FARMERS! COLUMN.

FARM LABOR.—The question of farm labor has been discussed considerably. The employer has claimed that he has to pay too much for the amount of labor performed, and the employee claims that he has not got enough for the services rendered. We frequently hear it exclaimed by some poor fellow that he furnishes the muscle, and some one else furnishes the brains. We will venture to assert that fally one-third of the work done on the farm is lost, or worse than thrown away, for the lack of therough knowledge of how to do it, or by not doing it at the proper time and doing it well. If those that work on the farm by the month or day are not capable of taking care of themselves, does not the responsibility rest on the employer to direct the work to the best advantage, so that he can pay liberal wages to his men and they and their families can live well.

TAR ON FRUIT TREES.—According to the experience of Mr. Henry Reynolds, of North Carolina, tar is a perfect remedy for scarred and sun cracked apple trees. He says that by coating with new tar the trunk of a favorite fruit bearer that was cracked and so decayed that the bark was dead and would and so decayed and the bas restored it fully. He applies it to of the LARGEST AND BEST SITUATE HOTELS in the all the branches that show signs of decay. Since City. American Visitors will find in it the compracticing this cheap remedy, he has not been troubled with insects. By applying tar to the trunk, and clearing the surface at the roots so as to let it run down on them, peach trees badly damaged by borers are fully restored. Replace the dirt, and you will have no more trouble with the tree for two years or more. If the tar is applied to young trees, the borers will not trouble them at all. He states the coating should be applied in the winter or early in the spring with new tar.

WIND Galls .- M. D. S. asks what will cure a wind gall on a horse's hind leg, just above the fetlock joint. The horse has been very lame with it for two and a half months, so that he could not be used at all; it is quite large and swollen. I at first blistered, but was told that was wrong; have since used tannin and other astringents. Reply.-Wind galls are only a symptom of inflamation of the membrane which covers the sinews of the leg, in consequence of which there is an excessive secretion of scrum that gathers in the tumors. The only probably effective treatment, is absolute rest, and the application of cold water bandages with pressure upon the parts, or the use of iodine ointment. Cure is questionable in any case, although the lameness may be removed; but when the horse is worked again the swellings will re-appear. They are caused by strains or over work, or are inherited .- New York

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS AND GARDENS .- We do not know anything which would be more interesting on a farm than a small experimental ground.—New plants and seeds come into notice every year, but only a few know which are most valuable, and the great public depends upon the newspaper editor, some interested correspondent, or the reports of some agricultural society to tell him all about them. Finally, on the strength of what he reads, he invests considerable money in some article or another, plants considerable ground with it, and find out only when too late that it is not at all suited to his climate or soil. It oftentimes happens that an article really good in a majority of cases is of very little value in some particular spot. This is just the sort of knowledge no paper nor society can teach, but which a small experimental garden would readily supply. At market, or when visiting friends, one often has a few seeds or roots given him which may be very useful to him, but which is lost chiefly because there is no spot assigned for the testing of these things. There is indeed a disposition in many cases to regard these presents of new things as bores, and they are often accepted because it is not thought covetous to wound a friend's feelings by refusing what he regards as somewhat of a treasure. We once knew a friend who always felt this way. Many a thing he had excepted and then threw on the rubbish. On one occasion he had half-a-dozen Early Goodrich potatoes given him. But these he happened to plant in his garden, without however blessing much the hand the them to him. But he was struck with their beauty and productiveness-it happened to be one of those years when the variety did wonderfully well. And the next year he bad a considerable track of them. It was at a time when this variety was bringing almost fabulous prices, and his profits on his friend's gifts tremendous. Of course after these odds and ends of new notions as they came before him; but the lesson profited him not. He had no regular place to put things, and never thought to make one. No doubt he has lost many a good chance equal to the Early Goodrich one. But besides the pecuniary value which often results from trying experiments there is a great amount of pleasure from watching things grow that we never saw before; and we are well assured that no one who established a small experimental ground on his farm could ever after be without it .- Ger. Telegraph. Roors FOR STOCK .- Mangolds should be sown as

carly as the soil becomes warm, and can be put in condition, as a general rule from about the first to the lifteenth of May. Soak the seed for 24 or 36 hours in warm water and dry it by mixing with lime, plaster or ashes. After raking off stones and lumps from the summit of the ridges it may be sown with a common seed drill, using at the rate of five to seven pounds per acre. Or the seed may be planted by hand. Pass along with the hoe, and from the summit of the ridges nick out the dirt at distances of ten or fiften inches according to the condition of the soil and the variety. The richer the soil the greater the distance may be. The Globe varieties require more than the Long. In these nicks drop three or four seeds and cover with fine earth which may be readily obtained by taking with the hoe from the side of the ridge. Cover from one to two inches deep. The latter method, while more laborious in itself, saves much time and labor in weeding and thinning. The Long Red and the Grange or Yellow Globe are the favorite varities of the mangold. The White Sugar beet is also in very high favor with some feeders. The Long Red Mangold is preferred on deep and light soils that are not in very high condition, since on such it yields better than the Orange Globe. The Orange or Yellow Globe has a higher feeding value and is the best to grow on rice, moderately stiff soils. Of turnips there are three classes of varieties-Swedes or Ruta Bagus, Yellows or White, the two being so called from the color of the flesh. Where roots are grown on a large scale, these three classes are grown for successive feeding. Swedes require the longest period for growth, are the most compact of flesh, and the best keepers. They are therefore sown first, and are not fed till the Yellow and Whites have been consumed. The Yellow varieties stand next in the possession of these qualities. The White varieties make the most rapid growth, are the softest and the poorest keepers. They are therefore the last sown and the first fed. Turnip seed of whatever kind may be sown with a seed drill. Swedes should be, sown during the month of June—from the 1st to the twentieth if possible, and Yellows and whites later, at intervals of not more than three weeks. One half inch is sufficient covering for turnip seed, if the soil is dry it should be covered deeper. The quantity of need per acre elsewhere. whites and Yellows, five or seven bounds; Of Charles, only one handred dollars a year—inwhites and Yellows, five or seven bounds; It is cluding French. Address,
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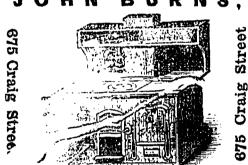
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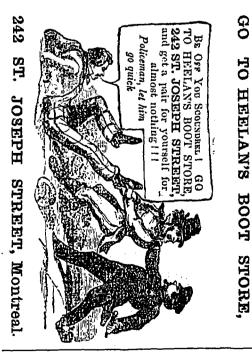
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