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This country is so vast and the soil and from which the following interesting statements are taken:
The last year, however, resulted in such a general shortage in the apple crop that, comparatively, it may be said to have been a year of failure. There were still a few sections, notably one in New York, where the crop was exceedingly abundant, but these were exceptions to the general experience.
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A considerable number of reports from the Atlantic coast states and from some further west mention the migration of laborers as causing a noticeable reduction in the supply of labor. This movement is generally only a westward drift of popula-tion, but there are some special move-ments, though not of an extensive char-acter, such as a change of colored laborers in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas from the thin apland soils to the richer river bottom lands of those states. Where from severo droughts or other causes curacy the fruit prospect for the whole country.

country. Not many decades ago the popular vari-eties of winter apples could be counted on the fingers of one's hand, and numbered as the most desirable of these were the Roxbury russet and Rhodelsland green-ing. These still semain, but in only a few favorable localities are they able to come into competition with newer varie-ties. At the present time the Baldwin is probably the most highly esteemed and generally distributed apple of any one variety that can be named for the eastern states, where it has a high reputation as season.

THE WAGES OF FARM LABOR.

The Results of Investigations Made by the

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revenue. Already the export of apples to foreign countries has reached large proportions and is destined to increase rapidly. More than 600,000 barrels were shipped last year, Great Britain being the principal customer. This was a decrease of more than 200,000 barrels from the previous year, owing to scarcity in the crop of 1887. Intelligent orchardists in the castern and Intelligent orchardists in the eastern and | with dogs or in any other manner. Harsh northern states should keep the foreign markets in mind when making selections for their plantings. No branch of farming is more profitable or conducted with less labor than orchardor conducted with less labor than orchard-ing when the products can be sold even at a moderate price. Besides this, apple trees may be planted on land too rough for root or grain culture, and high alti-tudes are more exempt from killing by frost than orchards in the valleys and lowlands. Some of the states, notably that of Arkanssa, are rapidly developing into fruit growing regions, and that state is now the home of promising new varie-ties, among which may be named the Ar-kansas black, Elkhorn, Orawford, Siloam, Shannon and many others. While the western and southwestern stafes will be at a disadvantage as regards the foreign Tanning Sheepskins. at a disadvantage as regards the foreign trade, they will control the market in the great cities of the interior, and these with the numerous towns will require a con-stantly increasing supply the numerous towns will require a con-stantly increasing supply. For shipment abroad the packing should be much the same as for the best home trade. The first two courses should face the head to be opened and they should be tightly pressed to prevent shaking in handling. New barrels should be used in preference to second hand order as in preference to second hand ones as being more attractive and salable; besides this it is generally believed apples do not keep well in barrels that have been used for other purposes.

People We Talk Abou Mrs Leland Stanford's jewels are alued at a round million.

Walter Long M. P., will recruit at strength by a visit to Au.erica. John Rubinson, the veteran sho, wman eft an estate valued at \$3,000, CAO.

Nellie Grant's husband has become rich through the death of his brother. Elizabeth Stewart Ph'alps refers to Ingersoll as "the as" asin of eternal

Massenet is wr ing an opera for a roung American singer named Sybil Sanderson.

English gossips still asserts that Miss Endioott will marry Joseph Chamberlain this fall.

The Empress of Brazil made a pilgrim age to Lourdes because of the emperor's eovery.

Queen Victoria and Kaiser William re to meet at Bade .- Baden at the end of September.

The Dake of Marlborough has bought Lord Brownlew & mansion in Carlton ter

at Kremsier in 1885

Cardinal Manning's friends will celebrato his jubilee by presenting him with a tettimouisl of \$60,000. The Duchess of Montres was married

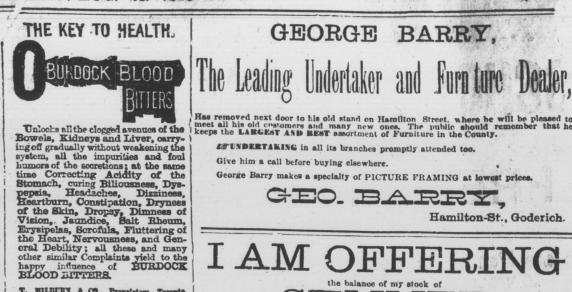
a few cases where such works have been completed the supply of labor has been left superabundant. A considerable sumber of reports from born.

FOR OLD PEOPLE!

In old people the nervous System in weakened, and that must be strengthened. One of the most prominent medical writers of the day, in speaking of the prevalence of rheumatic troubles among the aged, says: "The various pains, rheu-matic or other, which old people often complain of, and which materially disturb their comfort, result from disordered



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Peach Tree Borers.

The borer and the yellows are greatly interfering with the cultivation of the peach in many sections where it was for-merly profitably raised. This insect sometimes attacks young trees in the nurser so as to render them unfit for transplant so as to render them unfit for transplant-ing, but more commonly when they have come into bearing. The eggs are depos-ited in the summer at the base of the trunk near the collar, where the bark is soft. The best preventives are watchful-ness and care in keeping that portion of the tree in a condition that is uninviting to the pests. Scrape away the earth in the spring and occasionally swab the col-lar of the trees with strong soansuda. the spring and occasionally swab the col-lar of the trees with strong scapsuds. This of itself will be a sufficient protec-tion if frequently performed at the right season, although the kerosene emulsion, which is not so easily prepared, is usually recommended for the purpose. After the borers have made an entrance the proper thing to do is to pick them out with the point of a knife or kill them in their holes and prevent future trouble in the manner stated above.

Barren Corn Stalks.

Barren Cora Stalks. The extent to which the corn yield is reduced by barren stalks, says Professor Morrow, of the Illinois State university, is greater than is generally supposed. This loss varies from year to year, as well as in different varieties. Violent storms when the corn is in bloom may prevent the fertilization of many ears; this, of course, cannot be prevented. But Pro-fessor Morrow believes that the produc-tiveness of any variety may be increased by preventing fertilization by the pollen of barren stalks by removal of the tassel from these, or by cutting away the stalks from these, or by cutting away the stalks entirely so soon as it is discovered that no ear is to appear. This course is imprac-ticable in general field culture, but can be applied to small plats especially designed for seed.