

POETRY.

CORN SONG.

Heap high the farmer's wintery hoard!
Heap high the golden corn!

Let other lands, exulting gleam
The apples from the pine,

We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain,
Beneath the sun of May,

All through the long bright days of June,
Its leaves grew bright and fair,

And now, with Autumn's moonlit eyes,
Its harvest time has come,

There richer than the fabled gifts
Apollo showered of old,

Let vapid idlers roll in silk,
Around their costly hoard;

Who'll not thank the kindly earth,
And bless the farmer girls,

Then shame on all the proud and vain,
Whose folly laughs to scorn

The blessings of our hardy grain,
Our wealth of golden corn!

Add let the good old crop adorn
The hills our fathers trod;

Still let us for His golden corn,
Send up our thanks to God!

AGRICULTURAL.

How to Secure Good Fruit Crops.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Vauclose recommends, that in order to ensure a large crop in fruit trees the following plan should be adopted:—

The Hop.

Hopping is said to be a very healthy operation. Many have had a complete restoration of health by it. Though the taste be bitter, the perfume is delicious.

Something New.

If the following correspondence can be relied on, a very general idea (that mules are barren) will be exploded:—

Great Yield.

Sixteen acres on the Elk Island estate of Julien Harrison, of Goocheland, Va., is said to have produced the present year, the large amount of six hundred and forty bushels of wheat—averaging fifty-three and three quarter bushels of wheat per acre

USEFUL RECEIPTS.

Muffins.

Add a pint and a half of good ale yeast to a bushel of the very best white flour; let the yeast lie all night in water, then pour off the water quite clear; make two gallons of water just milk-warm, and mix your water, yeast, and two ounces of salt well together for about a quarter of an hour.

Curing Bacon Without Smoke.

To smoke the best bacon, fat your hogs early and fat them well. By fattening early you make a great saving in food, and well fattened pork. Then kill as early as the weather will allow, and salt as soon as the animal heat is gone with plenty of the purest salt, and about half an ounce of saltpetre to one hundred pounds of pork.

To Ignite Damp Matches.

A damp match will light readily by first holding it to the arm or other warm part of the body for a few seconds, until it attracts a small amount of heat, then rubbing it gently on woollen cloth of close texture, such as doe-skin, or what is commonly used for pantaloons. It will ignite if the composition is almost as soft as putty; woollen cloth is the best to use in that case, as it causes little friction, and is a good non-conductor of heat.

Black Reviver for Seedy Coats and Old Hats.

Bruised nugsails, one pound; logwood, one pound; water, five quarts. Boil down to four quarts, and add sulphate of iron, four ounces; dissolve and strain. When cold, add eight ounces of ox-gall. After the material is well brushed, moisten it with the Reviver, and when dry again use the brush.

Buckwheat Cakes.

We have printed in this part of our paper several times the fact that buckwheat meal makes very much better cakes by being composed of one-fourth of good oatmeal. Thus: With every three bushels of buckwheat grind one bushel of bright, heavy oats, as if all were buckwheat. This meal gives a crust and lightness to the cakes, adding much to their quality and wholesomeness.

The Tribune for 1857.

The Election is past, and its result proves that the work devolved on the Republican party is not yet completed. In all the Eastern and Northern portions of the country—in New-England, New-York, Ohio and the North-West, the Republican banner floats in triumph; while in Southern Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois—in short, wherever grogshops more abound than school-houses, and where common schools are too new and too feeble to have educated the present generation of voters—the black flag of Slavery obstructs the sunshine.

AMERICAN AND ORIGINAL.

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