

picture-frame maker, and the country gentlemen were rebuffed out by civic dignitaries. The *Globe* informs us that this year, with a view to encourage grape culture, three prizes are to be offered for the best *three bottles of wine!* Three bottles—how dreadful!—three whole bottles of grape wine. Have John A. or the coon had a hand in this excess? But now we will suggest what ought to be encouraged by handsome prizes: hedge rows, wool culture, the best hogs head of cider, also of beer made of malt and hops, the best three acres of hops, the best orchard, the best 70 cwt. of cheese, the best 50 lbs. of honey, the best hurdles for sheep folds, spars for thatching ricks, and baskets for agricultural purposes, made by the son or farm laborer of the exhibitor; the best score of walking sticks!—which are convenient supporters for elderly gentlemen—999 out of every thousand are imported from England!!! when this Canada of ours is supposed to be a wooden country.—A prize for the best acre of grapes grown in the open air. Let any one who desires to see a much larger quantity than this go to Lake Erie, on the Yankee side, where he will find a grapery making thousands of good wine yearly. Prizes for the best drained and irrigated farms should be given.

No first prize should be awarded to the same person for two successive years. The prizes for bands should be done away with, and the prize given for the best glee, duet, solo, or march, composed by a Canadian. Prizes should be given to a large amount for various sorts of made wines, to wean us by the use of those cheap and wholesome liquors, including cider and beer, from that vile poison, whiskey which in this country kills yearly more persons by *delirium tremens* than die from that and other cognate causes in Great Britain in the same period.

A Plea For Farming.

From the "Introductory" of a pamphlet recently published, entitled "A Plea for farming," we extract the following:

Well directed efforts in farming are always crowned with success. Individual competence for every one, and a nation's peace and prosperity must be born of agricultural successes. All institutions of civilization rest upon the basis of farming, and these institutions totter and fall, or stand firm and strong, according as the resources and pursuits of agriculture are weak and neglected, or are healthy and vigorous.

Mechanics and manufacturers keep pace in progress with the increase of productions that come from the farmer's hand. The institutions of useful knowledge are developed with the increasing wealth of a nation's agricultural riches. The germ of financial morality, and the antidote for all financial woe that now covers the earth, is yet to be developed by well-directed efforts in agricultural pursuits. There is a long outstanding debt of attention and respect, yet unacknowledged, that the business men of the world owe to agricultural efforts; and the time is not far distant when this debt will be acknowledged, and will be paid. And the wreck and the ruin of the property of trading millions, that now sweeps through the

financial ranks of men, is but a warning to take heed of this indebtedness. Men who are the shrewdest, and have had the most experience in trade, see and know the injustice and almost criminality that is incident to "legal trade; they are satisfied of the injustice and the uselessness of nine-tenths of the time and effort bestowed thereon.

Farmers, manufacturers, and mechanics feed and clothe the world. Traders work in an opposite direction; they take the food and clothing that others have produced, to live upon, without producing anything that contributes lawfully to the end of their temporal existence. It is a just demand of nature, that every healthy man should, by his efforts, contribute something to his own support—he useful and do good in the world—and thus it seems a just retribution from the powers that rule our existence, that "ninety-nine tradesmen in every hundred fails in business." They fail to maintain their own prosperity, because they actually do nothing to support it. Every tradesman is unwittingly the agent himself that undermines his own successes.

Let tradesmen, nineteen out of twenty, turn from their unhallowed, unproductive, speculative pursuits, to the honest, useful, healthy business of farming, whereby the necessities and luxuries of life shall be produced, and they will lend a helping hand to the true end of existence. Then, when this shall be, "man's inhumanity to man" will be lessened, and the world will be turned in the direction of the millennial age. It is the desire of all to better the present condition of living. This can never be done by the increase of labor and effort that is unproductive and useless; but it may be easily done by the increase of labor and effort that is productive and useful.

Rural Gleanings.

The grape crop of California promises to be unprecedentedly large this season, and arrangements on a greater scale than ever are making for the manufacture of wine. The "National Dispatch" says the wheat crop in Hardeman, Fayette, and the Western District generally, is a fine one, and promises an abundant yield.—The wheat crop of Ala., Ga., and Southern Tenn. is a failure, while the corn crop is everywhere admitted to be behind what it should be at this season of the year. Many fields of wheat will not yield their seed. "People are dying of starvation," said a gentleman from Mobile. "The poor are starving," said a mechanic at Montgomery. "God help us, we are starving, and that's God's truth," said the wife of a coal miner near Chattanooga.—It is estimated that 20,000 bales of cotton, of good staple, will be sent to market from Illinois the present year.—The late rains have greatly benefited vegetation in Canada, and the prospects are that the crops, although not an average, will be tolerably fair, hay excepted, which will be very light; it was too far gone when the rain fell to be much benefited.—The next State Fair in Minnesota will be held at St. Paul, in September. Horace Greeley of the "Tribune," and Otis F. R. Waite of the N. Y. Stock Journal have been engaged to deliver addresses on the occasion.—The harvest sea-