



SONG OF THE HOURS.

We have come from the lap of the viewless things, From earth, on our rainbow wings; Oh! would you aught of our being knew— From whence we journey, whither we go?



AGRICULTURAL.

MAKING PORK.

Messrs. Editors: I am favored occasionally with an opportunity of looking over different Agricultural Journals, and in a late number of the Boston Cultivator, I noticed a statement on fattening hogs, part of which I copy for your paper, adding some remarks, and a little of my experience in the same business.

I killed two hogs, one sow, and six pigs which the sow raised; their weights were, the two hogs 631, and 566 lbs., the sow 529, the six pigs 1,200 lbs. Total 2,916 pounds.

They have eat 250 bushels of corn at 60 cts., \$150; and 200 bushels of vegetables at 30 cents, making in the whole \$210.

Table with 4 columns: No. of pigs, Total weight, Value at 84 per 100, Value at 88 per 100.

Thus, it appears that, at the least price, Mr. Smith's fat muttoning \$42.78, and at the highest gained only \$22.47; while at the lowest rate more exceeded the cost of feeding \$15, and at the highest \$145.

I cannot agree with Mr. Smith that the breed of hogs is of no consequence, so long as there is corn enough. I am satisfied by experience that there is a difference among our swine (excluding the pot-bellied Berkshire and China) so great that at the same age, the same quantity of food will make 50 per cent more pork in one breed than in another.

AN ONONDAGA FARMER.

Solvent for old Putty.—In removing old glass, spread over the putty with a small brush, a little turpentine or moric acid, and the putty will become

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Spirit of the Times. A PIANO IN ARKANSAS.

We shall never forget the excitement which seized upon the inhabitants of the little village of Hardscrabble, as the report spread through the community that a real Piano had actually arrived within its precincts.

The owner of this strange instrument was no less than a very quiet, and very respectable, late merchant in a little town somewhere "down east," who having "failed" at home, had emigrated into the new country of Arkansas, for the purpose of bettering his fortune, and escaping the heartless sympathy of his more lucky neighbors, who seemed to consider him an indolent and degraded man because he had become honestly poor.

The new comers were strangers of course. The house in which they were setting up their furniture, was too little arranged "to admit of calls," and as they seemed little disposed to court society, all prospect of immediately solving the mystery that hung about the Piano, seemed hopeless.

Moses Mercer was the son of "Old Mercer," who was and had been in the State Senate, ever since Arkansas was admitted into the "Union."

Jon Cash was Mo Mercer's right hand man—in the language of refined society, he was "Mo's trolley"—in the language of Hardscrabble, he was "Mo's wheel horse."

Off the pair started, Mercer all confidence, and Cash all fears as to the propriety of the visit. These fears Cash frankly expressed, but Mercer repeated for the thousandth time, his visit to the "Capitol," his familiarity with fashionable society and Pianos, which, Mercer observed, "was anonymous."

A few minutes walk brought the parties on the broad galleries of the house that contained the object of so much curiosity. The doors and windows were closed, and a suspicious look was upon every thing.

Repeated knocks at the door, and finally at the windows, satisfied both Cash and Mercer that nobody was at home. In the midst of this disappointment, Cash discovered a singular machine at the end of the gallery, crossed by bars, rollers, and surmounted with an enormous crank.

"Beautiful," observed the complacent Mercer at the same time seizing Cash's arm, and asking him to desist for fear of breaking the instrument, or getting it out of tune.

Our New England family knew little or nothing of all this excitement; they received the visits and congratulations of the hospitable villagers, and resolved to give a grand party to return some of the kindness they had received, and the Piano was for the first time moved into the parlor.

Mercer, of course, was the hero of the evening; he talked loud and long—Cash, as well as several young ladies, went into hysterics at his wit. Mercer grew more familiar as the evening wore away; he asserted that the company present reminded him of his two visits to the "Capitol," and other associations equally exclusive and peculiar.

Miss Patience smiled, and looked at Cash—his knees trembled all over. Miss Patience was gratified to hear that Mr. Cash was a musician, she admired people with a musical taste.

"We'll go at once, and see," said Mercer. "Strangers," cried the frustrated Cash. "Humbly," do you think I have visited the "Capitol" twice, and don't know how to treat fashionable society? Come along, Cash, at once."

WASHING MACHINES? The same grated on Mo Mercer's ear, as if rusty spikes had been thrust in them; his knees trembled. The sweat started on his brow, as he heard the taunting whispers of visiting the "Capitol" twice and "seeing Pianos as plenty as woodchucks."

Time wore on, and Pianos became common, and Mo Mercer less popular, and he finally disappeared entirely on the evening of the day, when a Yankee pedlar of notorious, sold to the highest bidder, six "Patent and highly concentrated" Mo Mercer's Pianos.

Going.—Messrs. Gallop and Trot edit and publish a paper in Ohio. The name of the foreman of the office is Walker, and that of the color boy (devil) is Ryder. It is a good paper to go.

A Tar's Timepiece.—As a thorough paced tar was passing St. Paul's the other day, the clock struck twelve. Jack instinctively put his hand to his pocket, and pulling out his newly bought watch, exclaimed with evident satisfaction and a few nautical embellishments.

"Gentilly,—I'd have you to know, Mrs. Stoker, that my uncle was a drummer of the 1st Regt. A fig for your hammer," retorted Mrs. Grubb, turning up her nose, and putting her arms akimbo.

A Bad Dollar.—Benjamin Dollar has been convicted of stealing in Philadelphia. The police, have, in consequence, withdrawn this "Dollar" from circulation, and deposited him in jail.

When D. H. and Sergeant A. were walking arm-in-arm, a wag observed to a friend—"Those two are just equal to one highwayman." "Why so?" was the response. "Because," rejoined the wag, "it is a lawyer and a doctor, your money or your life."

A Typographical Error.—The Providence Journal, a few days since, attracted its readers by announcing an importation of one thousand bushels of cats! They next day it quoted their fears by stating that cats should have been printed oats.

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