

THE FARMING MATTERS.
USEFUL INFORMATION REGARDING FARM WORK.

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What to Do With the Stones.

We have all heard the old witticism about the farmers of New Hampshire being compelled to plant corn with a rifle on account of the superabundance of stones. There are many farms, and good ones too, in these United States, on which, if the stones are not quite so abounding as that, they are nevertheless so thickly distributed as to be a real nuisance. And the worst of it is, the number in the fields seem to be just as great every year, no matter how thoroughly they were gathered up the previous season.

We once knew a good old Baptist deacon, who sturdily insisted that stones grow. "I know they do," he would say, "because after I've cleaned 'em all out of my garden one year, there's just as many there next year, an' more, too." We won't quarrel with the deacon's logic; it's as good as many a more scientific theory that has had its day and departed. The fact remains that the supply of stones on many farms is apparently inexhaustible, and what to do with them is a serious problem.

There is a limit to piling them on top of the ground, either in the form of stone wall or of big mounds, like a Biblical monument. Stone fences are a good deal of a nuisance themselves. Unless laid in cement—which would be rather too expensive for the ordinary farmer—they become harbors for undesirable "small deer" of various sorts, and through them and long side of them weeds and brambles find unmolested foothold—

"The wild brier,
 The thorn and the thistle grew higher
 and higher."

Yet this seems to be the readiest way to dispose of a vast quantity of loose stone picked from cultivated fields.

Another plan is to bury them in drains which is a useful method, but likewise limited. They may also be utilized in filling up swampy spots; and some wet holes will absorb an immense lot, especially if, as is desirable, the valuable muck is first removed and composted for fertilizing purposes.

A good deal of stone might be made use of, with the aid of a neighborhood stone breaker, in improving the condition of the roads. In stony localities, it is true, there are apt to be more stones in the road than are wanted at any; but there are almost always stretches of low-lying road that need improvement, while a smooth roadway of broken stone is better everywhere than one made up of boulders and ruts.

These are some of the ways in which stones may be disposed of. And yet, when all is done, in stony regions they are apt, like the poor, "always with us," a problem as unsolved and unsolvable as the origin of evil.

A New Strawberry.

The story comes from El Dorado County, Cal., of the discovery of a new and uncommonly delicious variety

of strawberry. It was found several miles up in a wild state, some 3,600 feet above sea level on the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The plant yielded abundantly berries of medium size of exquisite flavor, and the finder declared that he had lighted upon a rare berry bonanza.

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We suspect that there is just a touch of the breezy hyperbole of the glorious West in the description of this new candidate for popular favor; but we are ready to welcome the "honey strawberry" to the list and recommend the trial of it—if, indeed it will flourish away from its Sierra wilds.

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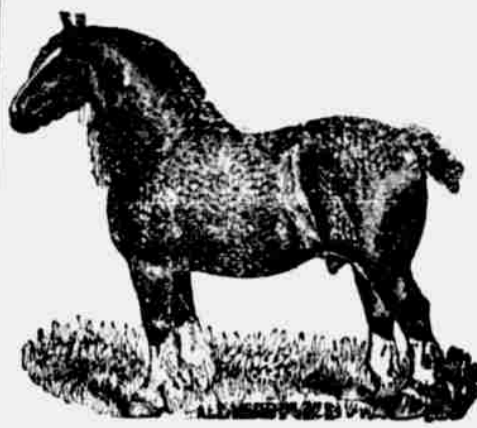
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