

Agriculture, &c.

DAIRY COWS.

Dairy cows are only profitable in some people's estimation during the summer and autumn, and many farmers actually have not enough milk in the winter to supply their own table with fresh butter, while others, to obtain some, give the two or three cows having the most milk about them the filthy dish-water and refuse from the kitchen, to keep them giving some; the consequence of which is nauseous butter, which, like the stuff they feed the cows with, is only fit for pigs to eat. Dairy cows will prove the capacity of any man for the business of farming; for there is no stock which, so to say, resents parsimony so quickly, and if any one cannot make a lot of cows pay well neither could he make a flock of sheep cut wool enough, and make sufficient mutton to answer the purpose of keeping. Penurious men must change their disposition in these days of progress, for the price of dairy produce is highly remunerative, and so also is the price of meat, so that there is a double inducement to feed well. The right sort of cows must be raised; for lack of judgment will spoil other good qualities, and the best kind of food should be grown, and this is where winter dairymen fail; for the mangolds and carrots are the cheapest food to feed with hay and meal, and without roots no dairy will do well.—Country Gentleman

CELERY.

This most excellent vegetable should now be making vigorous growth. It was formerly the custom with good gardeners to hoe up the earth during the season, to blanch it, but the best way is to cultivate it flat until late in the season, or three or four weeks before the time to dig it. If it is only raised for home use, and is needed for the table during the autumn, then it will be well enough to blanch a part of the crop early. We have noticed that when it was heaped up during the season it sometimes got rusty and wormeaten, while when the new method was adopted, it came out very white and fine. If the crop is not making good growth, it should receive a dressing of guano, or superphosphate, which can be easily applied before a hoeing. Some who grow in limited quantities apply liquid manure with very excellent results.

THE HORSE.

The front of the horse's chest contains his lungs, by which he breathes. Behind them, separated only by a thin kind of skin, is the stomach, destined to receive and digest the food. Each of these organs becomes larger when in use; the lungs occupying more room when the animal is moving about and breathing more quickly. The space they occupy is then so filled that only one of them can be distended at a time. The horse can swell out his lungs, and breathe hard, trot, or gallop fast, provided his stomach be empty; he can fill it with safety when at rest, or nearly so, till the food is digested. But if they are both full, the greatest danger is to be apprehended; the horse is sure to be "blown" almost immediately, because he has no room to breathe, and apoplexy may cause the animal to drop dead in a minute. No horse should be allowed to get an unlimited supply of food. A proper quantity should be given and no more—enough to satisfy his requirements, and then to allow proper time for him to digest it. Many a horse has been killed from a fit brought on by the corn in having been left open at night, thus giving him an opportunity to gorge himself to death with tempting food.—London Horse Book.

ITEMS.

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A judicious system of rotation of crops is the sign of an intelligent farmer.

Barley succeeds best after roots, and requires a rich mellow seed bed, and a dry or well drained soil.

The character of a man is known by his surroundings; and a nicely cultivated, well fenced, trim kept farm, with good buildings for his crops and stock, in dicates a farmer that makes farming pay, and at the same time is not ashamed to be considered a gentleman, and is always willing to help the poor, and be just to all.

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