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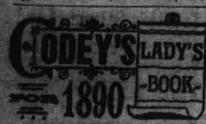
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The announcement in the last numer of this magazine of the award of the prise of Five Hundred Dollars in gold, offered by the American Agriculturist for the largest yield of oats grown on one exact scre, in 1889, in North Amerca, and of the muor prizes, has con-When we reflect that outs is the most extensively grown of any of the small grains (the crop of the United States ant year being over 700,000,000 bushels, or 200,000,000 more than the wheat yield, and over one-third the bulk of our mains crop), and yet is, perhaps, the worst abused of them all, it is eviiout that this effort of the Amor Agriculturist to hiduce better out hus should the methods pursued by the and-prize winger (R. W. Strickland, Orleans County, N. Y.), as given in the American Agriculturist for December, are supplemented herowith by the results of a careful consideration of a few points in the complete and partial ports of the many other coates

THE BEST SOIL FOR CATE. In by far the majority of instances, a level clay-loam soil was selected. The largest yields are gloost invariably on soil of this nature, at least in the Northwest, in the Middle and Sastern States, and in Outario. The alluvial river bottoms of Ohio, although also originally in hardwood timber, citd not average as much as the clayoam soils, though these bottoms, under good treatment, exceeded in pro-ductiveness the most virgin soil of Or-egon. A strong, sandy loam, under irrigation, in Utah, produced a large rop (searly sinety-three bushels), and the average of the cats grown under rigation in Colorado and elsewhere he practions which provail ever a large mpliebed naturally, tile-drains or upon ditains were reported. On the cities and the same of the fallores seem to have been, in a measure, due to the salestion of too wet a coil. The cost is much as great a lover of moisture as it is commonly accepted to be an important truth that neads to be realized by the means all the schule. By this means all the schule

four to six luches deep, in a number of riculturist for January. onses with good results, but the best average product, where stable manure was alone used, is on fields where the was tree applied was quite fine and was From Godey's Lady's Book, well harrowed in. This seems to well Fashion is certainly conmetify the theory and practice of many of our best farmers who hold that, albough oats is a gross feeder, it grows so rapidly that to feed to the best adantage finely divided manure well listributed through the surface soil, is far better than coarse stuff plowed down six inches. Another important point is the conclusive evidence that cate can easily be over-manured. The limit prize winner largely owes his great yield to the fact that the soil was abundantly stored with plant-food, applied the previous year or earlier, so that it may be said to have become oroughly digested, and was in a conthe best effect, going more to berry than to straw. This was not quite the system on which the second largest crop of 103 bushels was grown. It was on a strong Pennsylvania clay loam, wheat and clover; hay was cut in '86 and '87, but the heavy second growth of clover was plowed under that fall and planted to corn in the spring of '88, which produced finely, with no manure. Last spring forty two common back, and the sleaves of plate. red loads of alanure (about one-hird from fattening entitle and two-thirds by well-grained work borses), that had been forked over until very fire, were lowed to a death of six inches. But this store of well-prepared food below was wisely supplemented by drilling in with the seed (460 pounds per sere) of a standard superphosphoto, thus af-fording the young plants soluble food

The necessity of proper drainage for been under an intelligent and not exout fields receives marked emphasis in haustive rotation of crops for seventhe American Agriculturist competition years, and now Mr. Jacobs truly Whenever a clover or affalfa sod was and less atraw, although the crop of ville, not far from dtrasburg, in Alesseplowed down, either List year or in seventy-six bushels was by no means a Lorraine, to receive a comfortable for-1887, onts did well. A rotation with poor one. Ev'dently the day soil reclover seems to be quita as useful with Inited the elements of the liquid man- relative. was broadcasted and 'plowed under, went mostly to straw.-American Ag-

Fashion is certainly coming back to the lively shades of color so long dis-

Plaids are decidedly fashlonable this winter, even wraps are made of them. The feather bon, coming up over the ears, takes for the evening the place of the fur boo.

A charming silver gray brocade for vening wear has a large pattern of rescents and flying swallows in canleu tinats of the most effective style. The trains of evening gowns are shortened; they recall the small round trains, called Louis XV."

For walking-dresses, thick rough-looking procion fabrics are preferred, plaids and fancy stripes, also plain doth trimmed with fur.

Diamonds are being set as combe and a lady appeared at one of the last of the season's entertalaments in a high Spanish comb cocrusted with

Small muffs, to the shapes of plaited bags are made in plaid cloth to match the wrop, with quillings of ribcom round the edges, and a large bow at

ture witch in dismouds, scated on a golden broomslick; another, a flight many who persist in soming this matter is washed into the mil, and dismouds and rubles; the Edelweis in on naturally wet and undrained the comm matter keeps the ground flower in white commet on a golden da, with but poor average results. open oben played in. This land had stall, with leaf in dismonds,

A Sad Coming Home.

Shortly before that terrible flood, which almost wiped Johnstown out says, that less manure would have of existence, Emil Etoine left Cam-

> dler in the Cambria Iron Works for about two years previous to his de-

parture for the Continent. He left a family consisting of a wife and five off and establish the border terraces both because one has the leisure to attend to it, and because if the borders children behind him, happy in the thought that in a few mouths the head of the house would return with sufficient means to support them, if not in luxury, at least very comfortably, without further hard work of any kind. After some trouble Etoine won the lawsuit necessary to get the fortune, and started for home with about \$20,.

200. He intended to go into some business in Johnstown. He reached Pittsburg recently, in the afternoon, and boarded the Johnstown accommodation at 1:20 P. M., which took him to the place where he had left those dear.

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All began to figure, and after ninutes they made it out that rould get \$250. This sickled

pay you \$2 a month for, ex robbers off, and here you'r