

Agriculture, &c.,

SELECTING COWS.

A Vermont stock raiser gives the following rules for selecting cows:

"First, I get a broadside view of the animal at a distance of about two rods, as I have noticed for years that there was a great similarity in the general proportion of all first-class milkers, being very small in girth just back of their forward legs, as compared with their girth just forward of their hips. I have never known a first-rate milker, of any breed, not thus proportioned; so that if this form is wanting in an animal I have recommended to me, I do not care to look at her more, unless I want to breed for some other purpose than the dairy. For breeding oxen I should want a cow of reverse proportion, i.e., larger girth forward. I next feel the size of the milk veins, and trace them to their entrance into the chest, which in superior cows, are large, admitting the ball of the large finger; if divided, or subdivided, as is sometimes the case, I judge of the size of each orifice, as I care less for the size of the vein itself than the orifice. Next examine by sight or, touch the udder or bag, which must be capacious in order to hold much milk, with teats wide apart and free from large seed-warts or sores of any kind. I then inquire how long she goes dry before calving, as I don't want a family cow to give milk less than forty-six weeks out of every fifty-two; also, as to the quality of the milk; and, to close, I milk her with my own hands."

WHAT FARMERS CANNOT CONCEAL.

A poor farmer cannot conceal the fact that he is a poor farmer. All his surroundings proclaim the verdict against him:—his horses, cattle, wagons, harness, ploughs, fences, fields—even his wife and children bear silent, but unmistakable evidence against him. On the other hand, all these things will testify favorably on behalf of the good farmer. Every passer by can read the evidence pro or con. This fact, alone, ought to stimulate every farmer to do his best, for the sake of his own character, as well as interest; for he may rest assured that every passer-by will pronounce judgment according to the evidence.—Ohio Farmer.

BEST FOOD TO MAKE HENS LAY.—A correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph says: "Last winter I procured two barrels of bone meal, intending to use it for Irish potatoes and other garden crops; my wife, however, appropriated some of it to manuring in the flower garden; by simply strewing it on the surface of the ground around the bushes. The fowls have free access to the garden and were discovered eating the meal very eagerly. Thinking it might be of service to them, we gave them some for several weeks, and I assure you it was but a short time before the eggs began to come in such numbers as we had never before known! If a nest was broken up to prevent a hen from hatching, it was but a few days before she was laying again, and thus it continues until the present time."

FENCES.—A Kentuckian writes to the Northwestern Farmer that of a lot of telegraph poles we put up in Kentucky, the chestnut rotted first, the cedar gave way next, the locust stood five years longer, and were still nearly sound.

The Utica Herald gives three rules for renovating old pastures: 1. In winter, lime them in the wet places. 2. In summer, mow them where bushy. 3. Keep sheep on them, and feed the sheep with beans and oil-cake.

CEMENT FOR BROKEN VESSELS.—To half a pint of milk, put a sufficient quantity of vinegar to curdle it; separate the curd from the whey, and mix the whey with the whites of four eggs, beating the whole well together; when mixed, add a little quick-lime with a sieve, until it acquires the consistency of a paste. With this cement, broken vessels or cracks can be repaired; dries quickly, and resists the action of fire and water.

HOME MADE GUNNANO.—Collect a barrel of bones, crush them; mix with a barrel of oak or hickory ashes; moisten with soap-suds, apply a quart or two at a time. Use as a fertilizer on melons, squashes, early corn and cucumbers; allowing a gill to a hill.—Hearth and Home.

When stoves are red hot the gasses of combustion will leak through their pores like water through a sponge. This is one cause of the unhealthiness of rooms thus heated.

PROLIFIC.—The Pictou Standard reports that a Ewe, belonging to Mr. Hector Ross, Middle River Point, gave birth to 4 lambs, this Spring. Last Spring the same Ewe had two, and the year previous four, thus giving birth in three years to 10 lambs.

OATS.—A bill to reduce the standard weight of oats to thirty-three and one-third pounds per bushel has passed both branches of the New Brunswick Legislature.

PRODUCE IN N. B.—A bill to incorporate a Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Company has passed the New Brunswick Legislature. The factory will be located in the Dutch Valley, County of Kings, which is one of the best grazing-districts in the sister province.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

From April 25th, to May 8th, 1869. Last Quarter..... May 3rd, 9 26 Morning. New Moon..... " 11th, 11 53 Morning. First Quarter..... " 18th, 5 15 Afternoon. Full Moon..... " 25th, 11 9 Morning.

Table with columns for Day, SUN, MOON, HIGH WATER AT Wk., Rises, Sets, Halifax, Windsor. Rows for 23 SU, 24 M, 25 Tu, 26 W, 27 Th, 28 F, 29 S, 30 S, 1 S, 2 SU, 3 M, 4 Tu, 5 W, 6 Th, 7 F, 8 S.

For the time of HIGH WATER at Pictou Pictou, Walloway and Yarmouth add 2 hours to the time at Halifax. For HIGH WATER at Annapolis, Digby, &c., and at St. John, N. B., add 3 hours to the time at Halifax. The time of HIGH WATER at Windsor is also the time at Amherst, Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, &c. For the LENGTH OF DAY double the time of the sun's setting.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after MONDAY, 4th January, 1869, Trains will be run as follows:— MAIN LINE.

Table for Main Line with columns for Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight, Ditto Local Freight, Ditto Local do., Ditto (Through). Rows for Halifax to Pictou and Pictou to Halifax.

WINDSOR BRANCH.

Table for Windsor Branch with columns for Carrying Passengers, Mails and through Freight, Ditto Local Freight, Ditto Do. Do., Ditto (Through). Rows for Halifax to Windsor and Windsor to Halifax.

A. LONGLEY, Commissioner.

Table with columns for Jan. 6, 31.

TOILET.

FOR a period of one or more years, from the first day of May next, that pleasantly situated Dwelling house and premises, at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, formerly owned and occupied by the late Thomas Spurr, and now belonging to the Estate of the late T. Lovett Bishop. This property consists of the large and convenient dwelling house—a horse stable and coach house, and all necessary outbuildings—about twelve acres of land attached, including the large front lawn, judiciously planted with ornamental and fruit trees, and the Garden, enclosed by a hawthorn hedge and stocked with an extensive variety of fruit bearing shrubbery; and pear, plum, and cherry trees, and the whole of the land in the highest state of cultivation.

Besides the above there is a field, containing ten acres, separated from it only by an intervening field of equal size, owned by another proprietor. The property described, being situated within a walk of five or ten minutes only, from the Railway Station, will form a most desirable residence for a gentleman and family who may be desirous to remove from the city to a healthful rural residence, and where all the accessories of comfort and happiness are available at a cheap annual rental, and a moderate annual expenditure. For terms, and other particulars, parties are requested to apply to Hon. S. L. SHANNON, Halifax, or to either of the Subscribers:— CHARLOTTE BISHOP SMITH, EXECUTRIX. T. W. CHESLEY, EXECUTOR. Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., Jan. 30th, 1869. Feb. 24. wes. l.f.

Let Us Have Peace. THE MUSIC To be performed at the GRAND NATIONAL PEACE JUBILEE, To be held in Boston, June, 1869. Comprising 16 Choruses from various Oratorios and Masses. Just Published and Ready For Sale. Price 50 cents. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. OLIVER DITSON & Co., Publishers, 277 Washington St., Boston. CHAS. H. DITSON & Co., 711 Broadway, New York. April 14.

Floor Oil Cloth. JUST received ex "Forest King" from London and "Rosenath" from Glasgow, our Spring supply of English and Scotch Floor Oil Cloth, which can be cut to any size or shape. Also a large assortment of Iron Bedsteads and Stretchers Children's Bedsteads, Bedding of every description, Superior Feather Beds, Best Goose Feathers, and warranted free from unpleasant smell. ONE TON GOOSE FEATHERS, in bags. Three hundred sets of NARROW SLATS & OTHER VENETIAN BLINDS GORDON & KEITH Orders from the Country promptly executed May 20.

ASSIGNEES' NOTICE.

WHEREAS Richard Forsyth, of Cornwallis, in King's County, yeoman, having by deed of Assignment, and bearing date the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1869, assigned all his Real Estate, personal property, debts, credits and effects, to the subscriber, for the benefit of his creditors as therein specified, notice is hereby given that the said deed is now in the office of the subscriber for inspection and signature, and all creditors of the said Richard Forsyth, not executing the same within three months from the date of the said indenture of assignment, will be excluded from any benefit arising therefrom. AUGUSTINE A. PINEO, ASSIGNEE. Waterville, Cornwallis, March 1st, A. D. 1869. March 10. till May 11.

CHIPMAN & RUMSEY, Produce and General Commission Merchants. No 5 DUKE STREET, Near Fishwick's Express Office, HALIFAX.

PARTICULAR Interest taken in the sale of all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and consignments respectfully solicited. Place of business central, and ample facility for the storage of goods. City References: E. W. CHIPMAN & Co. AVARD LONGLEY, Esq. Sept. 23.

GREAT CLOSING SALE OF English and American BOOTS AND SHOES AT AND BELOW COST.

THE Subscriber will offer from this date the balance on hand of the above mentioned Goods at DECIDED BARGAINS! And will continue the sale until the whole is disposed of.

WHOLESALE BUYERS - Will find in this STOCK, some Very Cheap Job Lots. TERMS CASH. GEORGE S. YATES, 22 & 23 George Street. N. B.—This Stock has no reference to Home Manufactured Goods. Feb. 3.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. INTENDING Housekeepers and those refurnishing can do much better than speculating in second hand articles at auctions, by an inspection of our unrivalled stock of custom-made first-class FURNITURE, comprising:—DRAWING ROOM SETS, DINING ROOM SETS, HALL FURNITURE, BEDROOM SETS, Several suits of Drawing Room Furniture, finished in plain and fancy Rops, Brocatelles and Damasks; Wardrobes, Book Cases, Whistnota, Fancy Tables, Fancy Chairs, &c., &c., in Walnut and Mahogany. GORDON & KEITH. May 20.

To Parents and Sabbath School Teachers. JUST PUBLISHED. A SCRIPTURE CATECHISM, for the Family, the Bible Class, and the Sabbath School, BY S. SELDEN. At the end of the Catechism are the following HYMNS:—"Around the Throne," "My Heavenly Home," "The Sabbath School," "In the Christian's Home in glory," "Happy Day," "Shall we gather at the river," "There is a happy land." Price 8 cents or \$6.00 per 100. Feb. 17.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY. 66 Granville Street, Halifax. Keep constantly on hand a good supply of STANDARD RELIGIOUS, THEOLOGICAL AND SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS, Including those of the LONDON, AMERICAN STIRLING and DUBLIN TRACT SOCIETIES, with selections from leading Publishers in Great Britain and the United States. COMMENTARIES by Lange, Jacobus, Barnes, Plumer (on the Psalms), Ripley, Hodge, Alexander, Scott, and Henry; Valuable Helps for S. S. Teachers, such as Pardee's S. S. Index, House's S. S. Hand Book, Todd's S. S. Teacher, S. S. Times (an excellent weekly Paper, \$1.35 a year), &c. A liberal discount to Clergymen and S. Schools. N. B. The Society have recently purchased the Stock and effects of the Religious Book and Tract Society on Barrington St. Both Depositories (now united) are removed to 66 Granville Street, Opposite the Province Building. S. School Papers, Religious Magazines, &c., furnished by the Society, as formerly by the Depository on Barrington Street. Orders addressed to REV. A. McBEAN, Secretary of the Society, Halifax, will be promptly attended to. Dec. 2.

PREMIUM VENETIAN BLINDS. W. FRASER & SON HAVING been appointed by the manufacturer of the above celebrated Blinds, sole Agents for Nova Scotia, the public are respectfully invited to call at their Ware Rooms 70 & 72 Barrington Street, Halifax, and examine Samples of different Styles and prices. They are the best and most durable, article in use for Bay Windows, Drawing Rooms, Dining Rooms, Halls, Conservatories, Public Buildings, &c. These Blinds are of different widths of slat, and trimmed with Worsted or Silk, with plain or carved cornice, to suit the taste of purchasers. Oct. 20.

OLD STOCK.

A Large Variety every description of IRON BEDSTEADS. Will be sold at Cost to make room for new arrivals. Also—A choice lot of Old

SEASONED SCOTCH FLOOR CLOTH, AT REDUCED PRICES. As the above Stock is the Largest and best selected in town, purchasers will find this an excellent opportunity for securing articles of the best quality, much under market value. McEWAN & CO., Cabinet-makers, Upholsters & Bedding Manufacturers, 20 BARRINGTON STREET. March 3.

FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITES \$1.50 per bottle, 6 bottles for \$7.50. FOR SALE BY JOHN K. BENT, 134 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S., Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, SPONGES, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, &c. Garden Seeds, Dye Stuffs, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded, and orders answered with care and despatch. Farmers and Physicians from the country will find my stock of Medicines complete, warranted genuine, and of the best quality. Jan. 13. 6 mths.

THE PROVINCIAL MELODIST, A NEW COLLECTION OF 202 Hymns and 82 Tunes, suitable for Sabbath Schools, Prayer Meetings and the Social Circles. Price 20 cents each, or \$2.00 per dozen. "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE, 59 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX. Aug. 19

FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITES. THE power of arresting disease displayed by this Preparation is honourably acknowledged by the Medical Faculty in every section where it has been introduced; and the rapidly increasing sale is the best guarantee of the estimation in which it is held by the public. This Syrup will cure Pulmonary Consumption in the first and second stages, will give great relief and prolong life in the third. It will cure Asthma, Bronchitis, Laryngitis, Cough and Colds. It will cure all diseases originating from want of Muscular Action and Nervous Force, such as Enlargement of the Liver, Enlargement of the Spleen, Dyspepsia, Rickets, Feeble and Irregular action of the Heart, Local and General Paralysis, Non-retention of the Urine, Prolapsus Uteri, Prolapsus Ani, Aphonia or Loss of Voice. It will cure Female Irregularities, Leucorrhoea, Weakness and Debility, Chlorosis, Anemia, and restore the blood to purity and health. It will return the buoyancy and vigor of youth in all cases uncomplicated by actual loss of organ.

For sale by Chemists and Apothecaries at \$1.50 per bottle; or six for \$7.50. If not obtainable in the locality where wanted, the Proprietor will forward six bottles to any address in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, free, on receipt of the price, \$7.50. Oct. 21. cow.

NOTICE. THE business heretofore conducted under the name and style of JAMES THOMAS & SONS, Hat, Cap & Fur Dealers, in consequence of the retirement of Mr. James Thomas, will in future, be conducted by JOHN R. THOMAS & PETER E. MCKERROW, at the old stand, corner of Barrington and Sackville Streets. All persons indebted to the late firm are requested to make immediate payment, and parties having claims against the firm are requested to render the same for adjustment. The Subscribers beg to return their thanks to the general public for past favors, and respectfully solicit for the new firm a continuance of the same. JAMES THOMAS, J. R. THOMAS, P. E. MCKERROW. Halifax, 1st January, 1869. Jan 6.

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