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| Not A Political Documont. <br>  <br> The only comment which it seems necessary to make on the subjoined circular is that contained in the letter of transmittal, in which the information is vouchsafed that "the house was establisbed by the late Wilder D. Foster, for many years Republican member of Congress from this district. Although dead his name is still at the head of the firm and his estate is a partner." <br> FOSTER, STEVENS \& CO. <br> Graxd Rapids, Mich., Sept. 9.Gentlemen: As important and rather radical advavces in prices of some artieles in the hardware line are daily taking place we wish to say a few words so you may more fally understand the situation and not think that the jobber is over charging you. <br> AxEs. <br> There is now but one axe company is the United Slates, and that is ealled the American Axe and Tool Company, with headquarters at Pittsbarg. This company has purchased outright every axe factory in the country of any importance, and by thus controlllog the production has advanced prices on an average $\$ 1$ a dazen. This company also compose the manufacturers' of axe polls, or the beads of axes, the machinery of which is patented, and this enubles it to keep the price on polls so high no one else can afford to make axes. <br> BAWS-HAND AND CROBECOT. <br> In this lidustry the same forces have been at work, and to-day there are but two companies who manufacture hardware where there were a dozen four months ago. Prices in this lise of goods have been advanced from 10 to 80 per sent. In ecoss-cuts it is the same. By a consolidation of isterestr prices have advaaced irom four to eight cents a foot. <br> Lestin. <br> Everything made of ${ }^{\circ}$ lead has taken a decided advance, owing to recent dscisions on the admituing of Mexican ore iato the country, as well as by combinations of manufacturers. Shot, lead pipe, pig lend, solder, babbic metal have all advacioed, and may go still higher. The pasage of the silver bll will also affeet all articles made of or coated with silver. Is the handware lise plated knives and forks, spoons, Ece., will bo allected with advances made. | bill, which will no doubt pass both houses of Congress, advances the duty to 22.10 cerits a pound. This must, of course, advance tin from $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 3$ a box, according to the weight of said bor. This advance in sheet tin will affect all articles of tioware, and advances will be made all along the line. <br> Tin in New York has aiready advanced from 50 cents to $\$ 1$ a box and is growing stronger each day; as the certainty of the passage of the McKinley taiff bill becomes more assured. Not a box of tin is made in this country, notwithstanding which tio has declined in price from $\$ 1.50$ to 84.75 a box during the last twenty-five years. <br> glass. <br> The window-glass market of this country is practically in the havds of two large companiex, who work in harmony as to prices, which has resulted in a steady advance for the last year, averaging 10 per cent. <br> zinc ol gtove boards. <br> The Adama \& Westlake Company, A. I. Grigge, Sidney Shepard \& Co., Palmer Manufacturing Company, H. Rendlorf \& Co., Central Stamping Company, W. H. Sweeney Manufacturing Coropany-all of the abovenamed firms were anxious for our basiness last year, but now they have all sold out to the American Stove Board Company, with offices in New York and Chicago, and a general advance on all lines has taken place. Last year you could buy a 28 -isoh square paper-lined zinc for 36 cents, This year the same thing costs you 75 rents-an advance of 100 per ceat. <br> ammunition. <br> The price is coatrolled by a combination, and you bave to pry the price or go without. <br> powder. <br> The same-but one price, and that nearly double what it was two years ago. <br> stwanary. <br> We call your attention to thene matters so you will understand why on nearly every involice you get you will find sumething higher than it was before. <br> The tendency of the tifmen seeme to be consolidation, thas enabling large corporations to produce the goods eheaper and sell them at a higher price. We fail to find, however, io all the connalidation of sarious lines of goods a sibgle instance,' notwithstandirg the adyance they pat ou goods, where thing hive adynneed the tay of labor a cent If the cotrumer who purchuses last does sot pay this in. | creased cost we do not know who does. If he reavs any personal benefit from it we would like to know where it comes in. This is not a political document, but a fair statement of the condition of certala lines of business as we daily come in contact with them. <br> Fostrar Stevens \& Co, <br> Hurdware Merchants. <br> Sactu Worth KKovias Abast Finasre. <br> Lord Kiucard, a Scotch land owner and farmer, had the good seuse to learn by direct experiment the relative value of stable manure kept some months under shelter and protected from all rain or snow, and similar manure exposed to the weather in a way once very common in Great Britain, and still not very uncommon in the Usited States. Four acres of good soil were measured, two of them were manargd with ordinary barn-yard manure, and two with an equal quantity of manure from a covered shed. The whole was planted with potatoes. The produce of each acre was as followa : <br> Potatoes treated with bara-yard manure : <br> One acre produced 272 bushels. <br> Potatoes mazured from the covered nheds : <br> One acre produced 442 bushels ; one acre produced 471 bushels. <br> The next year the land was sown with wheat, when the erop was as followe: <br> Wheat on land treated with barnyard manure : <br> One acre produced forty-one bushela and eighteen pounds, (of slxty-one pounds per busbel.) <br> One acre produced forty-two buahels and thirty pounds, of (uixty-ose pourds per buahel. <br> Wheat on laod manured from coyered sheds: <br> One acre produced fifty-five bashels and five pounds, (of sixty-ose pounds per basbel.) <br> One acre produced fify-eight bushela and forty y even pounds, of sixty-one pounde per burhel.) <br> The atraw aleo yielded one-third more upon the land fertilized with the manure from the covered atalls, than that to which the ordinary mauure was applied. <br>  <br> Inc. W. I. Jones, formerly of the American Cultivator, mays moss of the eorn la dry and well cured by Getober, and ready to be eured. Deavisg it is the feld after it is dry, iovolves considerable loen from depredations of bircis, mate, ete., and fiom rottiog- | some ears falling on the ground and rain penctrating some whinh remain erect. It was a good custom, which prevailed in the country in former \|times, to go over the corn field after fodder is pulied, and bend every stalk down Just below the ear, so that the ears would all hang down and shed rain. Thus fixed the corn was less liable ako to he blown down by storms. But we propose now to speak of the great loss which so generally ocenrs after the corn is housed, from the depredations of rats. How few rat I proof cribs are to be found in this country, and yet it is a very simple, eary and inexpentive thing to have oue. The first requiaite is to build the crib away from other houses, at least twenty feet, remote also from trees, and having no fences or other objects abutting againat it. Certainly there conditions are easily complied with. The next is to support the orib on blocks at leaf tbree feet bigh. These can bo aswn from a largo tree-any durable wood will answer. Next, the top of each block should be capped with in inverted pan-mid pans of tin or sheet iron will answer. The outer rim of the pans should stand off about four inches from the block. The last preasution is to have no fixed steps to the crib, but to have a short ladder in places of stepn, and to take it down every time one leaves the crib. We have thorougbly tested this plan and know it to bo successful. It will keep out both large rats and mice. The latter are li, ble to be taken into cribs in baskets and sacks filled with something in which they can hide. An opea log crib oas thus be made rat proof as eosily as one made perfectly close with planks. <br> Asother serions loss, especially in the warmer portions of the cotton States, is from the depredation of weevils, To guard against this, clean out the crib thoroughly. taking all old corn out of it, aweepiog and brusbing out carefulls, and then paint the whofe interior, Joor, roof and sides with eval tar. Two conts of this would be better than one. <br> TheAmerican Garden says: "It is unsecenary to diseust here the rela. tive advaatages of apring and fall planting. The antumn is hare, and if we are to eat berries of our own next sessen, we mait plant now. Iu makting cloles of ground, above all else it is of importanoe to have clean land, not isfested with with weeds or weed reeds. The methode by which atraw- | berries must be cultivated are not favorable for the eradication of weeds, and a bed where weeds and fruit ure struggling for supremacy is not invis ing. Thus if a spot can be found that has been cultivated with some hoed erop, such as corn or potatoes, for a season or two, it is preferred to even richer land that has not been'so handied. If they are once well started, strawberry plants will thrive and pick up a living where most any thlag else can, but the richer the ground is made, the more fruit they will produce. While some varieties flouriab beat upon a heavy soll, and others upon a lighter one, it will not be wise for the beginner to attempt to adapt each to its special need in this line. A knowledge of soils and aequastance with the land, which can only be had by ex perience with it, must be had before technicalitites such as this can be dealt with succeasfully." <br> Pare Paya. <br> It has been demonstrated that a good common cow, treated as the choice Jerseysare, will give better retarn than a faely bred but neglected Jersey. The dircoyery has had the effect of bringing down the price of Jerseys to a point which plaves them within reach of ordinary dairgmen. The editor of a Vermont journal is credited with belag the owner of a "stub-tailed, one-horned, 'yaller' eow, with no pedigree," which laat year, besides furulshing the milk for a family of ten perrons, supplied more than $\$ 100$ worth, sold to the editor's neighbora who had the misfortune to own cown with long pedigrees. Whatever exaggeration there may be in the tale as told, it in eertainly true that good feeding and care will do nonders in developing latent bovioe powers. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ By croering the "scrubs" with better blood, and treattag the offspring as if they were thonend dollar stock, a vast improvement abould be effected in the character of the ordinary dairy stock and in the proffes of the dairyman. But even without the crowing, good feelling and tare will greatly Increase the supply and improve the quality of the milk of most cows of the ordinary breeds.San Francinco Examiner. <br> Prinoess Vietorif, of Prassia, who is betrothed to Adolph of BchatumbuagLippe, in sald to be unusually elever and accomplished. She excels ist a plauist and in banjo playing, rides and drives well, asd is by wo meansastranger to the homelier duties of the household, |
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