

COMMAND large fields, but cultivate small ones.—Virgil.

The frost is God's plough, which he drives through every inch of ground in the world, opening each clod, and pulverizing the whole.—Fuller.

TRADE increases the wealth and glory of a country; but its real strength and stamina are to be looked for among the cultivators of the land.—Lord Chatham.

In the age of acorns, antecedent to Ceres and the royal ploughman Triptolemus, a single barley-corn had been of more value to mankind than all the diamonds that glowed in the mines of India.—H. Brooke.

AND he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together.—Swift.

AGRICULTURE is the most certain source of strength, wealth and independence. Commerce flourishes by circumstances precarious, contingent, transitory, almost as liable to change as the winds and waves that waft it to our shores. She may well be termed the younger sister, for in all emergencies she looks to agriculture both for defence and for supply.—Colton.

SHADING BY WHITENING THE GLASS.—We have found no mode more simple than skim-milk, with a little powdered whitening mixed with it (say as much whiteing as the size of a walnut), reduced to a fine powder, and thoroughly mixed with two or three quarts of milk. We should advise those trying the scheme to do a piece of glass first. Let it dry, and add to the milk or whitening as they require less or more shading. If it be put on quickly and thinly by one man with a brush, and another follow with a dry duster-brush, merely daubing it quickly with the points of the dry brush, the shading will have the appearance of shaded ground glass, and looks neat.

SOME enthusiastic gardener writes as follows: A good way to checkmate the gray grub is to whittle out some imitations of tomato plants, paint them green, and set them out. If they are not very good imitations, just label them "Trophy tomato plants." The grub will come along early in the morning, and seeing that label, will begin to gnaw. He will chew a little while, and then read the label again to see if he is not mistaken. In a little while he gets sick of it and makes up his mind that "trophics" are not good. Now is your opportunity. Quietly remove the decoys and insert your genuine plants, labelled just like the others. The grub has not as yet learned the trick.

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CROWS PULLING CORN.—A subscriber wishes us to give a sure method of keeping crows from pulling corn. The best we have ever tried is to tar the seed before planting. Put a half bushel of seed into a washtub; turn over it sufficient scalding hot water to cover it; stir rapidly and empty all immediately into a corn basket, previously provided. As soon as the hot water has drained off, pour the corn back into the tub, and while still hot, stir it with a flat paddle which has been thrust a few inches deep into a bucket of tar. A very thin coating of tar on the paddle will be sufficient to coat every kernel of the corn thoroughly, if well stirred while hot. After the corn is all tarred, a few handfuls of gypsum (plaster) will dry it sufficiently to separate the kernels and render it easily dropped. The kernels are but little larger than before being tarred, and no bird or fowl will eat a kernel of it. It will not sprout quite so readily as if not tarred, usually lying in the ground 24 hours longer before coming up. After a crow has killed a stock from one or two different hills, the stock is safe from crows. Chickens may scratch up a occasional hill, but will not eat the corn.—Ex.

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