

clear unclouded skies of Spain and Morocco ripen and harden the grain standing, or before it is taken in, so that it will keep good and sweet for years. In Poland, again, the rain commences when the corn is ripening; but to harden the grain, they cut only as much daily as their drying barn will dry in the course of the night.

These barns, where the farm is large, are like our country parish churches, as to size, shelved round with racks, and heated like our hot-houses. Every one knows the fine quality of the Baltic wheat. Here, six times out of seven, in our moist climate, the grain is damaged for want of some precaution of this kind. The only chance of saving it, is accidentally if it set in a hard frost, which withdraws the moisture from the grain in the ricks. This very year the grain has been greatly injured by the moist warm winter. This deterioration would not have taken place if the grain had been dried daily and threshed out. The farmers care not for that, as they know they can cause us to eat it if they choose. If a free trade in corn should take place, they must bestir themselves.

The farmer can occupy his land as advantageously in rearing cattle, and not tear the land to pieces in raising unnatural crops which the soil and climate will not admit of. Oats and barley are the only grains which Aberdeenshire is capable of producing, and these only when the ground is well rested with grassing. Our lairds (they must do as their fathers did before them) farm the mains themselves for their support, and husband their incomes from the out-farms to make provision for their younger children. This war gambol is at an end; the Millenium is commencing—their battle of Waterloo was the great battle of Armageddon. The people are now become too wise to suffer unnecessary wars to be carried on for no other purpose than to make provision for the aristocracy.

It is amazing, or rather it is most disgusting, to see the petty tricks set on foot to provoke strife and perpetuate bloodshed. Nothing can be more so than a malignant report of one of the speakers in the Police Court, represented in the *Journal* a few days before the great explosion. The *Journal* declared one of the commis-