# Agriculture, &c.

WATER YOUR HORSES.

Horses should never be kept so long without water that they will drink largeby when they get it. Give it to them often, and they will never injure themselves with it. Nothing is more common than to hitch a team to a plow, and make them work half a day without a drop. What man would submit to such treatment? If the plow is started at seven in the morning, water should be given again before ten; and again in the afternoon by four o'clock. Even if half an hour is thus consumed, more work will be done in a day. The objection that horses on the road should not "be loaded with water," is not valid. A horse weighing twelve hundred pounds will not be much incumbered additionally by twenty pounds of water, while the distension will give him additional strength. Every farmer knows that when he himself undertakes to lift a large log or heavy stone, he can do more by first inflating himself with air, and not unfrequently he losses a button or two trom his pantaloons in the operation. Some degree of inflation by water will add to a horse's strength in a similar manner. In driving a horse on the road at a natural gait of nine or ten miles an hour, I have frequently had occasion to observe that he was laboring with perspiration until I let him drink freely, when he ceased to sweat, and evidently traveled more freely. Do not be afraid to give your horses water; the danger is in making them abstain too long, in which case care is needed.—Cor. Country Gentleman.

#### HARD-MILKING COWS.

A correspondent of the Western Rural gives the following directions for the cure of a troublesome defect in some cows. He says: "Any one troubled with a hardmilking cow, can remedy it by going to the hen-coop, taking a small feather, and just clipping off the tip end; it will then be handsomely rounded; cut the feather end off, and you have a milking-tube. Get three of them. If you are careful, you can insert these, and old Brin won't know it! Milk the fourth teat; the rest will take care of themselves. If your cow does not milk easy enough, get large quills. Any cow can be made to discharge her milk by continuing this practice, and she will never know how it was done."

FOWLS REPT IN CONFINED SPACE should have soft food at least once a day, say first feed in the morning, and plenty of green food; lettuce during the season is excellent, also cabbages: the heads should be thrown whole to the fowls, not chopped, it will afford them employment. Meat should also be supplied, also they may eat cach other's feathers. A skewer run through a bullock's liver and then fastened to the ground in the centre of the yard is a capital plan, it enables the birds to pick off the meat in mouthfuls without its being drawn all over their yard. A change of food occasionally is always desirable.-

BUFFETTING INTO FRIENDSHIP .- All sorts of expedients are adopted to prevent fighting when a fresh rooster is turned down in a yard. We can suggest a very simple plain, which has the prime merit of being very successful. Tie an empty bag to the end of a long stick, and when the birds are intent on their encounter, buffet them with the bag one after the other. If they are watched for a short time, and this is done whenever they attempt to fight, they will give up their pugilism really from "fear of the sack." - Canadian Poultry Chronicle.

Considerable alarm has been excited in England by reports of the appearance of rinderpest near Berlin. The exigencies of the war, it is supposed, have caused some relaxation of the stringent regulations respecting the admission of cattle from Russia into Germany, and hence this fatal disease has once more passed from the Russian steppes, where it is mostly confined, into Western and Southern Europe.

He who will not give some portion of his ease, his blood, his wealth, for other's good, is a poor frozen churl.

Those who will not return to the duties they have neglected, cannot expect to return to the comforts they have lost.

As we hold a candle to the flame, until it is fully lighted, so we must hold ourselves to Christ and his word by meditation.

#### MESSENGER ALMANACK.

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