### FARMERS' COLUMN.

MARING MORET AT FARMING.—Every cultivator wants to know primarily how to make money. He fellows his calling as a merchant pursues his business. It is not merely that he farms to live and be confertible. He wants to do all that hat he wants to do all that he had be confertible. comfortable. He wants to do all that, but he would comfortable. He wants to do all that, but he would like to make a "pile," as people in other walks of life try to do. Every now and then the newspapers my to tell him how to get rich; and it is generally by planting this or that, by trying "upland rice," or some such article now sure to be in demand; and, above all, "advertise in all columns." Or, perhaps, he will be told to go here, or settle there, where land is cheap and no manure needed, or where in some way there is to be some especial advantage which no other man but himself, or at least few other men, are to possess. We have been struck with a passage in one of the obituary notices of Vanderbilt, with which the newspapers of late have vanderbilt, with which the newspapers of late have been so profuse. He died worth, it is said, over fifty millions. When asked how he brought this all about, he replied, "By having a business! you like, trying to understand it, and then sticking to it and to no other." People thought he was a speculator, but he was no such thing. Whatever he bought or sold had in immediate relation to the erset hysiness he had in hand. He desnises exact business he had in hand. He despised speculations; and it is well to let our farmers' boys, who think that it is so easy to get a living by city specu-lations, know this. He loved his business and labored at it, but it was not until half his life had passed away that he was worth \$20,000. It was not till comparatively old age that he became rich Had Vanderbilt died at fifty, as so many do, his obituaries would have been very short and commonplace. Time was quite as favorable to his great fortune as any other element that entered into it. Still, as he tells us, the foundation was in sticking to his business; and this is just the lesson we are always trying to teach. There is not a farmer in all this wide land, if he had a genuine love for his business. a determination to stick to it through thick and thin, and with good savings habits and ordinary business prudence, but may in time become rich. It needs no outside speculations, no ventures on new patents or new plants. He need not go from this part of the world to another. He should of course use some little discrimination at first, choosing healthy locations, fair markets, good neighbors, intelligent society, and so on. But having once made up one's mind where to locate, stick to it. There is no more certain way to make money in the wide world than at Farming or gardeing .- Germantown Telegraph. AsE QUESTIONS OF YOUR SOIL.—What a wonderful

help it would be to every cultivator if he could say to this soil and that one, "Tell me what you are made up of; what is lacking in your composition to make you grow a good crop of this or that kind," and the soil should answer: "I lack potash," or, "I lack phosphoric acid," or, "I lack lime," etc. With such answers, we could go right to work and supply liberal dealing enjoyed for the past twenty-three that it is represented in the character for fair and liberal dealing enjoyed for the past twenty-three liberal dealing enjoyed for the past work. We put on stable manure, and as that generally contains all kinds of needed elements, it produces good results. Yet, in doing this, we often add a great deal that is not needed, as soils usually lack only one or two elements. Stable manure, if purchased, is one of the costly fertilizers in fact, or would be, if we knew just what else to buy. In all the older States we need, or could very profitably use, much more manure than can be obtained. Now comes the all-important question, What shall we use-what will be the cheapest and best-paying fertilizer? Formerly agricultural chemists proposed to analyze our soils and tell us what was lacking; but they now know that in the present state of agricultural chemistry, at least, this is not practicable. The fertilizer manufacturers come along, and tell us, each in turn, that his article is just the thing we need. We try this one, and then that one, at a great deal of expense, sometimes with good results, and sometimes quite otherwise. In the former case we go on and buy and use more. A neighbor having a different soil follows our example, and fails, and is disgusted, not to say discounged. If we fail in our first trials, we too are disgusted, and pronounce all artificial fertilizers, and agricultural scicence itself, a humbug. But even when we succeed we are not sure that we have got the best or cheapest fertilizer. Something else might have furnished our soil with just what we wanted at half the cost. Now, the best way to get at the root of the matter is not to go into costly experiments, buying by the ton, or score of tons, a fertilizer that is highly commended, but to put a few simple questions to our fields, in the form of experiments that any ordinary cultivator can carry on at a small cost, which, if made carefully, will afford a large amount of most important informa-tion. In an average field lay off a few long plots, and try on one plot a single fertilizer, another on next plot, and so on, using various mixtures of the fertilizers on some plots. Across these plots plant or sow several leading crops, and watch carefully the effects upon each of the different fertilizers. A single trial of a season will give a great deal of information, while repeated trials will be of still greater value. Thus ascertaining what will pay best, we can in future buy and use largely just that fertilizing element, and only these, which are needed. If potash is the thing, we shall not have to buy and pay for a lot of other things to get what we want. The chemist can tell us accurately what is in this or that fertilizer, and whether we get what we pay for or intended to. The cultivators who make these experiments—who thus ask direct questions of the soil—will be the most successful, and they should be begun at once .- American Agricul-

STOP THAT WASTERUL FEEDING .- Western farmers waste too much feed for the want of proper feed racks and proper shelter for stock. The cheapness of the feed is no excuse for the waste. Stock let out on the ground trample under foot and waste almost as much as they eat, if the ground be muddy. Now is the time to prepare for judicious, economical feeding, by making shelter, with mongers and racks to save the feed. By keeping the stock comfortable, they do better on less feed, yet how often we see stock running out all winter in the mud, knee-deep, wasting feed and flesh enough to build good shelfer and feed racks .- Western Agriculturist.

FARM Accounts .- If farmers would keep an exact account with cattle, fields, orchards and crops with which they have annual dealings, just as merchants do, they would find a spirit of business working into all their habits, and progress and improvement would inevitably follow: The loose notion seems to be that here are the fields and there the buildings, and a living must somehow be got out of them. But that will not do in these times. Every agriculturist is bound to know what his farm yields him for his own consumption, and how much for sale; then he will be able to get at the sale by ci-Phering out the difference less the cost of cultivation.

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