THE FARMER.

Varieties of Wheat.

A correspondent of the Michigan Farmer, who inquires respecting the different varieties of Wheat—especially as to the "China Wheat," "Tea Wheat," "Australia Wheat," "Tuscany Wheat," &c., is thus replied to by the editor, in the following interesting remarks:

The Chinese wheat is a white, beardless variety, and is very little known; we believe it is a winter wheat, but is not cultivated to any extent. The Tea wheat is sometimes known as the Siberian wheat. It is a spring variety, and considered one of the very best. The berry is white, and it yields a pure white flour. The straw is rather short, and the heads of medium length, but the grains are not closely packed, each whorl being distinct and separate from the one above it, giving the head a lean, unprolific and light-bearing appearance.

The Australian wheat is a winter variety which has been introduced within the past year. It is a large-stemmed, heavy-strawed wheat, with a very long large berry. Several farmers have tried it in this State, and some of them have found it to produce largely. Still it has not become a favorite. In the trials to which wheat has been submitted for the past three years, the Australian variety seems to have been wiped out.

There are two varieties of Tuscan wheat—the Tuscan Bald and the Tuscan Bearded. Both are winter varieties, and were introduced from Tuscany into the State of New York in 1837. The berry of both varieties is large and white, and the heads are large, compact and well filled. Both varieties are tender, and liable to winter kill, and this defect has not permitted either to become generally cultivated. Where this has not happened, or where the variety has been acclimated, it has produced heavy crops. The Messrs. Penfield advertise Tuscany wheat for sale, and could undoubtedly procure the seed of any variety which might be wanted.

"White Flint" and "Soule's Wheat" are two distinct varieties. Both are white wheats, and both are winter varieties. The first is supposed to have been originally introduced into New Jersey in 1814, from Spain. There is also a sort of traditional claim that it was brought out from the Black Sea. The straw of the White Flint is of medium length, not so large as that of some other varieties, but tough, solid towards the root, and not so liable to lodge. The heads are a medium length, with from thirty to forty grains in each. The grain is white in color, plump, not large, but solid, with a thin skin. Mr. Rawson Harmon, of Wheatland, Monroe county, New York, states that a valuable peculiarity is found in it, and which no other variety possesses to a like degree, and that is the tenacity with which the berry adheres to the chaff. This variety also is considered very hardy, and the heaviest crop ever grown on the Genesee Flats was from this variety and the Red Chaff Bald, the two giving back 68 bushels and 43 lbs. per acre.

The "Soule's Wheat" was first introduced into notice by Jonathan Soule of Perrington, Monroe county, New York, in 1836 or 1837. This is a bald variety, having a straw of medium length, with a heavy, full head. The wheat looks like a mixture of red and white, and some heads have a red chaff and some are white. The berry is white, of medium size, very thin skin, and yields a large proportion of flour of the best quality to the bushel. It has long been a favorite variety in this State, but of late it has deteriorated, we think, owing to want of care in selecting the seed. The Bluestem, and the Canada Flint, or Canada Club, or Hutchinson wheat, as the latter is sometimes called, have been found more prolific, and have taken the place of the Soule's wheat with many farmers. While others have given up white wheat altogether on account of their inability to grow it, and have taken to the Mediterranean as being more hardy, and more certain to prove profitable.

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