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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE POSITION OF AMERICAN FARMERS. CHAPTER II. WHAT THE COUNTRY HAS LOST BY IMPROVING ITS SOILS.

Taking the census of 1840 as the basis of the calculation, and adding no more than the usual increase, and the number now employed in agriculture in the United States does not vary much from 5,000,000.

But New York is an old and more densely populated State than an average in the Union; and probably twenty-five acres per hand is a just estimate for the whole country.

This loss of income is \$10,000,000, and equal to the sinking of a capital of \$166,666,000 a year, paying six per cent. annual interest, and perfectly safe, no one will deny.

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"Wheat in many parts of the province [New York] yields a larger produce than is common in England. Upon good lands about Albany, where the climate is the coldest in the country, they sow two bushels and butter upon one acre, and reap from twenty to forty; the latter quantity, however, is not often had, but from twenty to thirty are common; and with such bad husbandry as would yield the like in England, and much less in Scotland."

According to the State census of 1845, Albany county now produces only 7 1/2 bushels of wheat per acre, although its farmers are on tide-water and near the capital of the State, with a good home market, and possess every facility for procuring the most valuable fertilizers.

The 300,000 persons that cultivate these 8,000,000 acres of impoverished soils annually produce less by \$25 each, than they would if the land had not been injured.

The aggregate of this loss to the State and the world is \$7,500,000 per annum, or more than 7 per cent. interest on what it will cost to renovate the deteriorated soils.

to supply the mere local markets. The canals of New York have operated to hasten the exhaustion of its soils just as a railroad to California would aid in extracting gold dust from its now unwashed sands.

It will be seen, on referring to the census of 1840, that the five States of Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia, employed at that time 1,013,465 persons in agriculture.

It is a statistical question of considerable importance, to determine how much less these laborers, and the mules, horses, and oxen which they work, annually produce, than they would had no acre of the arable lands in these States, so highly favored by climate and fertility, been damaged in the least by improper tillage.

To do full justice to this interesting problem, "By what means, and to what extent, the soils of the five States above named have been injured?" would fill a volume.

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country! Although the inevitable results of this practice may be seen in each of the old thirteen States, as in the valleys of the Mohawk and Hudson, yet it is confidently believed by sanguine farmers, that the truly rich soils of the West are inexhaustible.

Whoever will examine this great national question, of taking every thing out of the land and putting nothing back, must be satisfied that no other than the most disastrous consequences can follow.

To repair damage already done to the soil will cost over one thousand millions of dollars.

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Black and Fancy Satin and Silk Vestings, Plaid and Embroidered Marcellis ditto, &c. &c. HATS, &c.—Determined always to furnish what is latest, rarest and best, they offer an extensive stock of Men's, Youth's and children's Fashionable and Flat Brim Mode Skin, Panama, Maracash, Leather, Sewed Pedals, Hungarian and Palm Hats.

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THURSTON'S FOUNTAIN HOTEL, (Formerly Beitzhoefer's) Head of Light, near Baltimore St., BALTIMORE.

THE increased patronage of this long established and popular Hotel, under the management of its present proprietor, has inspired him with further energy and determination, and no expense or attention of his or that of his Assistants will be spared to maintain with the patrons of the "Fountain" the reputation it held all over the country, in its "painted days" of Beitzhoefer's proprietorship.

THE Ladies' Department, Containing Private Parlors, Saloons, Reception Rooms, Ordinary, and extensive suits of large and airy Chambers, fitted up in a style and elegance that cannot fail to give satisfaction and comfort.

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MILL and CROSS CUT Saws, Anderson's Patent Hammer, Patent Curry Combs, Angers, Chisels, Hand Axes and Files, Wooding Hoes, Colliers Axes. For sale by J. BROWN, Raleigh, April 19th, 1850.

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Ruxton's Life in the Far West. A. Ruxton. Life in the Far West, by George F. Ruxton. Two days received at the N. C. BOOKSTORE, Raleigh, July 5, 1849.

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