# Agriculture.

WEATHER SONG

When the weather is wet, We must not fret; When the weather is cold. We must not scold; When the weather is warm, We must not storm; But Be thankful together, Whatever the weather.

SOAKING CORN FOR HORSES.

A correspondent of the Prairie Farmer writes as follows:

One of the best farmers that I know saves one-third of his corn by soaking it before he feeds it out to his horses. His plan is this: He places two hogsheads in his barn cellar, secure from the frost, fills them with ears of corn, and pours in water until they are covered. When well soaked he feeds out of one to his horses. and by the time this is exhausted the corn in the other hogshead is well soaked. The cobs become so soft that the horses, eat them with as good a relish as they do the corn, and they require only about two-thirds as much corn as when fed without soaking.

#### KEEPING COOL.

The intensely hot weather of summer is on us, and persons working out of doors are liable to sunstroke, and if that is not always imminent, other ailments are, that an intense heating of the blood and brain makes more or less sure.

If the head is kept cool, the man is generally safe; and an experience in the hay field that reaches over nearly a dozen summers, before mowing-machines were in general use, leads us to say that a bunch of green grass worn in the hat, moistening it occasionally when it gets hot and somewhat dry, is one of the best preventives of sunstroke or dizziness, as well as a most agreeable arrangement for promoting comfort while at work. A wet cloth is perhaps as good, but the wisp of grass is always at hand, and if appropriated as suggested, will work wonders.

### BEETS.

The culture of the beet is said to be worth more to a country as a fertilizer than the treatment of the root, the waste pulp proving more valuable then the sugar. It is fed to barned cattle in large quantities. It is stated that in France, where the business has grown to enormous dimensions, the increase in the cattle on account of beet pulp is wonderful. In the district of country surrounding the city of Valenciennes, where, before the production of beet sugar, seven hundred oxen were the total amount, eleven thousand five hundred are the total amount raised last year. But this is not all. This enormous increase of stock has so much advanced the fertility of the land that one hundred and ninety-two thousand bushels more wheat are raised in the same district per annum than were ever raised in previous years.—N. Y. Com. Bulletin.

The horse that draws its halter with it, says the proverb, is only half escaped. So long as any remnant of a sinful habit remains in us we make but an idle boast of our liberty; we may any moment be caught by that which we drag with us.

A piece of vegetable charcoal laid on a burn at once soothes the pain, says the Gazette Medicale, and, if kept applied for an hour, cures it completely.

A famous strawberry farmer says that if he lives twenty years longer he will produce a strawberry as large as a pineapple, and as delicious as the best field strawberry.

The wheelbarrow, for simplicity of construction, strength, courage, and general moral excellence, is the superior of the velocipede, and ought to be encouraged.

It is said that if windows, or other things, are washed with water in which garlies or onions are boiled, house flies will avoid them altogether.

If one ounce of powered gum tragacanth, in the white of six eggs, well beaten, be applied to a window, it will prevent the rays of the sun from penetrating.

Keep the heart fresh by not despising small things, improve the judgment by knowing so called great ones.

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