

Imposition on Farmers.

Speaking of fruit-tree swindlers, Mr. R. C. Over, of Wald Hills, says: "Just winter, when they were around here, I gave them a good setting up, to their faces, especially one of them, at a bridge-raising; and I noticed that they did not birk a single man at that raising. I think the people in this county will be hard to birk again, in Ohio fruit trees, at least. From what I see in the FARMER, I am inclined to believe the next tree swindle will be the 'Silver Prune,' so called. I say 'so-called,' because I am perfectly satisfied that the Oregon Silver Prune is the Coe's Golden Drop plum. I bought the Coe's Golden Drop plum nearly thirty years ago, and have had it bearing fruit for at least twenty-five years, and within the last year three or four persons have said to me 'Why, you have got the Silver Prune.' I told them I had Coe's Golden Drop plum, that is the Silver Prune. Now, any person that knows anything about prunes or Coe's Golden Drop plum, also knows that Coe's Golden Drop plum is far ahead of any prune for drying, as it is rich and high-flavored, about the richest fruit that grows. One man who runs a dryer came here last fall, and I showed him some Golden Drop plums that grew on a tree that was grafted on a peach root. 'That is the Silver Prune,' said he. 'No,' said I, 'that is Coe's Golden Drop plum.' 'You are certainly mistaken,' said he. 'No, I am not, for that tree is over twenty years old.' 'I can't help it,' said he; 'it looks just like the Silver Prune.' And I concluded he knew about as much about silver prunes as a certain darkey did about lions. One Sunday morning, a clergyman, in old Connecticut, had taken unusual pains to get himself up in perfect trim before going to church, and when he came into the sitting room his servant was there, and the minister says, 'Jack, how do I look?' 'Plendid, Massa,' 'plendid,' says Jack; 'you look just as brave as a lion!' 'A lion?—why, you never saw a lion in your life!' 'O, yes, I have, Massa; I see one every day in de barn.' 'You fool! that is not a lion—that's a jackass!' 'Can't help dat, Massa; you look jus' like him!' Now, from my stand-point, I think selling Golden Drop plums for silver prunes is not the fair thing, unless sold at the same price. Now for another humbug, and a big one at that. I mean no other than the way the stock-raisers of Oregon are being swindled every year at the State Fair by California sharpers in sheep, cattle, and hogs. Last Fair, Col. Sax was on hand again with cattle and hogs. His hogs, with many others, I think were a perfect imposition. Talk about the cheek of a lightning-rod peddler. Well, there is no use talking! He has more cheek than all the insurance agents and all the book agents and all the lightning-rod agents that I ever saw, all put together. By the way, the Col. had the impudence to say boldly and above board that his were the first and only Berkshire hogs that were ever brought to Oregon when he knew better, for he had seen S. G. Reed's importation of as fine Berkshires as could be bought of English breeders in Canada, and he also knew that Thomas Cross had there, on the ground, as fine Berkshires as ever were shown on any fair ground, and a hundred per cent. finer than any that Sax had on the ground at the time he made the assertion. The Col. says Cross has bred his hogs in mud in until he has spoiled them. Now, in-and-in breeding is thorough breeding. Well, if the Col. will breed his Berkshire out and out a few times, his pigs will not want to eat anything but acorns or beech nuts. How the Col. manages to get such fine bristles on his Berkshires, I heard several say they would like to know, when looking at Gen. Taylor, the Col.'s favorite. Cross's and Reed's importations are a fair ahead of Sax's hogs that he had at the State Fair last fall as his (Sax's) were ahead of Reed's that can be picked up anywhere in Oregon. We all remember the black faced Kentucky improved sheep that Sax sold a few years ago at the Fair for pure Cotswold, and his Short-horns were inferior animals with inferior pedigrees. Now, fellow farmers, why will you slight your own breeders and patronize such men, when you can get better blood and better animals for one-fourth the money? I am not now breeding Berkshires for full blood Short-horns either, but other Oregonians are, and they have bulls and cows far superior to the Col.'s. Then, why not patronize them?

A steel bar held in the natural direction of a needle, and struck several times with a hammer, will become magnetized. When a man takes a full bath, 9,000,000 muscles are opened to thank him, every pore of the skin has coarsened.

Agricultural Notes.

Good fences are cheaper than lawsuits with neighbors. Be a neighbor to your neighbors. Many are only near dwellers. Langshan fowls are the latest sensation among poultry fanciers. Musty hay and damaged grain cannot be fed to stock with impunity. Working teams should be well fed, well cleaned and have plenty of bedding. It costs much more to bring an animal into good condition than to keep it so. It was Edgeworth who defined a fool as a man who never made an experiment. Keep a diary or daily record of your farm work and products. Use improved implements. There is no economy in working with antiquated tools. A man in North Argyle, N. Y., raised this year 2,800 bushels of potatoes on seven acres. Feed turnips to milch cows just after milking. The milk will not then be turnip flavored. A soft, firm, velvety skin is nearly always found on a good cow, and a thick hard hide on a poor one. Southeastern France is full of rose farms. A single acre will yield some two thousand dollars in money. Exposure weakens instead of making stock hardy. The toughening process is not scanty food without shelter. Herr Mobius expresses the opinion that abortion in cows is often caused by giving the animals too cold water to drink. Ashes make splendid manure for potatoes and every particle made on the farm should be saved for this purpose. Additional should be made to the manure pile on every possible occasion. The amount of fertilizing material regulates the farmer's prosperity. In making arrangements for labor for the coming year bear in mind that the best hands are the cheapest, all things considered. We may reasonably inquire if a poor hand is not dear at any price. The heaviest turkey that we have heard of is the one sent to President Johnson in 1865 by the Union Club, of Stamford, Conn. This bird turned the scales at forty-seven pounds, alive, and not yet two years old. Breeding ewes should be fed a daily ration of about one gill of corn, or, better still, about one pint of oats. They should be warily sheltered from cold winds and drenching rains. Such treatment will give strong, healthy lambs. All who till the soil should look upon every dead animal and plant as so much food for animals and plants of the present or future. The deprivation of life is the beginning of decay, or, in other words, the beginning of a return to the mineral kingdom, which supplies plants with what we call their ash constituents. No animal should be killed for food immediately after violent exercise. Under such conditions the meat will keep but a very short time and sometimes it is impossible to keep it sweet without all the salt that can be used. Hogs, especially, should be butchered early in the morning after a quiet rest during the night. Good beds for all kinds of domestic animals, during the inclement weather now prevailing, are a prime necessity. The straw, coarse hay, leaves, etc., saved for the purpose can now be profitably utilized. Stables should be kept perfectly dry and sweet and a liberal use of bedding will be productive of good results. Corn husking is a subject of interest at this time among the boys. An Iowa paper reports that William H. Jones, of Lincoln town-ship, performed the feat of husking 124 bushels and 65 pounds of corn in eleven hours and a quarter. The corn was husked, weighed and cribbed in the above-stated time. A Rock Island man claims to have husked 125 bushels in eleven hours and a half, but it was guessed at. Setaute, Miss., is almost the only place in the country where carrageen, or Irish moss, used in Jellies, blanc mange and in making lager beer, is gathered and cured. About 150 families are engaged in the harvest, the men gathering the moss with long rakes into dories, while the wives and daughters prepare it for market. The annual product is 10,000 to 15,000 barrels, worth to the gatherers about \$50,000. The largest well-authenticated yield of corn was one of 140 bushels to the acre, in South Carolina, a State where the average is not far from twenty bushels. This shows, in a degree, the possibilities of this wonderfully productive grain. There are those who believe in the still higher possibility of producing, with every circumstance favoring, as much, even, as 200 bushels of dry, shelled grain on a single acre of land.

GEN. GRANT IN IRELAND.—Cork, Ireland, is a queer place, or at least there are some queer people therein. Gen. Grant thought he would run over from Dublin, where he was visiting, and in which latter city he had been received with great honors. As soon as the council of Cork received word that the ex-President was about to drop in upon them, they at once held a meeting and decided that they did not want to see the man from America. One of the members, an extreme nationalist, said Gen. Grant had "insulted the Irish people in America; had got up the 'no popery' cry there; and for one he didn't want him in Cork." Another felt that it would be "unbecoming for the Catholic constituency of Cork to welcome such a man. He saw nothing in Gen. Grant's career that called for sympathy from the Irish nation"; and so the expressions ran through the entire body of "city fathers," the conclusion reached being that it would be an "impropriety to pay any mark of respect personally to Gen. Grant." Naturally that action caused a sensation throughout Ireland, the majority of people there being grieved at this violation of the rights of hospitality, and expressing the opinion that the act was but the manifestation of a desire on the part of a "knot of noisy fellows" to achieve a little notoriety. When told of the action taken by the Cork council, Gen. Grant simply smiled, and pointedly remarked that he was "sorry the Cork people knew so little of American history." The liberals and conservatives of that region regret that Gen. Grant did not determine to go to Cork, any way, and say that he would have "received an ovation from the self-respecting populace." This is the first instance in which the ex-President has been snubbed during his travels in Europe.—Prairie Farmer.

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