

swered, and then a short silence ensued, during which our friend B. hitched his chair backward and forward, twirled his thumbs abstractedly, and spit profusely. Starting up quickly, he said, addressing the editor, "Mr. D., I have brought you the proceeds of that hen.

It was amusing to see the peculiar expression of the editor, as he followed the farmer down to the waggon. I could hardly keep my risibles down.

When at the waggon the farmer commenced handing over to the editor the products amounting to eighteen pullets, worth 12½ cents each, and a number of dozens of eggs, making in the aggregate, at the least calculation, one dollar and fifty cents more than the price of the paper.

"No need?" said he, "of men not taking a family newspaper, and paying for it too. I don't miss this from my roost, yet I have paid for a year's subscription and over. All folly sir; there is no man but what can take a newspaper; it's charity you know commenced at home."

"But," resumed the editor, "I will pay for what is over the subscription, I did not intend this as a means of profit, but rather to convince you. I will pay—"

"Not a bit of it, sir; a bargain is a bargain, and I am already paid sir—doubly paid, sir. And whenever a neighbor makes the complaint I did, I will relate to him the hen story. Good day, gentlemen."

#### THE LARGEST FARM IN THE WORLD.

I observe a note in your issue of an 8,000 acre farm in Bureau Co., Ill., and of Mr. J. S. Alexander's farm in Morgan Co., Ill., both of which will pass for fair-sized Illinois farms. But the farm which is no doubt the largest cultivated farm in the world, and, I believe the best, is owned and cultivated by M. L. Sullivan Esq., formerly from the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio, now of Champaign Co., Ill. He owns and presides over 70,000 acres of the best land on this hemisphere, 23,000 acres of which is under fence, and in actual improvement and cultivation; the balance is used in herding.

I will venture the opinion that there cannot be found 5 acres of unserviceable land on Mr. S.'s entire 70,000 acres. Their productiveness is unsurpassed.


Almost all of Mr. S.'s farming is conducted by labor-saving machinery, so that it is estimated that, throughout, one man will perform the average labor of four or five as conducted on small farms. He drives his

posts by horse-power; breaks his ground with Comstock's "spades," mows, rakes, loads, unloads and stacks his hay by horse-power, cultivates his corn by improved machinery, ditches any low ground by machinery; sows and plants by machinery, so that all his laborers can ride and perform their tasks as easy as riding in a buggy.

I had the pleasure of being present when he harvested a thousand acres of his wheat, this was done with—"s" "Header's" — about eight or ten men and twenty horses cut and safely stacked away about 200 acres a day, and performed the work better than I ever saw it by the old modes. To give all the improved modes of farming employed by this kind of agriculture would require more space than you would like to spare. Notwithstanding all this labor-saving machinery, Mr. S. employs from 100 to 200 laborers, some 200 horses and mules, and a large herd of working oxen.

Not having the exact data before me, I will not venture to give the enormous returns in bushels or tons, of the products of this great farm. Some estimate may be made from the magnitude of the farm, taken in connection with the fact that the quality of the soil is unequaled by the very best Scotch bottoms.—*Cor. Cin. Enquirer.*

#### A VISIT TO MR. SNELL'S OF EDMONTON.

IR,—Having been recently on a visit at Mr. John Snell's of Edmonton; and having travelled through the greater part of Canada West, I had a great curiosity to see his stock. One evening I went to see him weigh some of his sheep, and was very much astonished at the size and weight of them. They are certainly the best sheep I have ever seen. Of eight Leicester and Cotswold rams that were weighed the heaviest was 401 lbs., the lightest 284 lbs., six of those were shearlings, one two shears and one three shears. The eight weighed 2,541 lbs., or an average of 317 lbs. One shearing ram weighed 320 lbs. I also saw a fine lot of young Durham Bulls, eight in number, they were from eight to ten months old, mostly by the imported bull, Baron Solway. They are not so large as some I saw imported from England to Ireland, but are finer in quality, and of a better style. Mr. Snell's stock is in excellent condition, and reflects great credit on his skill and judgment as a breeder. A visit to his farm will well repay any of your readers.

Yours, &c., JOSEPH H. HARE.