

tion of many farmers, and must form a very considerable item in our list of exports. The eastern merchants, who have turned their attention to the development of the resources of this great valley, have seen that the time is at hand when the chief supply of this article must come from the west. The west must and will, at no distant day, supply all that is needed, either for the United States Navy or for American shipping. We have the soil, climate, labor, and every thing requisite to its production; the only thing in which we are deficient is the manner of handling and preparing it for market, and the condition in which it is sent to market. In this particular there is much to be learned, and until those who have the preparation of it learn this, the hemp of the west will not occupy that position in the market, or bring the price which it should.

Below we give a circular from a large mercantile house in New York to their correspondent in this city, which embodies many suggestions which are worthy the attention of our farmers.—*Mo. Repub.*

The most successful mode of preparing dew rotted hemp, would *prove* to be by "*thoroughly clearing it from tow and shives,*" by hackling, and, for the past two years, his mode of preparation has been adopted to some extent in Kentucky and Missouri, and with success.

In the selection of hemp for hackling, we would advise taking good quality only; the first requisite being a fine clean staple, which is much more valuable for this purpose than coarse rough hemp; a bright fair color is also preferable when equal in other respects.

The result of hackling depends very much upon the selection of hemp, as, if the staple is coarse, or inferior, imperfectly rotted and cleaned, it will require a greater amount of labor, will suffer more loss in tow and shives, and when ready for market, will also be inferior in value. A good quality of hemp may be reduced in the process of hackling, *advantageously*, say 25 to 35 per cent., depending, however, entirely upon the order and condition of the hemp.

When hackled, it should be put up in hands, say of 8 to 12 lbs., tied firmly, at or near the root end, at full length, and in that order baled.

It is not so liable to damage in transportation, is exhibited to much better advantage when opened for sale, and it is the order in which Russia hemp is packed, which in all respects is taken as the standard. When hackled, or water rotted, the expense will be well repaid by covering the sides with wrappers, and allowing the ends to remain open.

During the past two years we have very regularly obtained for dew rotted hemp 6c. a 6½c. per lb.; say \$134 48 a \$145 60 per ton.—That these, or very nearly these rates may be obtained hereafter, we have much confidence, and unless a more generally successful method should in future be adopted, in water rotting,

HEMP.—This article deserves, and is receiving a considerable share of the attention of eastern and western merchants. It must be regarded as one of the principal staples of the west—and which will engage the atten-

we believe our western dew rotted by hackling, allowing the tow and inferior hemp to find a market at home, for the manufacture of bale rope and bagging.—*Visiter.*