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FEEDING HORSES.

For a period of over thirty years, more or less, says a correspondent of the *Country Gentleman*, horses have been under my control. I personally superintended the feeding. During this time no horses have died, and I have had but little sickness. A straw cutter, with rawhide rollers, has been in continued use until the present time. In the cutting of the food for two teams, enough is saved in one year to pay for its purchase. While the horses are eating their dinner enough can be cut for the next meal, then watered to moisten it and destroy the dust, and with it four quarts of meal are ample for each horse. The meal is one third corn, one third oats; and the other shorts. A variety is made by giving a few small potatoes or carrots weekly. The benefits resulting from this kind of feeding are that we have no sick horses, they being always in good health and order; there is no danger of founder from hired men feeding when too warm; they can eat it sooner, and are ready to go out; neither is anything wasted (by throwing from the manger, etc.) and it does them more good. I believe, as no whole grain is passed and lost. Being out of meal for a few days, a number of feeds were given them of small ears of corn, with plenty of cobs, unground.

Two had to be taken to the city immediately for treatment of colic, and, by prompt action at once, they recovered. This is the last of whole grain feeding. Of course the same good quantity of hay and grain is given when cut as when they cut it for themselves.

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No horse should be worked or driven on the road longer than five hours without food. The stomach of the horse is small, compared with the cow or ox, and he digests his food in three or four hours. Consequently his stomach is empty at the expiration of that time after feeding, and a rapid exhaustion of strength follows an empty stomach. Therefore, feed after working or driving five hours, and let the horse rest one hour after feeding.

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In cases of caked udder in cows foment the affected part with hot water and rub with the hand several times a day. Proper feeding and a dry bed will, as a rule, obviate the necessity of treatment for this complaint.

Garlic is a source of trouble to some dairymen. Let the cows out to pasture where this odorous plant grows for a half hour, just after milking; the milk or butter will not taste. In a week or two the garlic will have been eaten off, so that it will do no further harm.

William Dean, of Upper Delaware, last season planted potatoes quite early, harvested the crop in due season, and then used the small potatoes for a second planting. The experiment, he informs us, was a failure; though it was made at the suggestion of E. H. Bancroft, living further down the State, who had succeeded in getting two crops in one season. Further south, we should suppose, the above plan might prove profitable.

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William Hamlin and wife Mildred Hamlin, John Cheek, Jackson Hall and wife Nancy Hall, Virginia Cheek, David M Cheek—Plaintiffs.

against

Warren Ferrell and Bartlett Gooch, Heirs at law of Solomon Gooch—Defendants.

Petition for Partition.

IN the above case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Bartlett Gooch one of the defendants resides beyond the limits of this State. It is therefore ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Hillsboro Recorder; notifying him to appear in our Superior Court to be held at said Hillsboro on the 6th day of May next and plead, answer or demur and if he fail the plaintiffs will apply to said Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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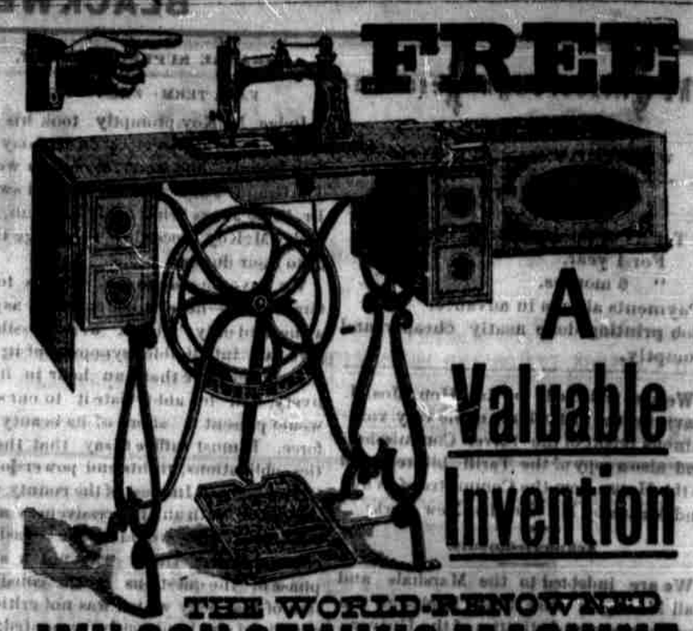

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