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## THE HARVEST.

It is very gratifying to find that from all parts of the country the harvest news is of the most cheerful description. The yield of grain, both in quantity and quality, is, undoubtedly, much beyond the average, and though the season has been an unusually wet and catching one, a large proportion of the crop is well harvested. We have been favoured now (Aug. 12) for upwards of a week past with most charming weather. We have had clear bright sunshine, with fine drying breezes, and yet the heat has not been oppressive. It has been very comfortable weather for field work. In fact, both haying and harvesting have this year been pleasanter occupations than usual, from this fact; added to which, there has been, owing to the wetness of the season, but little dust to give annoyance in either hay-field or wheat-field. On the whole, we believe, the hay-crop has been got in with less damage from wet than was at first supposed. Multitudes of our best farmers managed to secure their hay with scarcely a drop of rain on it, thanks to good management, the barometer, and some push. Others were not so fortunate. But the proportion of really spoiled hay is, we believe, small. The hay-crop, as a whole, is abundant, and the prospect is that it will be cheap the present season. The yield of the fall wheat is now in, and we have every reason to be satisfied and thankful in view of the yield. Very little complaint of the midge has reached us from any quarter, and we are of opinion that the season has been unfavourable to the multiplication and activity of this insect pest. We hear also the best accounts of spring wheat. Potatoes, peas, and barley are also doing well. Potatoes

bid fair to be a full, if not enormous, crop. Turnips, for some reason, are scarcely up to the usual average, and it would seem that an excess of wet does not suit this root crop. Fruit still gives good promise. The small fruits were hardly ever so abundant and fine as the present year, and those yet to ripen are likely to give a full yield. We have fears that the out-door grapes will scarcely be as early and good as usual, though the vines have made a splendid growth. It has been a fine season for the growth of newly transplanted trees, and many will regret, along with ourselves, not planting more largely during a year which is likely to be equivalent in the establishment and growth of young trees to any two ordinary years. On the whole, the season of 1869 is fitted to excite gladness of heart, and special gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all blessings.

## EMIGRATION ADVERTISING.

The Americans are skilful advertisers, whatever the business they are trying to push, but they are not over delicate or excessively scrupulous as to the terms and style of their advertisements. They use printers' ink very liberally, and know better than any other nation the efficacy of notices, paragraphs and puffs. The influx of settlers from foreign countries to the United States has been largely secured by persistent resort to "tall" advertising, as a Yankee would phrase it. Part of the system is to keep afloat, in journals of all sorts, little paragraphs like the following, which we quote from a recent number of the *Western Rural*:—

"A gentleman from Leicester, England, who arrived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently,