

Agriculture, &c.

HOW TO FATTEN A POOR HORSE.

Many good horses devour large quantities of grain or hay, and still continue thin and poor; the food eaten is not properly assimilated. If the usual feed has been unground grain and hay, nothing but a change will effect any desirable alteration in the appearance of the animal. In case oil meal cannot be obtained readily, mingle a bushel of flax-seed with a bushel of barley, one of oats, and another of Indian corn, and let it be ground into fine meal. This will be a fair proportion for all his feed. Or the meal or the barley, oats and corn, in equal quantities may be first procured, and one-fourth part of the oil cake mingled with it, when the meal is sprinkled on cut feed.

Feed two or three quarts of the mixture two or three times daily, mingled with a peck of cut hay and straw. If the horse will eat that greedily, let the quantity be gradually increased until he will eat four or six quarts at every feeding three times a day. So long as the animal will eat this allowance, the quantity may be increased a little every day. But avoid the practice of allowing a horse to stand at a rack filled with hay. In order to fatten a horse that has run down in flesh, the groom should be very particular to feed the animal no more than he will eat up clean and lick his manger for more.—Am. Stock Journal.

CORN FODDER.

We have had a conversation with a farmer of long and close observation, who has the reputation of being one of the best farmers in Kennebec county, and who for years has devoted much of his time to the production of butter for the Augusta market.

"Do you feed cows?" We asked. "Yes," is the reply; "I have fed them for nearly two weeks, ten days certainly. I give them fodder corn, and feed my working oxen as good hay as I have in the barn." "What was the effect of feeding fodder corn to your cows?" we required. "It increased the flow of milk at once, which for a week kept much above what it had been on pasture feed. Now, getting no feed in the pasture and feeding them almost exclusively on fodder corn (which is this year far less succulent than usual) I find they just about hold their own. Cows that are not fed fodder corn have shrunk fully one-half in the quantity of milk produced."

Isn't this farmer's statement as to the value of fodder corn worth something? And should not the present severe drouth admonish every one to provide a good piece of it for another year? Now is the time to think of such things.—Maine Farmer.

A heifer or cow will make beef earlier than a steer. An old cow or an old sheep will not fatten so well with hay as with grass. The longer the straw of any kind, the worse as fodder; short straw is said to be invariably the most nutritious. Cattle always prefer that which is fresh threshed, a day even making a difference.

A writer in the Journal of Agriculture says he is farming with the steady view of making the most money of what he has in hand; and finding that his barley brings him nearly double the price of the same weight of wheat, he sells the barley and buys wheat to feed the hogs and horses.

A queer sign.—To see grass eating animals; to see animals eating grass is common enough of course!

A FRENCH agriculturist estimates that the loss of farmers in the sections invaded by the Prussians amounts to \$800,000, 000.

An obliging class of men.—Auctioneers, who attend to every one's bidding.—Punch.

A FARMER gathers what he sows, while a seamstress sews what she gathers.

A thin whitewash, sprinkled through a watering can is claimed to be a thorough exterminator of all kinds of bugs.

A sheltered run by means of a roof on the south side of a tight board fence is a good thing for chickens.

Nail rust often corrodes the wood, and a board is seen falling from the fence because the hole becomes too large for the nail. Heating the nail slightly and dipping it in grease will prevent it.

Lemon Pie.—1 cup of sugar, 1 egg, cup of water, 1 lemon, 2 tablespoon of flour; when nearly done spread with the white of an egg well beaten, with a very little sugar.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

November, 1870.

Full Moon, November 8th, 3h. 17m. morning. Last Quarter, " 16th, 4h. 44m. morning. New Moon, " 22nd, 9h. 6m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 29th, 6h. 19m. afternoon.

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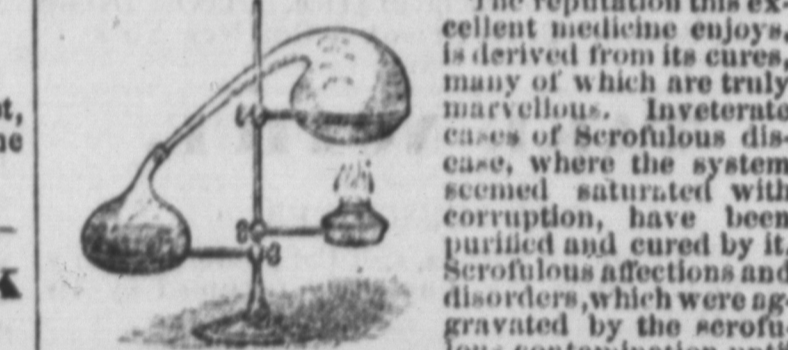
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