

out any further knowledge of how  
have in other parts of the country.  
writes us. "If you will com-  
nicies with others, you will find, I  
its shape is apt to mislead and that  
number of grains in a panicle  
are favorably with other kinds. I  
ted five of the best heads I could  
Champion, and have counted and  
the grains per head.

Number of Ears per Acre	Average Weight
100	100
200	200
300	300
400	400
500	500
600	600
700	700
800	800
900	900
1000	1000

**SEVENTH.**

**RURAL GARDEN TREASURES.**  
My friends it is proposed to make  
tion of mixed seeds as valuable as  
and to send to each applicant a  
sufficient to fill a little garden with  
desirable bedding plants in culti-  
including, as we did last year  
hardy shrubs, which, requiring a  
to germinate, should not be sown



**UNION CORN, CROSS SECTION.**  
FIG. 615.

which germinate freely. Many of  
bers have already kindly offered to  
RURAL with seeds of rare or choice  
which they have gathered and are  
for the purpose, and we shall hope  
source alone to make up a varied  
collection which, without such aid,  
difficult to do. The rest of the  
gathered at the Rural Grounds  
ed from Europe.

**EIGHTH AND LAST.**

**SEEDS OF ALL THE LATEST  
AND BEST VARIETIES.**

past seven years we have made  
from our best strains of tomatoes  
to increase their solidity, keeping  
and smoothness. No cross-breeding  
attempted; neither have we en-  
deavored to produce earlier kinds. The  
smoothest specimens of fruit have  
d out on boards and the seeds have  
from those alone which remained  
firm the longest. Besides our own  
collection will be made up of Liv-  
erworte, Perfection and Paragon  
included because it rots in many  
chester, Mayflower, Cardinal, Cli-  
ste, etc. Thus it will be seen that  
tant for this Seed Distribution will  
permanently, without expense, of mis-  
tants of all the best kinds of toma-  
as well as of a number of kinds not  
for sale, and in this way be enabled  
own selections for another season  
which he deems in all respects the  
soil and climate.

**INSTRUCTIONS.**

set of EACH of the above Eight  
sets will be sent post-paid to every  
of the RURAL NEW-YORKER who  
pre April 1st, 1884, inclosing a three-  
as guarantee that he or she is in-  
the farm and garden.  
tribution will begin early in the  
need not request us to substitute  
inds of seeds for those offered. The  
dition will be sent to each appli-  
cent of miscarriage are caused  
that the name and address are

imperfect, or illegibly written. We beg of our  
friends—every one—to write every letter plain-  
ly and not to take for granted that the name  
or residence is familiar to us.

In applying for seeds, merely say "SEED  
SEEDS" and inclose a three-cent stamp, being  
careful not to stick it to the paper.

**LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD**

that the RURAL NEW-YORKER has never in  
any case sold seeds or plants to its subscribers.  
Were this otherwise, the reports of the results  
of our tests and the descriptions of the plants  
which we introduce, would not be accepted as  
disinterested. But we sell the RURAL NEW-  
YORKER only, the object of whose present ex-  
istence is to advance the true interests of agri-  
culture and horticulture. The Seed or Plant  
Distributions of this journal are

**ABSOLUTELY FREE.**

When, by such tests, we find that a given plant  
promises to be more valuable than others of  
its kind which have been generally cultivated,  
we, at once, if practicable, place it in our next  
Distribution, and send it, without charge, to all  
of our subscribers who apply. Besides, as

nal reading matter from beginning to end by  
the best writers of America and England. 3,  
It is printed upon fine, natural-colored paper.  
4, It contains yearly not less than 500 engrav-  
ings, mostly original, by our own artists. 4,  
It is conducted by practical farmers whose  
first aim it is, irrespective of advertisers and  
all merely pecuniary or personal interests to  
tell the whole truth. 5, The RURAL is the first  
newspaper to have established Experimental  
Grounds in connection with journalism. They  
comprise 82 acres. All new farm and garden  
implements, seeds and plants are there tested  
and the results are impartially reported  
upon in its columns. 6, The RURAL NEW-  
YORKER is conscientious, progressive, aggres-  
sive, sparkling and original. It admits no an-  
biguous or fraudulent advertisements. It is  
pure in tone; it is a farm, garden, religious,  
news and literary paper all in one, and is, in  
short, the complete family rural journal of  
America. It is national in every department  
and tolerates no sectional animosities. 8, The  
value of its

**FREE SEED DISTRIBUTIONS**

is now well and widely known. Only seeds  
and plants which have originated at the Ru-  
ral's Experiment Grounds, or which are new,

the real interests of the land and those  
who cultivate it, the dissemination of improved  
seeds and plants and of the knowledge how  
best to cultivate them, and so to conduct the  
journal that it may have a just claim upon all  
who love nature are among the aims of the  
RURAL NEW-YORKER.

Among its more important departments are  
cattle, horses, sheep, poultry, swine, arboricul-  
ture, dairy, domestic economy, farm economy,  
field crops, garden crops, floriculture, pomol-  
ogy—especially grapes and all small fruits,  
farm implements, landscape  
gardening, veterinary, crop re-  
ports from all parts of the  
country, industrial societies,  
agricultural science, chemical  
fertilizers, news from all parts  
of the world, farm stories, ru-  
ral architecture, a department  
for women and also a depart-  
ment for children. All of these  
departments are fairly illus-  
trated by first-class artists from  
original drawings.

The Rural Experiment  
Grounds, conducted, as they are,  
purely in the interests of read-  
ers, offer rare facilities for mak-  
ing the paper valuable. All  
new and high-priced seeds are  
tested at once, and reported  
upon according to their worth,  
so that subscribers have before  
them a trustworthy guide as  
to what novelties are worthy of  
trial. The present season, for ex-  
ample, we have tested, or are testing 80 differ-  
ent kinds of new potatoes, 15 different kinds of  
corn, 50 different kinds of wheat, 60 of grapes,  
100 of strawberries, all of the different kinds  
of raspberries, blackberries, currants, besides  
a rare collection of the most hardy shrubs,  
trees and herbaceous plants.

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rists to examine the RURAL NEW-YORKER  
before subscribing for any family journal an-  
other year. For this purpose, as we have said,  
specimen copies, will be cheerfully sent to any  
address. We wish to make the truth appear  
and to show that those who would meet with  
success in land-culture cannot afford to do  
without the journal, and that it should be sub-  
scribed for as a measure of economy.

**THE ESTIMATION IN WHICH THE Ru-  
RAL NEW-YORKER IS HELD BY  
ALL CLASSES.**

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tion. To have the paper once is to want  
it always."

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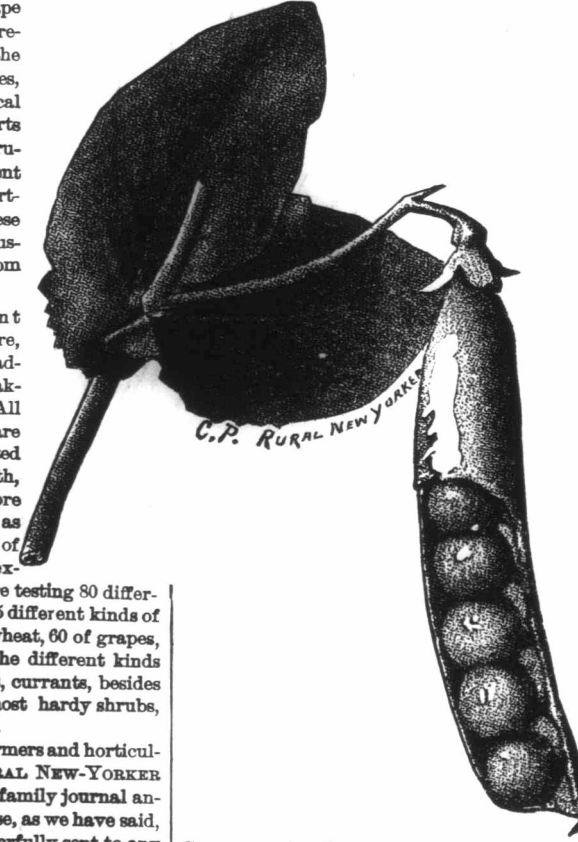
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RURAL NEW-YORKER is the first to introduce  
and maintain really good cuts of domestic ani-  
mals. The RURAL's columns of agricultural  
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such man."

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right hold of the handles, Bro. Carman, for  
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consequently the best agricultural paper pub-  
lished in this country."

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as to the necessity of elevating the tone and  
style of our periodical agricultural literature,



CLEVELAND'S RURAL NEW-YORKER PA.—  
FIG. 617.

In this respect you are doing the best work I  
know of anywhere. Cheapness is certainly  
incompatible with quality—it may secure  
quantity. Such journals as yours are well  
worth their price, and I believe they are grad-  
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cultural readers who appreciate this fact, and  
who will be willing in the near future to pay a  
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noble work, and rest assured that you have  
the entire confidence and support of all intelli-  
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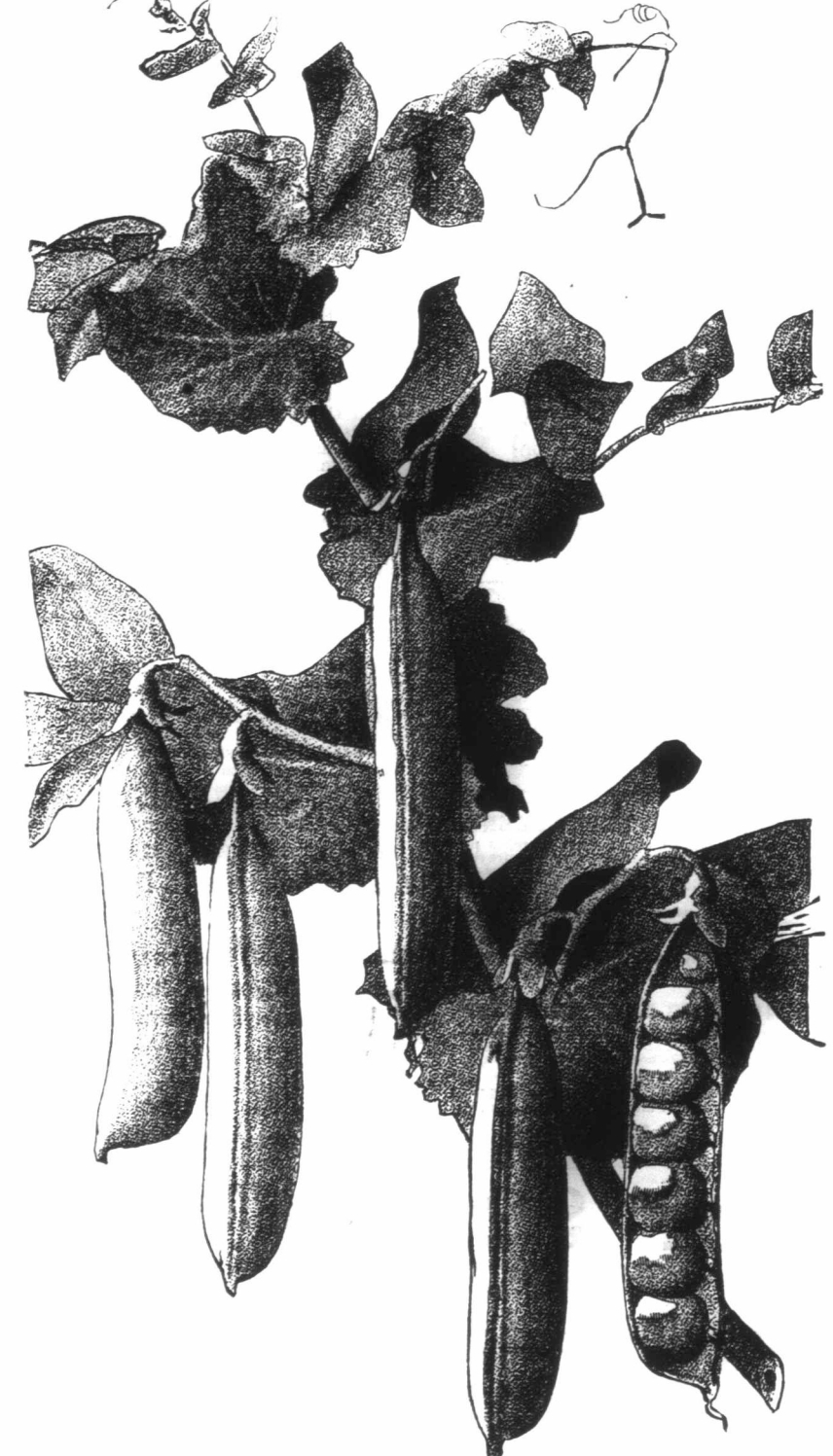
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HORSFORD'S MARKET GARDEN PEA.—FIG. 616.

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sometimes made without requiring either an  
application or any payment of postage, we  
hold the right to continue them or to discon-  
tinue them as we may determine.

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believe, support us in the following claims: 1,  
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or the best of their kinds, are distributed. 9,  
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