THE WESTERN FARMER OF AMERICA.

BY AUGUSTUS MONGREDIEN.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

The golden rule for successful trad- they had to pay : ing is : to buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market," Strange to say, the American farmer reverses this rule. He sells in the cheapest and buys in the dearest market. For what he raises he gets a lower price, westen Manufactures \$24,640,000 54,57,66, 70, 77 p and fer what he consumes he pays a Cotton Linen ... 15,468,000 30, 45, 57, 63 per ct higher price, than the land tillers get and pay in any other country in the iron & stoci ,. world. This is a very singular state Earthen ware & erock of things, and is well worth thorough rin plates and ware examination.

While the Western farmer himself Window glass neither receives nor seeks any legislative "protection" he is compelled by law to supply his wants, not from

While he requires no State subvenforth in dollars and cents. This we shall preceed to do as accurately and as briefly as we can.

to buy cheap, goods.

2. What becomes of the enormous in this way.

3. How this dreadful and wanton waste can be avoided.

### CHAPTER II.

HOW MUCH IS ACTUALLY TAKEN YEARLY, By the census of 1870 the population of the United States was found to be 38,600,000; and the number can afford to pay 30 to 40 per cent over ten years of age was 28,229,000, Of these, 12,606,000 were engaged in various kinds of occupations, the rest being women, young persons of both sexes, idlers, etc.. What were the respective employments of these 12, 506,000 workers? According to the produce to a market. The burden census returns there were-

5,922,000 persons engaged in agriculture. 2,685,000 persons engaged in professional and pe 1,191,000 persons engaged in trade and transports 2,054,000 persons engaged in manufactures.

their families who are engaged in cided advantage: he sells his produce skin complaints, the cultivation of the soil. It is quite in the dearest and buys his clothing, half millions engaged in professions, market in the world. come within the scope of the present ern farmers by exorbitant protective sugar.

Now let us see what is the actual wide range. They are as low as 10 manufacturers.

is, soil workers generally) spend Western farmer does not use, and as yearly on the goods produced by the high as 93 per cent on cleaned rice 7,000,000 agriculturalists. . It must 423 per cent. Were the average conveyance on iron, which cost very admitted duty free. The prices and shoes, saddlery, gloves, etc. cannot be, less, but, are, and must be, 4. Earthenware and crockery, tin- something more than 427 per cent in is expended, for he is but at little the Eastern States only exceeds Brit- the country was 104,142,676 acres. rich and, well-to-do persons, and it sent to the United States. The very bushels. may safely be assumed as rather under fact of large imports being poured in

alits generally of the great Central of those current in England, or else profit. and Western States. The amount those sendings would leave a loss, being 200 dollars to 7,000,000 families and would be discontinued. Those A couple of ounces of carbolic acid

than over the reality.

would save if, by the abilition of the overflow, however slight, of a tank, and other parasites.

import duties, they were left free to is clear evidence of its being full ; supply their wants from the cheapest and, in the same way the continuous market, wherever that might be, Importation of goods burdened with whether in America or in Europe, 423 per cent duty is clear evidence most dull, market. Sales have been whether in New England or in Old that the ordinary prices of such goods small and on a basis of \$1.30 on wharf. nately we have the guidance of pos- tations profitable. itive facts supplied by the official re-

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

turns of the United States Govern-

3,978,000 40, 45 per et

675,000 67, 72 per et

0,874,000 27 per et 1,005,000 40 per et

8 143,541,000

out of twenty thrown away !

dollars out of nine thrown away !

farmer has to provide his family.

Articles Imported.

THE ANTI-MONOPOLY LEAGUE. ment. From these we learn that the prices are so high in America and so low in Europe, that in spite of the enormous duties levied on them, considerable quantities of European goods quarters are in New York, have re- business. Holders all along have are imported into the United States, celved applications for charters for declined to let go under \$1.30, and where they must of course, leave a profit to the senders, or they would not be sent. Let us enumerate some four different States. The movement will decline. There are a number of of the leading articles imported in is one in which the people of the cheap ships near at hand which can the year 1878, stating their amounts United States must take the deepest allow \$1.30 to be paid. Of course and the rate per cent of duties which interest, and it is evident the central they had to pay:

with freight at 90s, that figure could not be paid, but exporters will work or an account their purpose best. The Amount in dollars. Ad valorum import duties paid on them according to sorts.

| Ad valorum import duties paid on them according to sorts. | The foreign market for the past two days has shown considerable firmness, with a quoted advance in some League, which says : 20,103,000 50, 60 per et 6,554,000 30,35, 45, 48, 56 p et 6,906,000 20, 25, 35, 40 p et

States. It has completely subjugated fornia, placing the stocks at 714,019 only one. In California it has ripen- short tons. These figures, large as ed its fruit. There, monopoly is they may seem, bear evidence of King. There, a few men centrol correctness, as in many sections steam transportion. They have an- it is now known that stocks were nihilated competition. There is not underestimated at the turn of the · What do these figures mean? They a farmer, not a producer between year. The yield of the southern the cheapest sources, but from cer- mean that the prices which the West- the mountains and the Pacific who portion of the State is believed to tain privileged establishments to ern farmers and the American peo- does not pay heavier tribute than have been largely underestimated. which he has to pay extravagant ple generally, now pay for their conquered people ever paid to their in the face of a heavy promised woolen cloths and stuffs are so excest conquerors. They fix the value of yield at the rapidly approaching harsive that the British woolen manu- the farm, the mine, the mill and the vest and the presence of so large tion, because his occupation is of it facturers can afford to pay from 54 to forest. They decide year by year quantity of old wheat there can be no self a profitable one, he is heavily 76 per cent import duties for the ad- whether the producer shall make a decline in freights. It is said that taxed to support unprofitable manu- mission of their goods into the States profit or a loss ; wether his children California, with the tonnage in sight, factures in the Eastern States, and and still get a profit, that is to say, shall travel toward the academy or cannot possibly clear more than 250,has to make good their losses out of that (taking the average duty at 66 the poorhouse. They name senators 000 short tons prior to July 1st, at his profits. That this is hard upon per cent) the Western farmer could, and judges. They have their candi- which time the new crop begins to him everybody must admit, but no if he were allowed to buy where he date for the Presidency. They have move. Add 491,000 short tons to one realizes how really hard it is, or could buy cheapest, get the same bound the prosperity of California in the 1,350,000, confidently expected how vast a sum is year after year quantity and quality of woollen and fetters of iron, as fatal as death, as from the coming harvest, and for the wrung from him in this way, with- worsted stuffs for 12 dollars for which unyielding as the grave. Reviving fourteen menths coming there must out resorting to figures and setting it he now has to pay 20. Eight dollars commerce, which covers her sisters be 1,700,000 to 1,900,000 tons of shipout of twenty thrown away! with the sunshine of prosperity, cannot pierce the walls within which Oregon is in much the same condition, the western farmers now pay for their she is imprisoned. Her soil may although small figures are used, and 1. How much is actually taken cotton and linen goods are so exces- bring forth golden grain, her mines what affects California also affects yearly out of the pockets of the Amer- sive that the British makers of the yield a golden harvest, but her peo- Oregon. ican farmers by compelling them to same goods can afford to pay from buy dear, instead of allowing them 30 to 63 per cent import duties for united together, made a constitution, taken at 87s 6d for Liverpool, with the admission of their manufactures and declared that a repetition of the usual advance of 2s 6d if for orders. into the states and still get a profit. acts which had destroyed competi. The vessel had been on the market sum that is yearly drained from them That is to say, that (taking the av- tion, should henceforth be crimes, some days demanding this figure. It erage duty at 50 per cent) the farm- and those who committed them be is reported this morning that the iron er's wife could, if she were allowed to punished as felons. These monopo- bark Odulia, now at Victoria, has buy where she could buy cheapest, lies nullified the Constitution and secured the same rate. There are get the same article for 6 dollars for went en making the very contracts now no distinguished vessels in port, which she now has to pay 9. Three it prohibited."

LEMONS.

They mean that the American railways are constructed of iron which To be "twelve miles from a lemcost so dear that the British makers on,"may be as much of a misfortune, after all as Gail Hamilton represented import duties for the admission of it. One of our exchanges publishes their goods into the States, and still the following list of "uses" which get a profit; so that the railway companies are compelled to charge the cea-and cosmetic besides.

Western farmer a proportionately exthough it is cultivated in Italy, Per-tugal and the south of France. In definite estimate. It may chance tate will sell at public auction at the Court cessive rate for the conveyance of the of the difference, of course, falls on Europe, however, it seldom exceeds that when Spring-like weather shall House door in Albany, Linn County, and the dimensions of the smallest tree, come, with warm rain and genial State of Oregon, at the hour of one o'clock the patient back of the Western farmwhile in its native state it grows sunshine, the wheat fields that had P. M. of Those figures mean, in short, that ninety feet in height. the same enormous artificial inflation

of natural prices runs through every in medicine, though we rarely em- estimate of loss, as well as an agree- death in and to all that certain tract of article (except food) with which the ploy any of it but its fruit, and ithat able surprise, to the wheat growers. Isnd lying and being situate in Lian County, Oregon, and described as follows: In round numbers, there were two The American has extraordinary knows how to employ this, as in lemon- 21st, it is stated that the reaping was line between sections 3 and 4 in Township millions of persons engaged in manufactures, and these were exclusively

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that is the shortest way, or to cut it privileged to supply all the physical produce freely with cheap tillage and in slices and boil it; either way is expected. The samples were variwants (except food and lodging) of the no manure; second, a climate highly good. Lemonsde is one of the best able, the best not coming up in and 96 links, thence South 6°, East 20.16 chains, thence North 78° 27′, East 25.77 other ten and a half millions of work- favorable to agricultural operations; and safest drinks for any person, quality to crop of 1880. Prices were chains, thence North 78° 27', East 25.77 third, abundance of land so cheap whether in health or not. It is suit. above English limits, and, with West 7.22 chains, thence North 66.19 chains, As in these pages we only profess that the fee-simple costs less than is able to all stomach diseases, is excelto represent the case of the American annually paid for rent in England. lent in sickness, in cases of jaundice, farmer, we must confine our attendance our attendance of the American annually paid for rent in England. lent in sickness, in cases of jaundice, be laid down in England under 49s down the said river to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and fifty gravel, liver complaint and fevers. tion to the six millions of persons and farmer enjoys for the present one de- It is a specific against worms and insurance. Wheat was in good de- the grave-yard of nine rods square).

cures the disease, but prevents it. It Reporter. in trading, in mining, and in person- Let us, however, continue our in- also prevents chilblains. Lemon is al service, are sufferers to quite a quiry as to the total annual amount used in intermittent fever, mixed proportionate extent, but they do not taken out of the pockets of the West- with hot black tea or coffee, without that the ameer will come to Candahar

duties. These duties have a very THE Oregonian Railway Company amount which the farmers (that per cent on diamonds, which the limited, more commonly known as the "Narrow Gouge" has met with defeat which he does use. They are levied in its attempt to appropriate to its ewn In the first place the six millions on no less than 1,600 different arti- uses a portion of the public levee in of agriculturalists of 1870 must by cles, some of them yielding less reve- Portland. The syllabus of the decision this time have increased to at nue than it costs to collect it, and the is as follows: Under the provisions of least 7,500,000, as will no doubt be whole producing a complexity which this time have increased to at least 7,500,000, as will no doubt be seen by the census of 1880. To be whole producing a complexity which gives comfortable employment to swarms of clerks, etc., at every seaport, one appropriate a highway or public the annual average expenditure on all articles of consumption, except food and drink of each of these fam-lines and consumption and drink of each of these fam-lines are those families? On caaeful investigation and the total amount collected. But let take property apprepriated to public Harrisburg; Starr and Blakely, Brownsconsultation with conscientious in- us strike an average. By a careful uses, cannot be exercised in such a puting such annual expenditure at puting such annual expension. 200 dollars per family, including on the same articles, it has been within that average the small minor-ity of unmarried men among the rate of duties paid on their value was buildings, side tracks, etc., would create buildings, side tracks, etc., would create Street, Washington, D. C. be borne in mind that this amount fined to the articles named in the such obstructions as would defeat or includes :- 1. Woolen, cotton, linen above table, it would no doubt much extinguish the public use, and is not and silk fabrics, and therefore every exceed 423 per cent, but, to be with- within the grant of power without an species of clothing for male and fe- in the mark we will adopt the gen- agreement with the local authorities, as species of clothing for male and female, as also sheets, curtains, blankets, carpets, etc. 2. Iron and steel manufactures, and therefore all iron-difference between the prices which manufactures, and therefore all iron-difference between the prices which section 28. It is somewhat comforting experience, having been established in 1866. work, wire, cutlery, tools, farming the Western farmers now pay for to know that there are some things a implements, farriery, agricultural what they consume, and those which railread cannot do. The general immachinery, as well as railway con- they would pay were foreign articles pression has prevailed of late that it much more than it would have cost which the manufacturers in the Easthad it been imported from abroad. ern States make the American peo- want anything and all others must Leathern fabrics, and therefore boots | ple pay for their goods are not, and stand aside until its wants were satiated.

In 1871 the yield of wheat was ware and glass, and numberless oth- addition to British prices, or else how 230,722,400 bushels, in 1875, 292,er household necessaries, all of which could the Britisher pay an average 136,000 and in 1880 480,842,728 come under the price-inflating influ- of 42% per cent duties, and still make bushels. In the last decade the proonce of the Custom's tariff. It is on a profit on what he sends to Ameri- duction of corn has increased from these subjects that the greater por- ca? If the prices paid by the West- 991,898,000 bushels to 1,537,535,940 MUSIC LESSONS. tion of the agriculturalist's outgoings ern farmers to the manufacturers of bushels. In 1880 the grrin area of expense for his food. Moreover this ish prices by, say 25 per cent, no Ten years ago the total export of yearly average of 200 dollars per British goods, having to pay 424 per grain was 72,122,398 bushels; last family comprises a large number of cent import duties, could possibly be year it amounted to 228,538,947

The Grandin Bros., of Dakota, are year after year (asshown in the above said to have raised last year 187,287 Having now cleared the way thus table, for 1878), in spite of the 424 bushels of wheat, and that the odd far, it is easier to calculate the total per cent duty for admission, makes 37,000 bushels paid all the cost of culsum annually spent on manufactured it clear that the prices in America tivation and marketing, leaving 100, goods by the farmers and agricultur- must be at least 50 per cent in excess 000 bushels at 75 cents per bushel for

is, therefore, 1,400,000,000 dollars in importations be it noted, are not fit- to three quarts of water sprinkled on ful or intermittent, but are, though the poultry house through the fine The next step is to ascertain what fluctuating in amount, constant in nose of a small watering-pot once in portion of that amount the farmers their recurrence. The continuous three or four weeks, will destroy lice

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WHEAT.

and those now expected have charters secured, although they might be open to recharter.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture makes a report of the condition of the Winter crop in that State which is not encouraging to the wheat growers. There was a larger area would make the fruit almost a pana- sown to fall wheat, but this later re- ty Court of Linn County and State of Ore-The lemon is a native of Asia, al- kill of 30 per cent. It is probably too Court for the year 1879, in the matter of seemed so dead will come to life SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1881. Every part of this tree is valuable again, to the surprise of this early said Sarah Ann Simison at the time of her

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