THE ENFIELD SENTINEL.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1880.

THE FARM.

Recipe for Curing Meats.

The season being close at hand when farmers cure their meats for the year before them, and knowing the heavy losses often sustained when the work is not well done, we append the following recipes clipped from the *Country Gen'leman*:

The following recipe for curing hams was first published in the *Cultivator* over thirty years ago, and constant yearly use of it has convinced us that it has no superior: For one hundred pounds of meat take 7 pounds of good salt, 2½ pounds of brown sugar (or one quart of molasses), 2 ounces of saltpetre, 1 ounce of cayenne pepper, and 2 ounces of cloves. Two ounces of black pepper may also be used, if it is not distasteful to those who are to eat the hams. Pepper is used merely to prevent attacks of flies. Boil all the ingredients in sufficient water to cover the meat when closely packed in the cask. Skim and cool before pouring over the meat. The same ingredients can be used for rubbing the hams, if this mode is preferred to a pickle. For rubbing, however, it is better to add another pound of salt, and half a pound of sugar to the above ingredients. This pickle is equally good for hams, shoulders, bacon, corned beef and dried beef. When corning beef, the meat should be well rubbed in salt and packed closely in a cask two days before it is pickled. This extracts the blood, and the meat must be taken out and washed before packing for final pickling.

From the various recipes for making country sausage, sent to this paper during the last four or five years, we select the following as most likely to give satisfaction:

For 100 pounds of meat, one quart of salt, qt. (or 6 oz.) of pulverized sage, and 10 oz. of pepper.

Two pounds of salt, 6 oz. of sage, and 10 oz. of black pepper.

Three pounds of salt, 12 teaspoonfuls of pepper, and 4 teaspoonfuls of sage.

Two and one-half pounds of salt, 1½ pounds of sage, 13 oz. of pepper, and 7 oz. of mustard.

Two and one-half pounds of salt, 7½ oz. of pepper and 1½ pints of sage.

Two and one-half pounds of salt, 10 oz. of sage, five oz. of summer savory and 9 oz. of pepper.

Two and one-half pounds of salt, 4 oz. of sage, 6½ oz. of pepper, 5 tablespoonfuls of sugar, 3 oz. of allspice, and 5 oz. of ginger.

Most of the ladies sending these recipes mix the ingredients and meat by hand, at about blood heat. One advises mixing the ingredients with the meat while it is being run through the sausage-cutter. Some put them into skins; some use long, narrow muslin bags, and others pack in pans or jars, covering with melted lard, to exclude the air.

Sheep in Winter.

Two extremes should be avoided in the matter of shelters. One may be insufficient, while the other may be so close as to be unhealthy. The majority of mistakes are with those who shelter insufficiently. In such instances more food is consumed than would otherwise be required, an increase being a true. The shelters on the sheep farm should be made to increase in size as rapidly as the flock multiplies its numbers.

The water supply should be carefully looked to. A flock of given number will drink more water in winter than will be needed when in pasture. If such an arrangement can be economically secured, access to water twice a day is better than but once. This for two reasons, first, the more timid animals which are likely to be held back in the morning by their stronger fellows have a chance when the latter are not so eager and, secondly, danger from over-drinking of cold water is obviated. Use of snow in lieu of water should be forced upon the flock only under extremest necessity. Stock will live under such circumstances, but satisfactory thrift will not be secured.

Ewes in lamb should, so far as practicable, be fed and sheltered separately from the non-breeding animals, as the crowding and more rapid movements of the latter are apt to result injuriously, while such separation makes more convenient certain little attentions to which breeding ewes are entitled as the yeaning season approaches, and which may be profitably accorded to them.—*National Live Stock Journal.*

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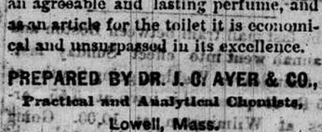

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