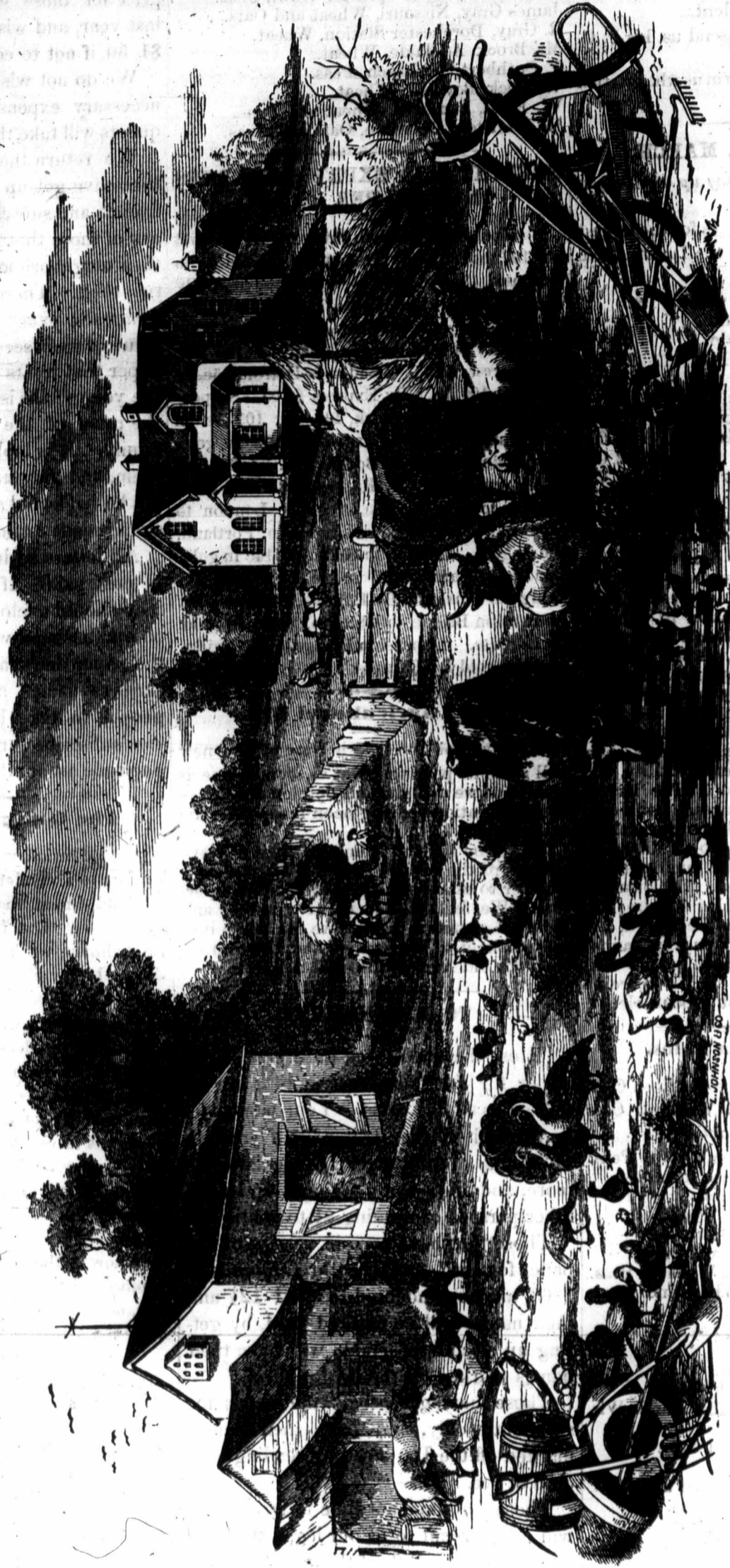


ENGRAVINGS.

It is our desire to furnish our readers with two or three useful instructive and amusing engravings in each number. We realized the beneficial effects of seeing engravings ourselves, even when hardly able to walk, and before being able to read. To the young members of the family they are highly beneficial, and often to the older ones also, often suggesting ideas that no writing would, and when of a proper character, undoubtedly do good. To procure them is more expensive than many of you would imagine. We have already furnished our readers with engravings that have cost in the aggregate \$263. It is our desire to furnish you with representations of different kinds of grain as well as of stock, and intended to have some for this number, but half of those indebted to us have not paid their just debts. We are now expecting an engraving that we ordered for this number, but as no engraver resides in this city, we sent to Mr. Perry of Toronto. He is the best artist that we are acquainted with, but when the wood-cut is received from Toronto the work is not yet complete, for it is necessary to have it electrotyped to prevent its being damaged by printing. To have that done we have to send to Buffalo, and for some work we have been compelled to send to New York city. We now present our readers with an old engraving of a farm-yard in winter time, which is a very good one. The buildings, implements, and stock are not just up to the present standard, still there is a pleasing, contented thriftiness to be noticed, surpassing many a farm-yard to be met with.



We hope that those who are in any way indebted to us will delay no longer in liquidating their debts, and we feel satisfied if our friends have a desire for our welfare, and wish to benefit their neighbors and the country at large, they will add at least one subscriber to our list. We would then feel better enabled to supply you with such useful, beneficial and amusing engravings throughout the year as have not been given by any paper on this Continent. Just try and add one more. Remember, it is necessary for the farmers that wish to procure the best kinds of seed grain, to take it. No farm house should be without it, and the young children that read it will have an advantage over those that do not. We have no hesitation in saying that the children that are supplied regularly with the *Farmer's Advocate*, will become the most influential farmers in this Dominion. Do not neglect the young. Give their young minds proper food, and something that will amuse, please and draw their attention. We have numerous correspondents who are under 14 years of age, and we predict that before long some of them will be writing useful articles for this paper. We will offer them an inducement in the shape of a **Present**. We will give the *Farmer's Advocate* free for the remainder of this year, to the boy or girl under the age of 16 that sends us the best and most useful information about any kind of stock, crops, seeds or implements, flower-garden, house-work orchard, or Apiary. It must be from their own observation, and sent to us before the 20th of March. We will give a similar present to any lady or gentleman that will furnish us with the best article on any of the above subjects. It will do you good to write, and do good to the country. If you have a good idea let it be known. If you should mis-spell a word or make errors in grammar or punctuation, we will put it to rights. Send in your ideas in as small compass as possible. There is often as much implied by two or three lines as in a whole novel.