

His sire, old Sherman Morgan, was truly a prodigy among horses. He was fourteen and a half hands high; his greatest weight while owned by me, 925 lbs.; of chestnut colour; well sprung in cord; muscular; in action exhibiting wonderful strength and agility; though apparently mettlesome, yet easy of control; sagacious and patient in trouble, and of matchless endurance. He had a lively countenance, with an amiableness of expression, captivating, in effect beyond any horse I have ever seen. He was foaled at Lyndon, Vt., in 1815, the property of James Sherman Esq., and died at my stable, in January, in 1835. But for this animal, Morgan horses would never had the celebrity they enjoy. His dam was bought by Sherman Morgan of Dr. Fiske of Providence, R. I., and was said to have been imported. She was of good size and fine appearance; of a chestnut colour; elegant in action, and a speedy trotter. His (Sherman Morgan's) sire was the Goss (or Justin) Morgan, brought to Randolph, Vt., by Col. Morgan."

### Correspondence.

ORILLIA, May 18th, 1860.

To the Editors of the *Agriculturist* :

SIR,—In accordance with old country custom, I beg to enclose small dried specimens of a grass (apparently indigenous) hoping that you will be able to give its name.

It is perennial, grows from two to four feet high, according to soil, &c.; is propagated either by seed or by dividing the stools; comes in exactly along with the red clover, and unlike timothy, produces an excellent aftermath.

I remain, yours &c.,

J. CUPPAGE.

P.S.—If the Alsike Clover comes from Sweden, why is it not more hardy? I sowed a patch last summer for experiment in light dry soil. When the snow went off it looked beautiful—appeared to have grown during winter—but the frost afterwards killed every plant—not one left.

J. C.

[The specimen of grass sent us by our correspondent is the Rough Cock's Foot, or, as it is commonly called in America, Orchard Grass. We are not aware that it is indigenous to Canada, though we have seen it growing in situations which would lead to the supposition that it is, but it is

said to have been originally introduced into England from this continent. This grass resembles a little in appearance at first sight the common June grass, or spear grass, so generally found in old meadows, but is a much rougher, stronger plant. The spikelets of the seed head are distinctly arranged in dense, globular, one sided tufts, supported upon three or four, or more separate branches from the centre stem, and the plant has received its name from the fancied resemblance which this branched form gives the spike to the foot of a cock. It grows to the height of two feet or more, and the root is perennial, fibrous, tufted. The stem erect, round, finely ribbed, or striated, and rough, bearing five or six leaves with rough striated sheaths. Leaves nearly of an equal width the entire length except near the points, flat, acute, spreading, rough on both surfaces, harsh, of a dull green, the edges minutely toothed. This is a valuable grass, and is much relished by all kinds of live stock, especially sheep. It should be eaten off before it is allowed to grow harsh and coarse. The Orchard Grass has been highly commended by Judge Buell, in the *Albany Cultivator*. The seed can be obtained of Mr. Fleming, seedsman, of this city, at about two dollars per bushel. It is very light, weighing only ten or twelve pounds per bushel, and about two bushels are required to the acre. We would strongly recommend the sowing of some portion of Cock's-Foot, at the proper season, along with other grasses.

In regard to Alsike Clover, our information heretofore has led us to believe it equally hardy with any other forage plant. During the present season many fields of red clover, on strong, undrained lands have been killed by the heaving out of the roots, by the action of the frost in spring, after the disappearance of the snow, in the same way in which wheat is killed, the long tap roots being strewn upon the ground as if pulled out by hand. It is probable that Alsike Clover might, in similar situations,