

of communications either from our agricultural societies or practical farmers, it has been deemed expedient to publish this journal henceforth *monthly*, commencing with the new year. The single number will be larger than one of our heretofore semi-monthly nos., and greater attention paid both in reference to the brevity and variety of the articles.—We shall introduce a larger number of illustrations in the next volume, the numbers will be published regularly on the first of the month, and there will be a marked improvement generally in its mechanical execution. The Veterinary Department will be enlarged and improved under the editorial supervision of Mr. Smith, Consulting Veterinary Surgeon to the Board of Agriculture, who has established himself in practice in this city, where he gives stated instruction in the Veterinary Art to all young men disposed to avail themselves of the opportunity, for about six weeks during the winter. (See Advertisement.)

Each number of our next year's volume will contain at least 40 pages, of the same size as at present, but we shall not be strictly confined to this number of pages. We shall occasionally, when circumstances render a greater space desirable, give 48, or perhaps 64 pages in a number, but as a general rule for the incoming year, each number of the journal will consist of 40 pages, and will be neatly stitched together and trimmed before being sent to the subscribers.

The price for single copies, will be the same as heretofore, half a dollar per annum; but to Agents, officers of Agricultural Societies, or Clubs, sending lists of subscribers, a considerable reduction will be made. The reduction will be in the shape of a discount, on the following progressive scale, viz.:

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Liebig's Lectures on the Application of Chemistry to Agriculture.

(Concluded from page 679.)

No one can for a moment doubt the great importance agriculture has acquired in Germany by the establishment for its instruction, founded by Thaer in the year 1807. But the agricultural colleges, founded ultimately on the same model, have done more harm than good to the science—they have the shell, but not the nut.