

## Influence of Forests on Climate and Soil.

From an able address of Prof. A. Winchell, on "The Soils and Subsoils of Michigan," we extract the following, which ought to be read by every farmer, and, if necessary to keep it in memory, framed and hung up in his house. Its truths apply not only to that State, but far beyond it, and are of great importance:

"The earliest and most pervading agency exerted by man in the modification of the soils of the Peninsula is the destruction of forests. Forests are the garments of the soil. They protect it equally from excessive cold and from excessive heat. They shelter the snows from the drifting power of the wind, and are thus enabled to await the lapse of the rigorous winter, with their feet wrapped in a fleecy blanket. Every autumn they pay back to the soil, with interest, all that the soil has expended upon them. They feed off the burning rays of the summer sun, and restrain the fervor of the atmosphere. They shield the soil from the evaporative influences, and maintain an equable degree of humidity. On sloping surfaces they bind together the soil, and resist the deluges of torrents.

"All these conditions and results are changed when the forest is removed. The sweeping blast of winter strikes the earth with the fury of an invisible demon—drives off the natural covering of the soil, and exposes the roots and stems of vegetables to an unwanted and often insufferable trial. The circumstances of spring time are changed. The soil feels very slight fluctuation of temperature—freezing by night and thawing by day—instead of reposing in peaceful shelter under its coat of snow till the unchanging season is able to guarantee a vegetable degree of warmth. And then, when summer comes, the burning sun rapidly dries up the moisture of the soil, and the whole air becomes torrid and dry. Instead of a regular humidity and gentle rains, the agency of man has substituted alternating thirst and floods. And, on hill-slopes where the natural ligatures of the soil have been removed, sudden torrents wash it away, and score the earth with ugly gorges and ravines.

"A most striking example of the effects of clearing a fine and inchoate soil is seen in the rear of Vicksburg, where recurring torrents have gnawed the hillsides into most unsightly shapes; and whole plantations have been borne into the Big Black and Mississippi, to find their way to the Balize."

"Similar in kind are the efforts on our gravelly hillsides. It is not surprising that deteriorates their soils, so much as the action of torrents in transporting the alluvial particles to lower levels."

"Such results should be foreseen and provided against. It should at least be required that all abandoned soils subject to wash should be planted with trees, which will eventually restore the surface to its primitive condition, and compensate, to some extent, for the fearful destruction of the primitive forest. If this matter is overlooked we shall reach the condition of some of the older countries of Europe—fields washed away, villages destroyed, population on the wane, and authorities anxious about the diminishing revenue."

—Moore's Rural New Yorker.

The Atlanta Intelligencer says a friend relates to the editor this incident: "Coming," he says, "to Atlanta, on Monday last, I saw an old freed woman lying on the side of the road, dead, and two younger ones standing by her remains. I asked what had been the matter with her? The reply from one of the girls was: 'She perished to die, but she free, though.'

Ladies and milliners will be interested in learning by a late letter from Paris that "the bonnets without any crowns, drooping at the brim," will soon be obsolete, and consequently ridiculous. All crowns are "hoisted" and the style called "empire" prevailed largely. A decree of banishment has also been issued against mask veils, and lovely narrow draperies of gauze will soon reign in their stead.

General Robert E. Lee is writing an elaborate history of his campaigns from the time he assumed command of the Rebel Army of Northern Virginia, after the battle of Seven Pines, to the capitulation at Appomattox Court House on the 9th of April. The Richmond Bulletin says it will be "a truthful and impartial narrative, written by the greatest actor of the war."

THE NATIONAL TREASURY.—The daily receipts of the treasury from internal revenue at the present time fall below half a million of dollars. The receipts will, however, soon be largely increased when collections can be made on the annual lists. The expenditures of the government are now, and have been during the past month, enormous. The average daily receipts from subscriptions for the 730 notes approximate five millions—but so unprecedented are the expenditures that recourse to certificates of indebtedness in order to pay off contractors has been necessitated.

As New England seems determined that the negro shall vote, and that he shall receive a certain price for his labor, the proper way to accomplish this is to have the negroes moved into New England. This would place the negro under the exclusive control of New England, and that country could then have the matter of miscegenation, negro wages all its own way. There could be no more quarreling over the negro, and New England, as well as the rest of the country, would obtain permanent peace. —[Continued.]

A MOTHER'S PRIDE.—"The man who has raised a cabbage head has done more than all the metaphysics in the world," said a stump orator at a meeting. "Then," replied a wag, "your mother ought to have the premium."

"What a fool!" said Patty Prim, when she heard of the capture of Jeff. Davis; "of course all the men would run after him if he was dressed as a woman, and he was sure to be caught."

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