

[For the department best suggestions, facts and experiences are solicited from housekeepers, gardeners, and agriculturists. Address: Agricultural Editor, John, Belfast, Maine.]

THE SEASON OF 1880.

In looking back over the season just past, and summing up its results, it is fair to conclude that, on the whole, the farmers have very little cause to complain. It has been more than usually dry, and yet, such crops as have been raised have been raised in a very satisfactory manner, and the crops of grain, especially of corn, are unusually large and the crop of wheat is also unusually large. The average of corn is so large and the crop of wheat is also unusually large. The average of corn is so large and the crop of wheat is also unusually large.

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[Written for the Republican.]

The Sugar Question.

In a recent paper on sugar, in the

Princeton Review, Hon. J. A. Wells

takes a discouraging view of the

of the beet and the sugar cane sources

for the future commercial production of

sugar. He says "the natural source or

supply of sugar, especially in the United

States, is the sugar cane and wherever

nature has placed it, it is in the hands of

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What are they worth to you or I?

For the sake of the runs out in an hour,

And death stands ready to claim his due.

Sending honors, or heaps of gold—

What are they all when it is told?

A gain or a pleasure, a smile or a tear—

What does it matter which we fear?

For we step from the cradle into the bier,

And a careless world goes on its way.

Hours of gladness, or hours of sorrow—

What will it matter to us to-morrow?

Truth of love, or vow of friend,

And the world goes on its way.

For the best of days, and the long night years,

What does it matter to us to-morrow?

The grave will open and cover them all.

Homeless vagrant, or honored guest,

Poor and humble, or rich and great.

All are packed with the common fate.

Life from childhood till we are old—

What is it all when it is told? [The Wheeler.]

Betsy's Bonnet.

"Well, Uncle Abel, now you are off for

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"Well, no, not quite yet, John. I

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to Belfast on court business....Miss Fanny Carter
is very ill at Boston.



