

tained as cheaply, all the advantages considered, as in any other section of the country.

These natural advantages of the State of Maryland adapt it particularly to the requirements of small farmers. Especially is this the case, with the bay and river counties, where the land can be conveniently divided into farms of any size. Experience, too, has demonstrated, that these small farms, devoted to the cultivation of vegetables or fruit, yield a better profit than the larger farms, with wheat, corn and tobacco. Except in two counties, (Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties,) very little attention has been given to this quality of produce, except for home consumption; but these counties furnish ample evidence that the profits from a single acre well cultivated never fall below \$200, and advance from that figure to \$600 and upwards. The appended statements and tables give desirable information about this branch of industry; but, to bring the matter directly to the comprehension of every reader, the product and price of two of the most ordinary vegetables is here cited.

In one acre of ground you can plant 5,000 head of cabbages. The extreme price given in the quotations for vegetables at different periods of the past year, is 15 cents a head, though, during the last Spring, they have been sold as high as 40 cents. Take the lowest price, 7 cents, and you have as the sum total for your acre of cabbage \$350. \$100 is a very large deduction for the cost of preparing your land and cultivation of it, but even at that figure you have a net profit of \$250 per acre. The average yield of onions is about 400 bushels per acre, and the price never descends lower than \$1 per bushel, with the same deduction it will be seen \$300 per acre will be realized.

Letters from some of the most reliable farmers of the State are also appended. It will be seen from these, that the extreme figure mentioned above, (\$600 per acre,) has been realized in sweet potatoes. But this must be taken as an exception to the average. It is designed to raise no expectations by this publication that cannot be realized by actual trial, on the lowest figures presented. An advance can easily be obtained, but this must be based on the skill and industry of the producer.

What is true of vegetables, is also the case with fruits, though a longer time would necessarily elapse before the first crop could be produced. Peaches grow abundantly in every section of the State, and grapes, wherever tried, yield a large and profitable crop.

As the Germans are particularly adapted from experience and taste, to the cultivation of vegetables and fruits, this branch of industry is particularly directed to their attention. That no greater number of Maryland farmers have devoted especial attention to it, is due to several causes, they have