

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST, published by Orange Judd & Co., New York, now comes to us with regularity. It may be styled the dandy paper of the Agricultural press. Its illustrations are prettily got up, the poultry engravings being marvels of beauty in the wood cutter's art. It will not seemingly lack patronage for want of blowing its own trumpet. Our old time friend, Joseph Harris, furnishes its most useful and readable articles, and in "Walks and Talks" he aims to show how well good farming pays, and to bring the science of agriculture into favour, by giving his experience of its practical application on his own farm near Rochester. The paper would be greatly improved were it sent out with the pages cut, as the material on which it is printed is so thin as to be easily torn in such rough cutting as a working farmer would be likely to give it.

**GOOD HEALTH.**—This is the title of a new monthly journal, published by Alexander Moore, of Boston, the second number of which, for July, has just reached us, and to judge by its well chosen and varied contents gives promise of a very useful and interesting periodical. It is devoted mainly to the dissemination of popular information on matters relating to physiology and health, but contains also a number of articles of more general character, so that all readers may find something attractive in its pages. The illustrations and typography are in the best style; and altogether the number before us forms a very instructive and readable magazine. A work of this kind properly conducted, and in competent hands, is much required as an antidote to the baneful influence of empirical advertisements.

**STOCK SALE.**—We direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. Pickerell of Harristown, Illinois, who will sell by auction at his residence, on the 4th of August, a number of fine pure bred animals, comprising Shorthorn cattle, young horses, Southdown sheep, and Berkshire hogs. Mr. Pickerell's stock is well known in the United States, as well as among our own breeders, from whom indeed he has purchased some of his choicest animals. In the January number of the CANADA FARMER will be found a brief notice of Mr. Pickerell's Shorthorns with a portrait of one of his bulls.

**FALL SHOWS.**—As the time of holding the Fall Exhibitions is drawing near, we should feel obliged if the secretaries of Agricultural Societies, or other correctly informed persons, would apprise us of the time and place of holding the various shows in their neighbourhoods, that we may publish as complete a list as possible. We would also direct the attention of the secretaries and managing directors of the societies to the advertisement of the Glenside Printing Company, who are prepared to print Prize Lists, Placards, and Handbills, in any desired style, and on the most moderate terms.

## Horticulture.

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### Meeting of the Fruit Growers of Western New York.

This Society held its usual summer meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd June, at the city hall, in the city of Rochester.

There was a very good attendance of members, upwards of a hundred being present during the discussions. Among those not residents of Rochester and vicinity, we noticed the world-renowned pomologist, Charles Downing, Esq., of Newburgh, and J. J. Thomas, Esq., of Union Springs, the able author of the *Fruit Culturist*.

This Society, a few years ago, enlarged its field of discussion by adding to the fruits all horticultural products. There was consequently upon the table a fine display of flowers, especially of roses, peonias and pansies. The display of fruit was not as large as usual, owing to the unusual lateness in ripening. Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry exhibited twenty-one varieties of strawberry, of which the most conspicuous and attractive were Wilson, Triomphe de Gand, J.inda and Nicanor. Of this last-named sort there was a plant in a pot, showing its very great productiveness. Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry also contributed a very fine collection of roses, including such choice varieties as Senator Vaisse, John Hopper, Marshal Vaillant, and Madam Charles Crapelet; and a large collection of sweet scented peonias of great size and beauty.

Mr. Joseph Keech, of Waterloo, exhibited seven varieties of his seedling strawberries. Mr. Keech has been engaged for more than twelve years in raising strawberries from the seed, and out of over 2,500 seedlings, he has selected seventy which he is now testing, and some of these he considers to be of great promise. One of the seven which he exhibited at the meeting, he had named "America," and said that it was very early, and very productive, and that he had been using it on his table for the last twelve days. It was a very large and showy fruit, of good flavor; indeed all the seedlings he exhibited were of very fine appearance.

Jacob Moore, of Rochester, also exhibited some seedling strawberries of his own raising, which were very large and fine, one of which he claimed to be as early as the Early Scarlet.

The President, James Vick, Esq., of Rochester, placed upon the table a choice collection of flowers, embracing peonias, verbenas, pentstemons, carnations and pansies. The pansies were chiefly of a new school of striped sorts, which set at defiance all the established rules of English pansy growers, but which were very attractive on account of their novel appearance.

Considerable attention was paid to the specimens of flowering shrubs, and of shrubs and trees of variegated foliage, which were exhibited by Messrs. Ellwanger and Barry.

The Business Committee presented the following list of subjects for discussion.

1. Is there any new material, or compound, or mechanical means, which is a practical and efficient remedy for insects destructive to vegetation, in gardens and orchards?
2. What new Strawberries promise well?
3. What new Raspberries promise well?
4. What new Blackberries promise well?
5. What new Currants promise well?
6. What new Gooseberries promise well?
7. What are the best twelve sorts of flowering shrubs for general planting?
8. What are the best six sorts of Evergreen Shrubs?
9. What are the best six sorts of Climbing Shrubs?
10. What are the best Hedge Plants for protection?
11. What are the best Hedge Plants for ornament?
12. What are the six best sorts of Climbing Roses?
13. What are the best twelve sorts of Hybrid Perpetual Roses?
14. What new Evergreens can be recommended for general planting?

The following question was handed to the committee:

15. Is it wise in the Society to recommend any strawberry for general cultivation which is not a self-fertiliser?

The discussion on the first question resulted in showing that white hellebore was a very valuable and efficient destroyer of the worm of the Gooseberry Sawfly and several other insects; that Cresylic soap, dissolved in hot water at the rate of one pound of soap to ten gallons of water, and whale-oil soap in solution, were valuable agents in lessening the ravages of slugs, thrips and various leaf-eating insects; that common gypsum or plaster of Paris, sprinkled freely on young cabbage plants, radishes, melons, cucumbers, etc., would so protect them from the turnip-fly or flea-beetle, that these insects were unable to injure them. Some had found a dusting of coal ashes