

EDITORIAL MISCELLANY.

Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs, &c., for 1856. L. Tucker & Son, Albany. Price 25 cents.

We omitted to notice this useful little work in our December number. It is justly entitled to an early notice, and we regret the oversight. Like all the publications from the office of friend Tucker, the "Annual" is neatly printed, practical in its contents, and well worth the price asked for it. Besides an Almanac, it contains 100 pages of useful and interesting agricultural and horticultural matter, very fully and tastefully illustrated. We commend it to Canadian readers.

Rural Annual and Horticultural Directory. James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., 1856. Price 25 cents.

This is a very useful manual for the orchardist and fruit-grower. It contains directions for preparing the soil, planting, pruning, &c. with numerous engravings. Also, a list of fruits recommended by the Am. Pomological, and several State Societies. We intend to draw upon its pages in future numbers for our horticultural department.

Transactions of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society, 1854.

We have to acknowledge the receipt, from the excellent Secretary of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society, B. P. Johnson, Esq., of the fourteenth volume of its "Transactions." It contains, as usual, matter interesting and useful to the tiller of the soil wherever he may be located. We shall make free use of the volume in future numbers, and in the meantime, beg to thank Col. Johnson for his attention.

New York Horticulturist Review, C. Reagles, Editor, monthly, \$2 per annum.

From a hasty examination of the December number of this magazine, (cannot the publishers send us Nos. 1 and 2?) we are disposed to think it a valuable addition to the horticultural press. It is well printed, on excellent paper, and very fully illustrated. We notice a few gross typographical errors in the number before us, which ought not to be allowed in a work so tastefully got up in other respects as this.

HAY CAPS.—We have received from G. W. Baker, Esq., of Ottawa, a copy of a letter by Mr. Edward Clark, of Massachusetts, describing the method of making and using canvass hay caps, with a request to insert it in the *Agriculturist*. We shall endeavour to find room for it in our next issue.

SEEDLING POTATOES.—The Rev. C. E. Goodrich of Utica, N. Y. from whom we obtained last spring, upwards of 30 varieties of seedling potatoes, has very politely sent a detailed statement of their quality, yield, hardiness, &c. &c. as evidenced by the past season's culture. The quantity of each sort sent to us was too small to enable us to judge decisively, as to their respective merits, but on comparing notes we find those varieties which did well in the valley of the Mohawk, also promise to be worthy of cultivation in Canada. We shall plant 10 or 12 of the most promising varieties next season, and will after another year's trial be better able to speak of their merits.

We regret to learn that Mr. Goodrich's health has been very indifferent since he wrote to us in the spring. As a close observer of its habits and peculiarities, and as a practical experimenter upon the potatoe plant, he has no equal on this continent, and we hope he may be long spared to continue his investigations.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication of H. Moyle, Esq., and also an extract from that of Sheriff Treadwell, which have been given to the printer, are deferred for want of space. They will be equally interesting in the February number.

GOOD PRINTING.—We direct attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Farrell & Jacques, Printers, Designers, &c. The splendid show bill which we have sent over the country is from their press, and is a good specimen of their work.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—As we intend to devote a limited space to advertisements, those who first