
ored. He had seen the abbot, the nuns and  
the father confessor. He had seen the abbot  
preached them with the utmost severity for their  
inhuman conduct. The wretched abbot he com-  
manded the nuns Barbara into another cell to be  
cloistered for. As the poor nun retired  
he asked if she

again." The abbess seemed quite unwilling to obey the ecclesiastical superior. She evidently thought that in sparing the nunnery a scandal she had done a work pleasing to God. The bishop confessor of the cloister ventured to say that the incurring of the nun had been known by the Church authorities, which both the Bishop and the prelate indignantly denied as an utter falsehood, and the former suspended both him and the abbess at once from their offices. The nuns tried in their turn to excuse themselves, but with as little success. "Is this" he said,

"your love of your neighbor? Will you reach heaven in this way, you *(Purien, nicht Weiber)* furious, not women?" And when they attempted to answer—"Be silent," he thundered out; "go out of my sight, you who have scandalized religion. Away with you." The poor nun was asked why she had been immured. She answered, "I have broken the vow of purity"; but then added with a fearful gesture and a wild spring, "These nuns also are not pure; they are no angels." Then she sprang on the confessor, cry-

Barbarn, the nun, has since been taken in an asylum for the insane, and she seemed a little revived by the fresh air, but she trembled and wept incessantly. The government has attempted to suppress the convents and expel the nuns. Military force alone prevented the accomplishment of their purposes. They afterward attacked a Jesuit institution where there is a rumor that great cruelties have also prevailed.

**WHISKEY SETS A BUILDING ON FIRE.**—About one o'clock yesterday a fire was discovered in a building formerly occupied as a carriage shop on Hargett street, near the residence of Mr. Jeff. Fisher, and on the land belonging to the estate of the late John Fort, deceased.—Capt. W. W. White, John J. McGuire, and others.

ers, who were near, rushed to the spot and put out the fire before any serious damage was done, nothing but one workman being killed and destroyed. Mr. Frank O'Donnell admitted taking the house on fire, and was arrested and taken to jail by officer Robert Crawford. O'Donnell is a quiet industrious citizen when sober. He had been on a heavy two week's bus, and for a day or two had been fighting the demons of *delirium tremens*; and doubtless set the fire in self defence. The true verdict is—whiskey did it.

**HIGHLY FIGURATIVE.**—At a colored meet-

ing Sunday, to learn that a brother in his prayer prayed that "God would come down on horse back and ride through the congregation," while another prayed that "Jeremiah would come down with a sledge hammer and break these flints." We do not recollect of evering Jeremiah called upon before to perform such a feat, and are persuaded that those making such requests did not want to see either one of these personages in such character. We must pray for discipline that whatsoever we ask shall be given.

en us" or else our prayers are an abomination in the sight of God. We would suggest that our friends use simple words and figures that they understand themselves, otherwise, they may ask for something they know not what, and for things that would be injurious.—*Fredericksburg Herald.*

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### POLITICAL NOMENCLATURE.

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The Louisville Journal says: The word "Conservative" does not give a very graphic or truthful description of the elements at the South which have been thronging together in defiance of past associations and present party relations. They are not Conservatives, for conservatism means the preservation of old and existing institutions, while the gentlemen calling themselves Conservative are animated by a total disregard of antecedents.

and have for their principal object the clearing away of the political brushwood which war and Radicalism have piled up around them. The most picturesque and appropriate, because the most characteristic, term which they can adopt is that which is beginning to be encountered here and there. They are Liberals, and Liberalism is their style and quality. They had better let Conservatism slide. It smells of dry bones and

A western paper relates this story:—  
"Deacon B., of Ohio, a very pious man, was noted for his long prayers, especially in his family. One Monday morning the deacon and his wife were alone, as was his custom after breakfast, a prayer was offered. There being an unequal amount of work

that day, the deacon's prayer was short and seizing his hat and milk pail he started for the barn. His wife being dead did not notice his absence, but supposed him to be still engaged in prayer. On his return from milking he was surprised to find her still kneeling. He stepped up to her and shouted "Amen," when she immediately arose and went about her work.

A Connecticut couple who had divorced clapped and remarked: