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HOME AND FARM.

{"He that by the plow would thrive, Himself must either hold or drive."}

Signs of a Prosperous Farmer.

When lights are seen burning in his house before the break of day, in winter especially, it shows that the day will never break, on the breaking in of the winter of adversity.

When you see him drive his work instead of work driving him, it shows that he will never be driven from good resolutions, and that he will certainly work his way to prosperity.

When he has a house separate from the main building purposely for ashes, and an iron or tin vessel to transport them, it shows that he never built his dweling for a funeral pyre for his family, and perhaps himself.

When his hog-pen is boarded outside and in it shows that he "going the whole hog or none" in keeping plenty inside his house and poverty out.

When his sled is safely housed in summer, and his farming implements covered both winter and summer, it plainly shows that he will have a good house over his head in the summer of early life, and the winter of old age.

When his cattle are properly shielded and fed in winter it evinces that he is acting according to Scripture, which says that "a merciful man is merciful to his beast."

When he is seen subscribing for a newspaper and paying for it in advance, it shows that he is speaking like a book respecting the latest movements in agriculture, that he will never get his walking papers to the land of poverty.

Cotton Facts.

Farmers in making every effort to plant a large acreage in cotton, are you asking yourselves what will my crop yield me in the fall? Let us look at the market, and see if we are justified in trusting ourselves to raise cotton and nothing but cotton.

The receipts at all the Ports from Sep. 1st., 1830, up to and including Friday last aggregated the enormous sum of 5 351 348 bales against 4 538 867 bales for same period of the previous season, an increase of 712 481 bales. the receipts still continue heavy and the crop is now estimated at between 6 300 000 and 6 400 000. The result is, middling cotton is now selling in New York for 10⅝ per pound, and tending downward. The present outlook for the growing crop is better than that of last year at this time, and with good seasons there will probably be a crop raised exceeding that of any previous year; say 6 750 000. The result of this favorable outlook is that cotton for next November and December delivery is now being sold for 9-9-10 cents per pound for middling cotton in New York, equal to about 8-2-2 cents here, or 8 cent here for our grade, with every prospect its going very much lower. Plant then abundance of corn and reserve plenty of land for long forage.

Professor Riley says that kerosene or oil of any kind is sure death to insects in all stages, and the only substance with which we may hope to destroy the egg. Oil will mix with fresh milk or sour, and thus may be diluted to any desired extent.

When cows want to chew bones, says an exchange, it is well to give them some steamed bonemeal. It will be partly digested; what is not digested will be recovered with the manure; no loss will be incurred and no harm will be done, and some good may result.

Excessive drinking of water by farm animals is said to increase the consumption of fat in the body. Too watery fodder and too much drinking are therefore to be avoided, especially in fattening, if we wish to attain the most rapid and abundant formation of flesh and fat.

Corn alone is not good for fowls.—They need a variety of food for perfect healthfulness, and the food should not be given in excess. Too much corn makes excess of fat and disorders the liver. Scalded bran with some potatoes once a day will be useful, and corn may be given also once a day in small quantities, one quart for twenty fowls.

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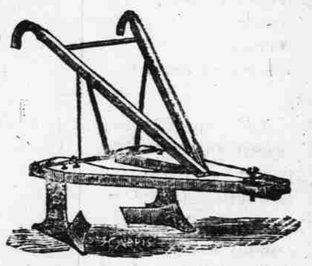

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