# Agriculture, &c.,

### FARMING CAPITAL.

Much of the success of the farmer depends upon his having command of a sufficient amount of capital, and the way in

which it is applied,

The great evil with the majority of them is that they seem to consider that their land is their capital, and so endeavour at the very commencement of their career to invest every dollar they possess, and often a little more besides, in the purchase of a large farm, leaving themselves with nothing but their labour with which to carry on the operations of the farm, often at the risk of having to run in debt to an extent that all the earnings of a half stocked and negligently cultivated farm can never pay for. Thus matters go on till the farmer finds his land yearly getting poorer, himself getting worn out with hard work, and his debts accumulating to such an extent that he has to sell off his stock, often his farm, and move to some other location.

Probably more than half the farmers in the country find that after paying their hired help, taxes, the cost of supporting themselves and their families, they have but little or nothing left to lay by,. and are often obliged to sell the productions of their farms just as soon as they can be sent to market, be the price what it may.

Now, if a farmer would be content to own only just so much land as, after paying for, there would still be left sufficient capital to stock properly, and with good stock, purchase the best labour-saving implements, and still leave a reserve to fall back upon should crops fail, or prices rule low in the fall, and at the same time be content to work his farm so as to keep it in good heart, looking rather to the future than the immediate realization of present profits, he will find himself getting in a better position from year to year, and as his capital increased from being judiciously laid out, he would be able to make many improvements that would add greatly to the value of the farm, as well as the comforts of his family .- Canada Farmer.

## CLOVER.

Clover differs entirely from the cereals in this respect, that it sends its main roots prependicularly downwards, when no obstacles stand in the way, to a depth which the fine, fibrous roots of wheat and barley fail to reach; the principal roots of clover branch off in creeping schools, which again send fresh roots downwards. Thus clover, like the pea plant, derives its principal food from layers below the arable surface soil, and the difference between the two consists mainly in this, that the clover, from its large and more extensive root surface, can still find a sufficiency of food in fields where peas will no longer thrive. The natural consequence is that the subsoil is left proportionably much poorer by clover than by the pea. Clover seed, on account of its small size. can furnish from its own mass but a few formative elements for the young plant, and requires a rich, arable surface for its development, but the plant takes comparatively but little food from the surface of the soil. When the roots have pierced through this, the upper parts are soon covered with a corky coating, and only the fine root-fibres, ramifying through the subsoil, convey food to the plant .- Liebig.

## TO CLEAN PAINT.

The Coachman's Journal gives the following simple method to clean almost any kind of paint that has become dirty, and if our housewives would adopt it it would save them a good deal of trouble :- Provide a plate, with some of the best whiting to be had, and have ready some warm water and a rag, squeeze it nearly dry, then take as much whiting as will adhere to it; apply it to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove dirt or grease. After which, wash the part well with clean water, rubbing it dry with a soft chamois. Paint thus cleaned looks as well as when first put on, without any injury to the most delicate colours, It is far better than using soap, and does not require more than half the time and labour.

According to a foreign paper, a method has been discovered by which the produce of an acre of potatoes may be greatly increased. It consists in cutting off the stalks a couple of inches below the blossoms when the flowers appear. The difference in the yield is said to be enormous, -as 8

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