

TAKE CARE OF THE STRAW .--- If a farmer happens to be without straw for one winter, he fully realizes the value of it in his business. A good-straw stack makes a cheerful barn-yard in the winter. You will rarely see poor stock where there is a large stock of bright straw. It makes a dry and sheltered yard, soft, dry beds in the stall, and is worth a great deal to work in with better fodder. Bright straw and some grain will take farm horses that have little work to do through the cold months in health and good flesh. The same feed will suffice for storesheep. The straw stack affords cattle a good luncheon, but milch cows, fatting stock, and those that are young, require hay and other richer food. But the straw is of so much value that it is worth while to make the stack in the best manner, so as to keep its contents bright and dry. The top should be finished with a little fine hay, or grass cut for the purpose. By raking and triuming after the machine has gone, and topping out properly, the straw will come out in the winter as bright as when threshed.-American Rural Home.

Dr. Randall, in the Practical Shepherd, says :- " Lambs of all breeds should be weaned at about four months old; and if drought or other circumstances have occasioned a particular scarcity of pasturag? for the lambs and their dams, and the former can be put on good feed by separating them, it would be advisable to take off the lambs three, or even four, weeks earlier. The somewhat prévalent idea that it is improper to wean them in 'dog days,' has not a particle of foundation. But whatever the period of weaning, sweet, tender pasturage is indispensable for them. New seeded stubbles and the rowen of meadows are usually reserved for them in this country.

The Maine Farmer justly says :-"Weeds are undoubtedly the most expensive crop a farmer can grow. Some farmers are aware of this, and will not allow them to grow in their fields. They are subject, however, every year to the cost of destroying those which have been sown by other persons upon their lands. Every farmer who allows burdocks and thistles to grow and perfect their seeds on the roadsides against his fields, virtually sows their seeds upon his neighbour's land. TO REMOVE THE TASTE OF WOOD. -A new keg, churn, bucket, or other wooden vessel, will generally communicate a disagreeable taste to anything that is put in it. To prevent this inconvenience, scald the vessel well with boiling water, letting the water remain in it until cold; then dissolv some pearlash or soda in lukewarm water, adding a little lime to it. Wash the inside of the vessel well with this solution. Afterwards scald it well with hot water, and rinse with cold water before you use it. The reason for this is the ready combination of resinous matter with alkalies to form compounds soluble in alcohol.

per cent of the water. The actual power of a steam-engine is less than the indicated power, owing to a loss from friction; the amount of this loss varies with the arrangement of the engine and the perfection of the workmanship.

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BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE can be cured, it is said, by rapidly chewing a piece of paper. An observer asserts that he has seen the remedy tried quite frequently, and always with success. Doubtless any substance would answer the same purpose as paper, the stoppage of the flow of blood being caused by the rapid motion of the jaws, and the counter action of the muscles and arteries connecting the jaw and nose. Physicians say that placing a small roll of paper or muslin above the front teeth, under the upper lip, and pressing hard on the same, will arrest bleeding by checking the passage of the blood through the arteries leading to the nose.

RESTORING PLANTS .- Careful experiments have been recently made by which it is shown that sickly potted plants, and even those which have almost died out, can be restored to vigor by applying warm water to them instead of cold. In certain cases oleanders which had never bloomed, or did so only imperfectly, after being treated with lukewarm water, increasing the temperature gradually from 140° up to 170° Fahr., blossomed with magnificent luxuriance. Similar results occurred with an old plant of hoya, and also of an India-rubber tree which had nearly withered away: In all these cases the application of water heated to about 100 ° Fahr., without any other precution, caused a new and flourishing growth. TO CLEAN BLACK CLOTH .-- Dissolve one ounce of bicarbonate of ammonia in one quart of warm water. With this liquid rub the cloth, using a piece of flannel or black cloth for the purpose. After the application of this solution, clean the cloth well with clear water, dry and iron it, brushing the cloth from time to time in the direction of the fiber.

utes later. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY .- Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from

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