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POETRY.

TO A GAY YOUNG TOWNSMAN DESIROUS TO BE A FARMER.

If you would be a farmer, know All other crafts you must forego, And have sufficient skill and pelf, And oversee the work yourself.

CARDS.

T. L. HALL, FORMERLY PROPRIETOR OF THE GASTON HOUSE, NEWBERN, N.C., NOW AT THE WESTERN HOTEL.

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MILLINERY CARD Mrs. IVEY and Mrs. MISSILLIER ARE NOW PERFORMING AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF SEWING MILLINERY, TO WHICH THEY INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THEIR FRIENDS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY.

THE HISTORY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Those who are attached to the democratic party may well feel a warm glow of pride and satisfaction when they look back to the glorious history of that organization, which, commencing its career with the existence of our government, has administered it so triumphantly and brilliantly, with but brief intervals, ever since.

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SAVANNAH, August 4.—To-day the first bale of new cotton this season arrived at the Savannah market.

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U. S. Agricultural Bureau.

Our agricultural readers are deeply interested in the controversy that is waged concerning the Agricultural proceedings of the Patent Office, which are also interesting to all who watch the proceedings of government, with reference to a limitation of duties and powers.

The carelessness or quackery of this government, seed-buying business had already been repeatedly hinted at in numerous agricultural journals, some of which have even gone so far as to charge that the purchase and distribution had degenerated into a mean job for lining the pockets of the functionaries concerned in it.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has specifically charged that the majority of seeds distributed by the Patent Office were such as previous experience had proved to be of little or no value in this country, and so common as to be had at every village store.

Mr. Landreth follows up his denial with a well-timed rejoinder: "Are you not greatly in error in permitting your office to decree the produce of your country? Is it not enough that all who are similarly engaged with myself should contend unprotected against foreign competition and the competition of the Patent Office, with the public purse and the public mail at its command, but that you should proclaim in an official paper that which is absolutely unsupported by facts?"

The fact is that foreign cabbage seed is never imported except when the crop fails here. Even then, Mr. Landreth says, that not in one solitary instance which has come under his notice has this foreign seed produced a head of any value, except of early cabbage.

Even the ruta baga, from English seed, though usually pure, sometimes grows with an elongated crown—"necky"—besides, it must always, of necessity, be one year old when planted, while the American species in season for sowing the same year—a matter of importance at the South.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Agricultural Society, Mr. Landreth exhibited fifty-two specimens of turnips, all raised by him from European seed, including three varieties from the Patent Office. The greater portion proved to be decidedly inferior to the old kinds raised in this country, and two only were considered worth propagating.

Not only are you flooding the country with old and discarded varieties of seed, but are actually importing from England turnip seed of a variety which originated on its own grounds, which I specifically named (adopted abroad), and of which I distributed upwards of six thousand pound raised by myself last season.

This is fairly running the seed into the ground, and putting the Commissioner, instead of the seed, through a regular course of sprouts.

Why, the people ask, is this extraordinary abuse of money and power continued in the doings of the Patent Office? Why are thousands annually squandered on the purchase and distribution of foreign seeds, some of which turn out to be the vilest weeds? Mr. Landreth lifts the veil, and closes his execratory letter by revealing the secret.

When Judge Mason came in as Commissioner, Mr. Landreth waited on him, and represented to him the folly and evil of this proceeding. The Commissioner admitted that Government was wrong in giving away seeds that might be bought anywhere in the country.