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RURAL ECONOMY.

It is a much applauded saying of Dean Swift. that he who dispersed bow to make the spirits of grass grow where any one grow before, is entitled to more real glory than than the greatest of heroes. For the same reason it may be said that he who introduces into a country a new species of nutritious cattle-food, of more than four times the value of any hitherto cultivated in that country, merits the lasting gratitude of every man in it. The public, more particularly that part to whom the following article is addressed, and to whom it will find its way through the medium of our country paper, will thankfully receive it, and, we presame, will, without delay, avail themselves of

POR THE NEW YORK EVENING POST. To Farners and Gardeners - When I published, some time ago, my account of the erops of Ruta Baga, or Russia, or Swedish turnip, I was by no means aware, that I was expising myself to any species of criticism : quel less did I imagine, that I was in the way to incur the charge of being a pretender to any merit at all, and, still less of a merit, to which I had no claim. Two gentlemen, Mr. Lewis saw. I know that the finest oxen are fatted in of those dis empers, with which it has pleased the Suand another who signs himself Q, have, however, given written and published proof, that have sen them starve upon Potatoes. A neight-This frightful anilady, which bereaves of reason, disthey look upon me has having put forward a bar of mine attempted to fat upon Potatoes. Toris the frame, and humiliates the species, by a change claim to the introduction of this valuable root, though t had so fully spoken of the use to which I found it put in America, and though the late Duke of Richmond, (the best of good hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which interest to terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which interest too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which intinerton is a significant too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which intinerton is a significant too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which intinerton is a significant too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which intinerton is a significant too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. This maledy, which intinerton is a significant too terrifying for sight—almost too hideous for sympathy. under the pame of Rus-ia l'uroip.

No : it was not the root that I expressed my vania farmer, that knew it even by name, them : but, not us they will upon Ruta Baga. though two of the many that I talked with had which if steamed, will make a good hog really

sips for a bushel of apples in May. I truck! produce of the orehards and the corn fields ! have my wish, I should need, in order to make the culture of this root to remain, for fixe years, no more extensive than it was in 1817. If I had been a cumning fellow, I should have kept my own counsel, and not cried " roas" ment." I might have had nearly a monopoly for another year. This has not been my course. Seeing, in September, how the root flourished I sent home (for my home England is, and always will be, for some seed for myself and for ome also to sell, in order that others might there with me in the advantages attending this citure. This seed I now sell; and sell it. in the market, at the common price, though I understand, that a man, whom I first sent to marto with my turnips, sold for eighteen pence a thimble full of seed, which he said, was of the sme wort as that which produced my roots This same man, I am informed, sold one of pry arge turnips, which has served a New York tore-keeker as a sign for the sale of his Rushaturnip seed! This gentleman's seed may le as good as mine; but at any rate. those facts prove that there was something extraordinary my crop, and that the culture had not been birly introduced into this country. Mr. Q begs, that, when I go home, at the use

the press at New-York, and will be publish been distributed in various parts of the state. in a very few days. In giving an account of mode of culture, it struck me, that I ought

a little book was easily engendered; and, ground. They will succee therefore, if Mr. Q. has a mind to know what dered still enough for the I shall say about America after I get home, he have produced generally, we may be gratified before-hand at a very trilling nure, from 64 to 80 bushels per expense.

minds the public of my having written in dis. 1.3 puds, yielding 460 beans. 1.5 paragement of the latter, while I was in Ea. of 1813. Mr Philips planted a bush gland. I then spoke of it as compared with half of these beans, in half an agree wheat, as food for man; and, though I have (a puor clay) at one ploughing, without, been much abused for my opinions, I have are and they produced the astonishing quart ver been answered. If Mr. Q. recollect what I fifty two bushels and a half Winchester wrote, let him answer it ; if he do not, he will sure. do well to let that matter rest. But, as food Several stalks of these beans were productor cattle, what is the state of the case? Few and the committee declared them to be infinitely he ground, than the Rata Baga, costs ten times derive great benefit from their introduction." as much for seed, requires four times the ex- In addition to the foregoing, the following no n pense in harvesting and preserving, and is ex account of the Talavern spring wheat, a sample posed to many risks which the Ruta Baga is of which accompanied the beans to this counnot. But, the value: the quality: the comparative goodness and efficiency: what are Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Engthese? We man have our prejudices and our land to his friend, dated Jan. 1817. polities. We are apt to suffer our opinions on

fore, appeal to the ox and the hog, who, be. els per aere. I have often thought it is a sort the information it so liberally communicates, sides being endowed with the best faculties for ges of the Hessian Fly, because the straw is full En Post. Judging, have no interest in deciding contrary ges of the Hessian Fly, because the straw is full sides being endowed with the best faculties for that might not be liable to the destructive ravato truth. Let, then, any man take a good Russia of pith, and not hollow like the common wheat possibly be at the present day until he has exten up every morsel of the Russia Turnip, I will allow that the Polatoe is the best : but, it will be what I have never seen, and what, I am convinced, no man living ever he was compelled to give up the attempt. In -a quick, but effectual antidote; the complete and genehope to introduce t it was the cultivation of it short, an ox cannot be fatted upon l'otatoes, reserved for the present time. upon a large scale and as cattle food : and, in while it is notorious, that thousands upon thou The following communication, on this important sub this way the root has not yet been introduced. sands are yearly made as fat as they can walk ject, is made by a Paris correspon lent;

of about a hundred Long Island wagon-loads I had pretended, that Ruta Baga was equal to save the tarried to refresh at an intervening ham-loads to N. York market, and have sold the No: I know well, that there is nothing equal ges, overwhelmed the peasantry in grief.—Unprepared whole at an average of half a dollar a bushel, to Corn, as cattle food, bushel for bushel; but, for the event, shocked at the terriffic spectacle before rather dearer; bushel for bushel, than corn in surely, I may believe, that a crop of Ruta Ba- hun-the convulsive agonies of the affected being-he the ear. And this has been the produce of se-

tarnips for corn in the ear at par. How soon Q. who does not want any hetter sort of this for by all the inhabitants, each taking a different direct I should, at this rate, sweep into my pocket the animal than he already sees in Pennsylvania. He has, then, the virtue of content in a supreme Can there be any better proof than this, that degree : for, though I saw hundreds upon hunthe culture of the root has not yet been intro- dreds throughout the finest parts of Pennsylvaduced? If I were a greedy man, and could nia, I solemnly declare, that, if I projected a settlement in this country, and could get no me an enermous fortune, nothing but to insure supply from " home," I would not, for all ly felt a temporary exhaustion, but was at once freed those hundreds, exchange nine hoge that I from the forture of the malady. The circumstance thus now have, and seven out of the nine are but. young pigs Prejudice is often too strong for reason and justice : but, it seldom overcomes interest, when the latter is very manifest. The hogs of Long-Island are white; mine are black as a coal : and, unless I am very much deceived, there will not, in a few years, be many white hogs upon this island. If I should remain in America till I have any considerable number of pigs. I shall sell thein, or some of them, if any body choose to buy them, afive, at the market price of the day. I want to possess no monopoly, nor any advantage over my neighbors.

In the little book, abovementioned, I have given an account of these bogs of mine. If 1 ramain here for eight or nine months longer, and I may, perhaps, for a year or more,) I will send one of them to New-York : and then Mr. Q. may, if he pleases, satisfy himself to a certainty, whether it be not possible to change the breed of Pennsylvania for something better. WM. COBBETE.

which word he appears displeased, I will a A friend handed me the following interesting the account of my "travels," put in any account of the Heligoland bean. I am induced lainto this work of introduction. He may to make it public for the benefit of those who be assured, that I shall never say of America have possessed themselves of some of this value will receive information from either. I am, &c." which I am not ready to say to her face; able article. They appear peculiarly calculatindeed, that I will not publish any ed for the northern states, and I have no doubt about this country (if a sudden depar- will prove an advantageous substitute for corn, the does not make previous publication here where frost is apt to injure that crop. A small possible,) that I do not publish here before quantity has been sent for the benefit of the Agleaving the country. Indeed, a part of rienltural-Society, by Robert Barelay, of Lon-

with an account of the climate and extraordinary prolific quality, their perfect ful-" The merit of those beans consists in their This led me to look into my daily notes ness of form, and thinness of skin, and in their ment, and is highly interesting, as being "per- the instability of human affairs. According to

annes meeting of the Agricultura Mr. Q. speaks of the value of the Ruta Baga, Whitehire, held at Devizes, July 2 compared with that of the potatoe, and re-Philips produced two stalks, white

men can raise three hundred bushels of potatoes upon an core; Mr. Liewis says that he specially other sort ever introduced into the
taised last year: could hander, of them Bushels and fall of their duty to recommend
upon three queriers of an acre. The Potatoe them, not only to their own members, but to the requires rich land, must be a month longer in public at large, who they were certain would

I shall send you a sample of wheat I am one subject to run in and mix themselves with threshing, with some of the straw; my crop our opinions on other subjects. Let us, there- last year (one acre with another) was 33 bush-

MEDICAL.

THOM THE LIVERPOOL ADVERTISER OF PAGE 23. Effectual gure of Hudrophobia .- Of the long catalogue England wholly upon Russia Turnip: and, I olent, the most awful and deplorable, is hydrophobia had expressly said, that it was cultivated here farmers, made the trial with all possible care, no skill could control, a force restain, no medicine re His oxen became poor, their legs swelled, and lieve, at length yields to sample of the vegetable world

this way the root has not yet been introduced.

Mr. Q. says, that Ruta Baga seed was brought upon the Ruta Baga, without any bay, or corn, into remaylvania, by Mr. Bordley, 25 years or grain, of any sore. Hogs will, rather than deceleration the cure of this worst of all human discontinuously being the with hunger, eat raw Potatoes: but, did any tardiness of communication, in that empire, owing to of the principal maxima of the druids on that root, in its the fewness of the means this celebrity was, for algorithm. was a public-spirited man. This I know, how, man ever see them thrive on that root, in its the fewness of the means, this celebrity was, for a length ever, that, last winter; I could find no Pennsyl. raw state? Cooked, hogs will thrive upon of years, excusively confined to the province in which he lived. He was not the discoverer of the root that dured, but was the sole depository of the secret: The a few miserable roots of it in their gardens. I fat and sold.

have gone another way to work. I have rais. Mr. Q. talks as if I had decried Corn: or as if creased with his practice, and his celebrity along with the process of them. Travelling to a distant village, on the borders of them. Travelling to a distant village, on the borders of Saratovsky, he tarried to refer to a process of them. ven acres of land, the process in this neighbor. will yield eight hundred bushels with less ex- of the one, however, soon over now relations to the one, however, so on over now relations to the one, however, so on over now relations to the one. hand! I change two bushels and a half of tur- pense than the latter will yield forty bushels! of the other; he directed search to be under for the My poor harmless hogs could not escape Mr. Ausna; he described it; it was known-it was sought tion, and was humediately produced. Here the secre-

> tisfied of the officacy of the remedy, he reasoned his ha bit, and taking his leave, pursued his journey related quickly transpired. Communications on the subject reached to Moscow. The physical world made inquiy and and research. Throughout Russia, all Germany, the reputed conderful proprieti & of the Alisma Plan tage in the cure of byd phobia induced experimements -successful experiments; they increased its fame; and in those empires, is now established a perfect confid nee

was divulged-a preparation was made and the sandots

administered -On being intreated to tarry in the bank

let till morning, the peasant replied that he p

was no longer necessary—that the man was con-

in its unfailing officacy From the London Literary Gazette of Saturday week we take the subjoined article on the same subject : "We must call the attention of the public and the faculty to the Alisma Plantago, of which a drawing annexed, and which is at present the subject of a g n ral invest, garion upon the continent, as a spe li to cure of hydrophobia. Whether it possesses the qualities attributed to it in Russia and Germany, or not, we have discharged our duty in producing not only a we ttende scription of it, and the assertious respecting its healing powers, but also a picture of the plant itself, for which, we are much indebted to a correspondent, extracts from whose letter we subjeit.

To the Editor of the Laterary Gazette. "SIR-I send you for acceptance a drawing of the reputed valuable plant, Ausma Plantago - It gows I ma venture to say, in most prets of Suffolk, certainly wit us in great abundance, to the height of two feet above he surface of ponds and ditches, bearing white flowers aclining more or less to a purplish tinge, from the mid dle of June to August. I have endeavored to express the form of the seed-vessel, so that it may be known after fle flowers have ceased to exist. I am acquainted with no species of Alisma, that at all resembles this in habit; therefore it must be known at a glance. For

. It may be seen at this office.

MISCELLANFOUS.

FROM A LATE ENGLISH PAPER. Hayti .- Our readers will observe on the first page of our paper, the advertisement of a letter by the baron de Vasley, containing observations on the blacks and whites, &c. The aulooking led me to suppose, that the dai- ripening much sooner than the common sorts: haps the first work by a negro, on which the the Septuagint, Europe was still unknown actional of a year's residence here might be they are short in the straw, and the pods, which energies of the mind have been powerfully exty useful in England. Out of these thoughts grow in bunches, commence very near the cited, and have found a proper scope for action,

sefves. " Every the Greeks, so tuste, were in a and barbarity, living and acorns, till civi gypt; while the rest of known, and its inhabitan barbarous as ignorant, and of Benin, Zanguebar, and of N

and superstitions customs ; yet the world now pearly 8000 years cld, and the people Europe, had not been able to acquire a single spark of knowledge; in vain did a parrow horder of civilization skirt its southern shores, the light was unable to penetrate the dark forests of Gaul, and the stupidity of the boorish inhabitants. The Ethiopians, Egyptians, Carthagenians, Greeks and Romans filled the world with the fame of their wisdom, their laws, and their government; while the Gauls lay yet buried in pristing ignorance. Immense fores's, lofiv mountains, the interruption of lakes and rivers, the riger of cold climates, and the barbarity of the perple, impeded the introduction of learning into the north of Europe, while different causes, yet of a similar nature, prevented

subject, as preserved by tradition been committed to writing :--

4 The misletoe should to gathered with great solemnity, and always if possible on the tenth day of the moon : a golden sickle should be kept for cutting it.

· On extraordinary occasions i is proper to sacrifice a man. Future events may be predieted from the falling of the body, the flowing of the blood, or the opening of the wound.

· Prisoners of war are either to be sacri ... upon the altars, or inclosed in wicker backets, to be burned in bonor of the gods.

· All fathers of families are kings in their own houses, possessing power of life and death over their wives, children and slaves.

" Such were the horrid maxims of the Gallio priests; they offered human sacrifices to Esus and Tectates : they slew and burned their prisoners of war in wicker baskets. Fathers of families possessed the dreadful power of life and death over their wives, their children, and their slaves. This degradation, into which the Gauls were sunk, is attested by Cæsar, by Pacites, and by Lucian. It was under the reign of Claudius, in the soth year of Christ, that these horrible customs were first abolished ; nor was it till christianity had completely triumphed over Gaulish superstition, that the order of Druids became extinct.

.. When a man was to be sacrificed, he was laid upon a large stone, where he was either smothered or crushed to death; semetimes they were bled, and the impetuosity of the tream was one of the most important omens. The body was next opened to consult the entrails and to read in the heart the will of the gods, and the good or evil fortune impending, The sad remains were then either burned or hing up in the sacred wood near the temple: blood was sprinkled, partly over the people, and partly over the sacred wood : and the ceremony closed with washing the images of the gods, the altars, the benches, and the waits of

the temple within and without. Let the ex-colouists. Mazeres and Palissot de Beauvois, study the history of their ancesture, whence, the foregoing facts have been leaned and they will no longer have reason to wonder at the superstitions and barbarous ignorance of the Africans, they will cease to wander at Jabau, captain of the king of Bennin's guards, sacrificing three men at a feast." As then Europe, which was once so barbarous, has now attained to so high a state of eizilization, our author infers that Africa in its turn will rise to a distinguished rank among the nalions of the earth. We behold, (says he,) the day of knowledge progressively extending over the face of the earth, rising upon some and setting to other nations. We see the most powerful empires rising to netice, again sinkther is a black, an inhabitant of the new king- ing in oblivion; nations, subdued by nations,

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