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The Farm and Dairy.

Make up your mind what you intend to do. Sit down and count the cost. Do not undertake more than you can perform. It is unwise to commence work that you are not able to finish in due season. Many a farmer losses more by getting behindhand with his spring work than would buy another team, and pay the wages of a man for a year. This has, at any rate, been true many times in our own experience. Have you not found it so?

What then shall we do? Shall we buy more horses and hire more men? Not if we can help it. It would probably be better to plow less land. This is a point each farmer must decide for himself. All we can say is, do not get behindhand with your work. Almost anything is better than this.

The Seasons do not Change.—We are quite apt to blame the weather. And yet it is a matter of fact that there is no change in our climate. There have always been wet years and cold years and years of great drouth. We should be prepared for them.

Underdraining on all wet soils is indispensable to real success in farming. A well drained and well worked heavy soil is rarely affected by drouth. Every additional inch it will do more or less draining every spring. If he once commences to underdrain, and does the work well, he will not be likely to stop until he has made all his land dry.

Top-dressing grass land is a grand means of ameliorating the effect of drouth. Spread the manure as early as possible in the spring, and if you have a Thomas harrow use it freely to break up the manure.

Go over the farm as soon as the snow melts in the spring. You will see many things that need to be done. Make a note of them and prepare to do them at the right time.

Lay off Furrow Water.—This is always in order. Farmers will let it off when, but very few ever think of letting it off a bare stubble. If, there is no crop to kill, they think it can do no harm. A few hours' judicious labor will often let off more water in a day than the sun at this season can evaporate in a month.

Make your Walks Dry.—Put down planks or boards if necessary, but it is far better to get the water off. You can do this if you attend to the matter before the water soaks into the ground.

Irrigating grass land at this season is [illegible] provided the land is [illegible] on a dry porous subsoil or is underdrained. But irrigating low, wet land will do no good. Better get off all the water you can, instead of [illegible] on to it.

Drain first, and then Irrigate.—This will double or treble your grass crop and not injure the quality. There are many streams that might be easily diverted up and the water diverted over pieces of grass land at a small cost. It [illegible] in early necessary in dry weather. It does great good on grass land early in the spring. Try it.

Sow grass and clover seed on wheat early in the spring, unless you propose to harrow the wheat. It is seldom that the seed is injured by the frost. Do not spare the seed, and be careful not to miss any land.

Plowing can be done at any time when most convenient. From one to two bushels per acre is enough. It will do no good on low, wet land.

Repair the Fences.—This can be done at times when other work is not pressing—say after a rain, when the ground is too wet to plow.

Plowing Sod for Corn [illegible] as all, early in the spring. Many farmers prefer to draw their manure out of the yards directly on to land. We will not argue the question here. All we say is, do something with the manure. Either use it now or keep it for future use. Do not leave it spread out all over the yards and premises.

Plowing should not be done while the land is [illegible] however, [illegible] upon the time of year, and whether it was fall-plowed or whether it is soft. The latter always seems drier than the former. [illegible] may be said that [illegible] is plowed when it sticks to a bright steel mold-board.

Three horse teams should always be [illegible]. They are far more effective than two horses. One man can manage three horses as well as [illegible] and will be found much [illegible] upon work. For plowing, harrowing, rolling, cultivating, drawing off heavy manure on a stone boat, and for drawing heavy loads on a wagon, there is great economy in using three horses.

Return of Epizootic.

A city-wise paper that talks agricultural [illegible] with large words, advises horse owners to be wonderful of their horses this spring, as it is probable the epizootic will [illegible]. This is not [illegible] as it is quite improbable the advice to take good care of the horses is all right, but that a return of the epizootic is all bosh, and just as absurd as the usual course of such [illegible].

Christian Cheerfulness.

Two girls one day were playing, and the more timid of the two started the deep question whether play was a quite right thing for Christian children to be engaged in? A certain minister preaching in the kirk she had attended had said the previous Sunday that Christ was nowhere described in the Bible as having laughed. "You see, Katie, the minister said He was a man of sorrows." The other girl replied in a most practical fashion by stopping the play at once. But she added, "I dinna ken, Maggie, but I think surely that minister was saying more than he had any right to say. We read that Jesus went to a marriage in Cana of Galilee. The marriage folk would be, like other marriage folk, happy and laughing. Do you think the Lord would sit glooming at them, without ever a smile on his face? No, no, Maggie, I would not like to say Laughing, but I am quite sure if he went to a wedding, he would be happy like the rest while he was there. I think we might finish our play now.

The Divine Working.

Where the soil is rich and the climate soft, the hills are low and safe; as the ground becomes poorer and the air keener, they rise into forms of more peril and pride; and their utmost terror is shown only where their fragments fall on trackless ice, and the thunder of their ruin can be heard but by the ibex and the eagle. The work of the Great Spirit of nature is as deep and unapproachable in the lowest as the noblest objects; the Divine mind is as visible in its full energy of operation on every lowly bank and moulder ing stone, as in lifting of the pillars of heaven, and settling the foundations of the earth; and to the rightly perceiving mind there is the same infinity, the same unity, and the same perfection, manifest in the casting of the clay, as in the scattering of the cloud; in the mouldering of the dust as in the kindling of the star.

When the sun arises there is light. Why, I do not know. There might have been light without the sun, and there might have been sun that gave no light. But God has [illegible] that there shall be light when the sun arises, and that the sun shall arise when there is light. These two things together constitute sunrise and light. So whenever there is prayer, there is a blessing. God has been pleased [illegible] the government of the moral and spiritual universe, that there shall be the answer to prayer.

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Beginning of Religious Life.

We all know it is not an easy matter in some instances, to determine with certainty the real source or source of a river. In the case of [illegible] rivers, the sources are not easily reached—they are far off, and high up; hundreds or thousands of miles must be trodden by the adventurous traveler before he comes even into the regions where they may be found. And when he is there standing by the very cradle of the waters, he finds, it may be, several streams from different hillsides, each having some claim to the honor of being the head; and when he at length assigns the honor to some one—it he does not give it equally to several—he does this on no inevitable principal of law for the case, but from taste, from personal opinion, or in a quite arbitrary manner.

Or he finds that he can trace the river back to some one hillside or "mossy bed," out of which, however, a good many "new born rills" come "trickling." So that while the whole earthly source of the river may be said, in one way, to lie quite open to the view, yet no human power can tell exactly where the flow begins. Or, again, he finds that the river issues at once, and in a considerable fountain, from the bosom of the earth. "Here at least can be no uncertainty." Yet even here an intelligent traveler has to think that no water comes out of the earth that did not go into it. His imagination therefore starts on a subterranean journey, following the bendings of the stream, and comes out to the light once more, perhaps in a moss, or mountain hollow, or amid the mists and showers of mountain tops. In fact, it does come to this, most literally and simply, that every river begins in the air.

Herein is a parable for behoof of those who are apt to be over-wise, or over-curious, or over-anxious, about the real beginning of the religious life in the individual. What if we are not able to find it? What if it lies deep down, or far back? within the circle of that mystery which will be found to envelop all vital beginnings? Are we the worse for not knowing what God never meant us to know?—for not seeing what only Omniscience can descry? Jeremiah was "sanctified before he came forth out of his mother's womb"—his religion implicitly began before his life. Timothy had "faith," which "dwelt first in his grandmother," and then "in his mother." Paul was converted on the way to Damascus, we may say almost in a moment. But who can tell how many preparatory things had led up to that wonderful change—his religious education and his incorruptible conscience among them? Such things flow into each individual being from the first, and we never can be sure that we stand at the ultimate springs. Religion in the soul, like water in the river, comes originally out of the air. "Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from above."

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SHERIFF'S LEGAL

Dissolution.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the business of Rivers & Robinson is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts have been assigned to the firm of Robinson & Cobb, and will be settled by them. ROBINSON & ROBINSON.

Andover, March 18, 1873.

Co-Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that a copartnership has this day been formed under the name of Robinson & Cobb. JUDSON ROBINSON, HENRY COBB.

Andover, March 18, 1873.

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Andover, March 6, 1873. 2tow4

SUMMONS.

SUPREME COURT, County of Allegany.

Hannah Cline, Plaintiff, against David Feathers and Fanny, his wife, Marcus Feathers, Matilda Boyce, William Boyce, Amos Smith, Maria Smith, Catharine Thorne, James H. Thorne, Samuel Feathers, Almond Windsor, and Hannah S., his wife, Mary Ann Benjamin, Lewi Benjamin, Henry Feathers, Amasa Feathers, and Andrew, his wife, Fanny Wood, Samuel Wood, and others, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, which was filed with the Clerk of the county of Allegany, N. Y., at the office in Belmont, in said county, on the 16th day of January, 1873, and to serve a copy of your answer on us at our office in Belmont also aforesaid within twenty days after the service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of service; if you fail so to answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. WARD & SCOTT,

5w6 Plaintiff's Attorneys.

County Courts.

Terms of County court and a art of Sessions of Allegany County.

To whom it may concern:

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned County Judge of Allegany County, has designated and appointed the times for holding the County Court and Court of Sessions in and for said County, as follows:

A County Court and Court of Sessions will be held on the first Monday of September in each year, at which a Grand Jury and Petit Jury will be required to attend.

A County Court and Court of Sessions will be held on the second Monday of January in each year, at which a Petit Jury only will be required to attend.

A County Court will be held on the first Monday of May in each year for the hearing of motions and trial of issues of law, at which no Jury will be required to attend. Dated Angelica, June 30th, 1873. JAMES S. GREY,

5w10 County Judge of Allegany county.

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