

my work, 'cause the Lord can tell a bad grape if it is smashed up, and it isn't the grape that matters, it's putting it in.'

Only one thing more stood between the little girls and the holiday excursion for chestnuts. The history lesson must be learned for Monday, and then they would be as free as the birds.

'I'll tell you what,' said Bess, 'let's begin about the middle, because the first of it never does come to us.'

'And then,' said Gussie, 'Miss Marcy will s'pose we know the beginning.'

'Yes,' nodded Bess, beginning to gabble over the words. 'I'm going to finish in half an hour—On account of these things it was plainly impossible'—

'But we don't know what things,' said Gussie.

'No and I don't care.'

'And if Miss Marcy s'poses we know and gives us a credit, it'll be a desirable balance, 'cause we make her think we know a pound when we only know half a pound.'

Bessie's face flushed a little. 'I just wish, Gussie M'yard, you wouldn't talk any more about that grocery man's text. It's just nonsense trying to make it fit us.'

But after all Bessie did not feel quite comfortable, and she went back and learned the beginning of her lesson.

'There,' she said, 'that's good, full weight, and I don't intend to be a 'bomination any more.'—Congregationalist.

FARM AND GARDEN.

FATTENING STOCK.—The following rules of general application in fattening stock are given by W. D. Boynton in the Prairie Farmer:—

1st. Fatten stock in the stall. Turn them out for exercise, but never feed in the yard. The animal that is obliged to fight for its food among the herd and eat it after it has been fouled and trampled, cannot thrive up to its fullest capacity.

2nd. Give the animals warm, well-ventilated, and quiet quarters. An animal will take on fat much more readily when it is made comfortable and not in constant fear of injury.

The idea that an animal should be confined in a dark stall probably originated in this way. I do not consider darkness an important condition; for if the other conditions were attended to there would be no reasonable grounds left for such a theory.

3rd. Give them their food in such a condition that they can get its full nutritive value, and that, too, with the least trouble and annoyance. If the fodder is coarse it should be cut up and sprinkled with meal.

A ton of corn stalks treated in this way will do more good than a ton and a half thrown into the manger whole. If given whole, they will nose it over until they get all the leaves off, and then commence on the tender portions of the stalk, gradually working the mass over until it is thoroughly fouled by their breath, causing them to leave nearly half of it uneaten.

4th. Feed them regularly and water them regularly. Regular feeding is an important element in fattening stock, and one that is too often disregarded by the farmer.

SUET PUDDING.—One cupful of molasses, one cupful of sweet milk, one cupful of suet chopped very fine, one cupful of raisins, one teaspoonful of soda, half a teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, a little sifting of nutmeg; flour to make a tolerably thick batter.

It is said that fence-posts can be protected against rot or less than two cents apiece. This is the recipe: Take boiled linseed oil, mix it with pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint, and give the timber a coat of it.

What is the truth about the crows? Some would condemn the whole race to instant destruction, as thieves and vagabonds.

About Horses.

The smallest pony in the world is the pet of the Baroness Burdett Coutts-Bartlett. He is 5 years of age and stands 13 inches high.

This seems almost impossible, and yet it is so stated.

A restless disposition in a horse is often very annoying and generally hard to overcome. Kind treatment and quiet handling are about the best treatment that can be prescribed in such cases.

A stranger in Denver stopped on the sidewalk and manifested deep interest in a broken-down, spavined black horse that was doing his best to draw a load while a cart driver was vigorously belaboring him.

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