

Agriculture, &c.,

"COUSIN FLOY" the writer of the following stanzas, from a Philadelphia paper, was probably a Nova Scotia girl.

WINTRY DAYS.

Throw on the wood, and pile it up high, Give good hearty food to the flames ere they die;

Jack Frost's at the door, trying hard to get in; He taps at the window's cold shrouded pane;

Johnnie comes shivering down from up stairs; Mother comes in from out-doors, and declares:

This brings to mind the land of our birth, And, gathering round the now glowing hearth,

Mother tells of the winter's blustering snow, While father joins in with, "Oh, Didn't it blow?"

"Ah, yes!" replies ma, "and scarce were the times, Few were the clothes, and hard were the times."

"And yet, we were happy," dear father begins, And beautiful tales of olden time spins;

Yet with all the rough usage old winter doth give, Its dear, kindly mirth we would much rather have,

Then throw on the wood, and pile up the fire, We want to keep warm, that's all we require;

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SELECTING MILCH COWS.

Hon. Charles L. Flint, Secretary of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, delivered a lecture on the Principles of Breeding, at the Agricultural Convention at the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

I will not stop to discuss the indications of milking qualities, but simply to mention some of the most prominent.

First, the milk-mirror, or escutcheon. Guenon, a Frenchman, whose life was passed among cows and dairy cattle,

discovered certain marks on the udder and its surroundings, which he called the escutcheon, and deemed an infallible sign of milking qualities.

The milk-mirror is one of the best signs of a good milker, but sometimes this mirror is possessed by cows of inferior quality.

Animals that are being fed up for the butcher need every care and attention. Regularity in the hours of feeding is of the greatest importance,

if we wish to fatten an animal. The feed must be so regulated that they will keep constantly gaining in condition without becoming really fat,

PREPARING SEED GRAIN.—Every care should be taken to select the best and most profitable varieties of grain for spring seeding,

There are a great number of external signs, which judges consider indications of milk, most of which are found to fail in individual cases;

QUICK-MADE ROLLS.—Mix well together one quart of flour, two small tea spoonful of cream of tartar,

regular, a good appetite, and if in milk, a strong inclination to drink, which a large secretion of milk almost invariably stimulates.

A bright, sparkling eye, but of peculiar placidness of expressions, with no indication of wildness, but a mild, feminine look; small tapering, yellowish horns; small, thin neck, tapering towards the head;

WINTER WORK ON THE FARM.

The principal work of the farmer during the long, and comparatively leisure season of winter, should mainly be directed towards accumulating a supply of plant food for the next season's crops.

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