

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Straw and Silage for Sheep.

Since it has become established, in my section at least, that sheep can be well wintered on straw, or, at most, straw and a few cents' worth of grain, they have advanced in price 50 per cent. For several years good store or keeping sheep could be purchased in the fall for \$3 or less, and now they are from \$4.50 to \$5. Several of my townsmen who had not kept abreast of the sheep market, because they are not general readers of the press, were offered and accepted \$3.25 for their flocks, thinking they could replace them readily at the low figures of past years; but, after several days' search, they learned to their chagrin that they could not buy short of \$5. But even at \$5 good ewes are cheap; 25 cents will winter one six months if the owner has straw, and for the other six months her pasturage is worth 5 cents a week, making her year's keep \$1.55. Her wool will be worth \$2 and her lamb \$4 to \$5; so a large per cent. of profit is in her favor, barring dogs and accidents.

Some advocate silage for sheep-feeding. It answers for wethers and fattening ewes, but is not desirable for breeding ewes. It has been tested, and the weight of the evidence is against the practice. The ewes do not do well at lambing time, and the lambs are inferior. After the lambs are dropped however, silage is valuable feed, and in hot-house lamb-growing supplies the place of roots. Timothy hay alone is also an unsuitable food for ewes in lamb; it is constipating, while straw is not. Any person who will observe the difference in droppings of straw-fed and hay-fed sheep will confirm this assertion. When the evidence is before my eyes that breeding ewes wintered on straw alone sheared 8 pounds per head, each had a lamb and every lamb lived, I am inclined to say though I confess reluctantly, that straw is sufficient. There is a bright, immediate future for the sheep industry.—[Cor. N. Y. Tribune.

To Those Who Pay for Advertising.

Often it is that some small merchant—small in ideas, small in calibre, small in stock and small in everything, thinks he will gull the public by a sensational advertisement. On this small scale of ideas he hunts around for cheap papers, gets the most for his money, according to his idea, fails to make connection with the purchasing public and then says that advertising does not pay. We say frankly to the merchant of repute and good standing that—

Advertising fictitious bargains is a failure.

A small business and large expenses is a failure.

Poor clothing and big advertising is a failure.

Night trade is a failure.

Two prices is a failure.

A low price in the window and a high price in the store is a failure.

Old styles and condemned fabrics (no matter how cheap) are a failure.

Shoddy clothing advertised and sold as wool is a failure.

Cheap and inattentive salesmen (hired on commission) are a failure.

Bargains in the newspaper and apologies in the store are a failure.

Large profits and small sales is a failure.

Running down your competitors is a failure, besides being mean.

Advertising goods "at less than cost" all the year 'round is a failure and a lie in the bargain.

Stick to a legitimate business. Advertise sensibly and keep the stock you advertise and you are bound to succeed.

Fast Horses for Farmers.

In purchasing or hiring a plough horse stake off a mile of road. Mount the horse and see how many minutes it will take him to walk a mile. A horse that will walk three miles an hour is worth at least three times as much as a horse that walks but two miles. The three mile horse not only does as much work in two days as the two-mile horse does in three, but he enables the man behind the plough to do 50 per cent more work in a day than he can do behind the two-mile horse. And the man and horse consume with the slow team 50 per cent more rations in doing the same work that the fast walker does. In twelve months the man would do no more carting and ploughing with the slow horse than he would do in eight months with fast walker.

Suppose a farmer to hire a man and a two-mile horse to do an amount of ploughing and carting that it takes three months to perform, and pays \$3 a month for the horse, \$3 for his feed, and \$18 for the man, who boards himself; \$24 a month three months, \$72. If he hires the same man at \$18 a month and pays \$3 for horse feed and \$4 for a fast walker, he can do in two months what the slow team would do in three. Two months, fast team and feed and ploughman, at \$25 a month, \$50. Direct loss by slow horse, \$22. Besides the work done by the slow horse is not so well or seasonably done—the seed may be put in the ground to late, the grass may get ahead of the plow, and the indirect loss by the slow team may be serious, besides the \$22 loss as stated above.—[Picayune.

Spreading Manure in Winter.

"Manure made in the winter should, when it is possible, be spread as it is made, on the land where it is to be used," says American Agriculturist, and is added that "it is a fact that cannot be controverted, and has been abundantly proved, both by reason and practice, that manure is never worth more than it is the day it is made. Nothing is added to it, but usually much is lost from it by lapse of time. Except on steeply sloping ground the manure is safe from all danger of loss, and is put where it will do the most good when it is spread on the land direct from the stable. There is no more handling of it, and if it is rained upon all that is dissolved from it goes into the soil, just where it is wanted. Hence it is a convenience and an economy to haul out the manure and spread it as soon as a wagonload is gathered."

Human Nature.

Yellowly—"Just see that old drunkard they're taking into the station there. What a wreck he is!"

Browly—"Yes, rum appears to have drowned him."

Y.—"It's the way with them all; once they start, there's no knowing when they will stop."

B.—"That's so. Well, as it's a pretty cold night, suppose we go in and take a drink?"

Y.—"All right."—[Boston Courier.

Give the cows a variety of food to some extent. A cow gets tired of one kind of food all the time.

Tell your neighbor he can get the paper and the American Farmer for \$1.50. \$2.50 for \$1.50.

DRUNKENNESS... LIQUOR HABIT... In all the World there is but one Cure, Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

It can be given in a cup of tea or coffee without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been cured who have taken the Golden Specific in their coffee without their knowledge, and to-day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effect results from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Send for circular and full particulars. Address in confidence, GOLDEN SPECIFIC CO., 185 Race Street, Cincinnati, O.

\$2.50 For \$1.50.

THE AMERICAN FARMER is the best stock journal in the country, with AGRICULTURAL READING to make a good paper for the general farmer. It is issued monthly for *One Dollar a Year*. THE PRESS AND CAROLINIAN is a first class family newspaper, devoted to Temperance, Morality, Politics, Wit and Humor and general News. It is issued weekly at *One Dollar and Fifty Cents a year*.

We will give both the above papers to new Subscribers for \$1.50 and any of our old ones who pay old arrears and a year in advance.

The Hickory Printing Co. has moved into the north room of Elliott's Opera House in order to have more room and try to give the people a paper to be proud of.

Have you a friend far away or near by, to whom you would make a New Year's gift? Send him the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN for a year. It will keep him reminded of you the whole year through.

This is a good time to get your neighbor to subscribe for this paper. We can furnish a few new subscribers with this industrial issue.

A comfortable room and fair board can be had by two ladies or a gentleman and wife at Mrs. Murrills. 1-2t.

A number of new subscribers added to our New Year happiness. We have space for a few more.

Do you like the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN? Tell your neighbor so and ask him to take it.

Visiting cards, Engraved, Printed or written. HICKORY P'T'G Co.

You want job printing? Try the Hickory Printing Co.

ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? SHILOH'S Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by O. M. Royster

FORDYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by O. M. Royster.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cts at Royster's Drug Store.

THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE."

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A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50c at Royster's Drug Store.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker-Mouth. For sale by O. M. Royster.

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Organ and Piano Co.

BOSTON, NEW YORK, CHICAGO.

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I buy for cash and get BARGAINS, which I am now offering to the public!

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For Men and for Boys,



FOR EVERYBODY. SIXES FOR EVERYBODY.

BOOTS FOR FARMERS.

Hats, Caps, Cents' Furnishing Goods!

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Look at my stock in the above lines before you buy elsewhere.

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Anything you want in this line!

I carry a fine line of FANCY CANDIES, CIGARS, Etc. Will take any kind of small grain in exchange for goods at Cash Prices. RESPECTFULLY,

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Sept-1

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By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame.—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in half-pint tins, by Grocers, labelled thus: JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.



If any dealer says he has the best boots, shoes without name and price stamped on the bottom, put him down as a fraud.

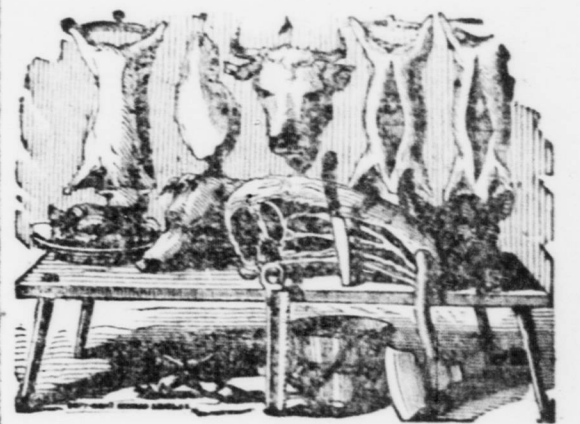


W. L. DOUGLAS 3 SHOE FOR GENTLEMEN.

Best in the world. Examine his HAND-MADE WELT SHOES. FOR GENTLEMEN AND FARMERS' SHOES. BEST QUALITY CALF SKIN SHOES. WORKINGMAN'S SHOES. BOY'S SCHOOL SHOES. All made in U.S.A. Bottom and Lace. W. L. DOUGLAS FOR LADIES. 3 SHOE. Best Material, Best Style, Best Fitting. W. L. DOUGLAS, BROCKTON, MASS. "Examine W. L. Douglas \$2.00 Shoe for gentlemen and ladies." FOR SALE BY LINK, McCOMB & CO. HICKORY, N. C.

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—AND—

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FURNITURE, Baby Carriages, &c.

Solid Cherry Chamber Suits—8 pieces, \$35.

Handsome Walnut, Antique Oak, Cherry and Mahogonized Chamber Suits, full marble tops, \$55 to \$90.

Elegant Lounges, Parlor Suits and Rattan Chairs.

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