Agriculture, &c.,

"Cousin Floy" the writer of the following stanzes, from a Philadelphia paper, was probably a Nova Scotia girl. They indicate kindly remembrances in the "father" and " mother" of earlier days in "the land of our

WINTRY DAYS.

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

Make every thing dance with their sparkling

For we want to keep warm, these cold wintry

Jack Frost's at the door, trying hard to get ju; He taps at the window's cold shrouded pane; He angrily screams, as he flies on his way,-"I'll give you enough of this wintry day."

Johnnie comes shivering down from up stairs; Mother comes in from out-doors, and declares "It grows colder and colder. I really don't

But this beats Nova Scotia's cold, ice, and snow."

This brings to mind the land of our birth. And, gathering round the now glowing hearth, We listen to tales of the homes far away, Where they lived and enjoyed many a wintry day.

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

"Ah, yes!" replies ma, " and scarce were the dimes,

Few were the clothes, and hard were the

" And yet, we were happy," dear father be-

And beauteous tales of olden time spins; While roaring and crackling the fire speeds on, Defying the wind, till the cold day is done.

Yet with all the rough usage old winter doth Its dear, kindly mirth we would much rather Its merry old Christmas a thousand times

Than a world of spring days,-though all might be sweet.

Then throw on the wood, and pile up the fire, We want to keep warm, that's all we require; Come on, hoary winter, we'll greet thee with We'll bid thee good welceme, but be glad when thou'rt gone.

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; trom which address we take the following extract:

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, and who was a careful observer, discovered certain marks on the udder and its surroundings, which he called the escutcheon, and deemed an infallible sign of milking qualities. It consists in certain perceptible spots, rising up from the udder in different directions, forms and sizes, on which the hair grows upward, while the hair on the other parts of the body grows downward. This turning up of the hair is an indication of the structure and tissues beneath, and if the mirror is strongly marked, by placing the hand upon it the veins and net-work may

The milk-mirror is one of the best signs of a good milker, but sometimes this mirror is possecred by cows of inferior quality. In such cases, the other signs of the quality will be wanting. We should find whether the cow possesses such marks as a large udder in proportion to the size of the animal, and soft, thin skin, with loose folds extending well back, of great extension when filled, but shrinking to a small compass when empty; large welldeveloped milk veins, especially the large ones under the belly, which should extend well forward to the navel, and apparently lose themselves in a cavity in the flesh, into which the end of the finger can be inserted. If the cow possesses these in connection with the mirror, she may be taken as a good milker. The escutcheon is found in young calves, and when found well developed, the calf should be preserved for the

dairy. There are a great number of external signs, which judges consider indications of milk, most of which are found to fail in individual cases; but a good cow should always have a strong constitution, as indicated by large lungs, which are in a deep, broad and prominent chest, broad and well-spread ribs, a respiration somewhat slow and

regular, a good appetite, and if in milk, a strong inclination to drink, which a large secretion of milk almost invariably stimulates. In such cows the digestive organs are active and energetic, and they make an abundance of good blood, which, in turn, stimulates the activity of the nervous system, and furnishes the milky glands with the means of abundant secretion.

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; fore-quarters small, compared with the hind-quarters, and a thin, yellow, flexible skin throughout, are pretty sure indications of milk.

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. Everything that can possibly be done in the way of adding to the manure heap the progressive farmer will aim to accomplish. Swamp muck should be dug out wherever it can be had, and drawn to some place near the barnyard where it can be readily available to use as an absorbent and retainer of the salts contained in the liquefied portions of the manure. If muck be dug and exposed to the air for a year before being added much more valuable from being dried and partly decomposed. Where it can be had in sufficient quantity, muck often proves a valuable top-dressing to meadows. The amount of dressing to be applied will depend upon the state of the soil of the meadow. If it be deficient in vegetable matter, one hundred two-horse waggon-loads of muck to the acre will be none too much. Usually, however, half that quantity will be sufficient.

If leached ashes can be obtained within a reasonable distance, all that can be had should be drawn to the farm, and applied as a top-dressing, at the rate of from thirty to fifty waggon-loads per acre, to those portions that appear to be deficient in those salts of which potash is a base. To the clover crop this dressing is especially valuable, and it may be combined with muck to advantage, and plaster afterwards sown on the land, when the clover is well forward in spring.

STOCK .- Every animal on the farm should be well looked after during the winter, and care taken that each gets its full allowance of the food given out. Where all are stabled, this is an easy matter, but where they run together in the yard or sheds, the weaker ones often suffer greatly for want of sufficient food, the stronger ones taking more than their share. If the animals have commenced the winter in good thriving condition, their thriftiness is the more easily kept up, but once they lose flesh during cold weather, it becomes somewhat costly and difficult to make them regain it, as an animal in poor condition can rarely be induced to eat and digest more than will go towards keeping up its animal heat while the cold weather lasts.

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, until near the time when they can be sold to the most advantage, which is usually about Easter.

PREPARING SEED GRAIN,-Every care should be taken to select the best and most profitable varieties of grain for spring seeding, whether for home use or sale. Next, the seed to be sown should be well and thoroughly cleaned, so as to be free from foul seed of every sort, and be put away where it will not be likely to be meddled with. The best way to do this is to put it in clean barrels -empty apple barrels will do-and head each down tight, writing the name of the grain or variety on each in peneil, and set them away where they will keep dry and sound. To keep the rats from eating holes in the barrels, strew some inferior loose grain on them, or keep some in an open box in the place where they are stored away. - Can. Farmer.

QUICK-MADE ROLLS .- Mix well together one quart of flour, two small tea spoonsful of cream of tartar, one tea spoonful of soda, and one pint of milk, and bake immediately.

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FEBRUARY, 1871.

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