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escape into the streams. The alternate frosts and thaws break the surface into rists of considerable depth, instead of as formerly into a fine pulverulent condition. Now, when we scatter the seed upon this hard, beaten, and rifted surface, what is the consequence? Either it is washed away by the melting snow or the sweeping rains into hollows or low places, where it is destroyed, or it winks into the fissures and is buried we deeply that the tender germ never sees the light of day. Henne she difficulty we now experience in getting a catch of grass or clover.

Clearly the old method will no longer do for us, and it must be abandoned. Many farmers have been led to seed their fields directly, without any grain crop; ploughing, harrowing, and preparing their ground expressly for the grass and clover, and with remarkable success. But this is costly, insamuch as one crop is lost. Others have tried seeding with oats, notwithstanding the popular prejudice against this plan, which, however, upon trial is rarely or never found to be well based. Others again having adopted the modern improvement of harrowing their fall wheat and rye, sow their seeds upon the freshened mellow soil with success. We have tried all of these plans, abandoning from the Synod. however, upon trial is rarely or mover found to be well based. Others again having adopted the modern improvement of harding and the modern improvement of harding and the modern improvement of her harding and the modern improvement of her harding and the harding and the first as too costly and one to the others. Of the two other plan, its difficult to say which is the botter, and one or the other may be adopted as may be found convenient.

Seeding with oats has never failed with an Although at first entertaining the common prejudice that oats were too steady a crop for grass or clover, we considered that this idea, coming as it did from the English farmers, was not pertinent to our warmer summer climate, nor the practice objections of the oats. With our two and one-half bushels of seed, as compared with their four or six bushels per acre, we have little risk one of smothering the foster crop. At any rate, it is sefficiently well proves for seed without the seed of the committee with the contract of the contract of the committee with the contract of t

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