

FARM, FIELD AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO RURAL READERS.

Horses on the Farm-- Lump-Jaw in Cattle--Two Bee-Feeders-- Picking Geese--Beets for Milch Cows.

Horses on the Farm.

No farmer should ever have anything but mares on his place, and if more of them should come on than he can profitably keep he should sell the worst and never the best. Geldings should never be kept after they have reached saleable age, and no one should ever permit a few dollars to tempt him to part with a good mare and keep a poorer one. One span of good mares is as good a start for really profitable commercial horse raising as fifty, and better, for there is always work enough to pay for the keeping of one span and there never is for fifty. Breed to the best always, for the good sells for better prices, and that kind has a good deal less competition to meet. One kind of destructive competition to which the cattle business has been subjected, the raising of good horses escapes entirely—we mean range competition. The best coach, trotting and draft horses will always be raised on the farm and never on the range, and they will always bring a good price; and there is no danger of reaching the end of the business in raising that kind of horses, for there never yet was a coach horse that was handsome enough in form and action, a trotter that had enough speed or a draft horse with enough bone and muscle of the right quality. However well one may do, there is always room to do better; however high one may go, there are yet heights beyond, inviting to further effort. We can very well remember when 2:40 was the synonym for matchless speed; now breeders are dreaming of the two minute trotter. With other styles of horses achievement has been equally great and hope for further efforts is just as promising; although it is not quite so readily expressed in a definite figure indicating the progress made.

Lump-Jaw in Cattle.

The discussions and litigation that has been going on with regard to the nature of lump-jaw in cattle and the healthiness of the meat, have awakened unusual interest in this singular disease, or, possibly, diseases. A correspondent suggested a few weeks since that it might be the result of dehorning. Alluding to this, Mr. A. J. Wimple, of Beresford, South Dakota, makes the suggestion that it is the lack of salt. He gives the following experience with it during the last season:

"Last May my herd was so badly affected with it that the assessor threw out a number of head, so badly diseased that he regarded them as worthless. I did not call a veterinarian and the lumps in due time disappeared. In June I purchased a quantity of rock salt and left it where my cattle had free access. It lasted until October 1, and from that time until December my cattle were salted irregularly. In December three more cattle, two of them dehorned, were attacked, and thinking it might be from the want of salt, I procured another supply, and since that there have been no new cases and the affected ones have recovered."

The question at once arises whether any of these cases were genuine lump-jaw, or some disease that might or

might not be due to the lack of salt. The conclusion of our correspondent that it pays to salt stock regularly is obvious in either case. Are there a number of diseases that pass under the common name of lump-jaw? Why does it appear in some localities and on some farms while on other farms and in other localities there is not a case in ten years? We have never had a case and have not seen a case in our locality in twelve years. May not much of what we call lump-jaw be simply the lack of proper diet, salt and care, or possibly of decayed teeth, which needed only the lance? At any rate we have scriptural authority for the statement that "salt is good," and if the scare about lump-jaw leads farmers to salt their cattle more regularly it will be a good thing.—Home-Steak.

Some Facts.

Starch factories should be built in all potato growing districts. Farmers might do well to build and run them on the co-operative plan.

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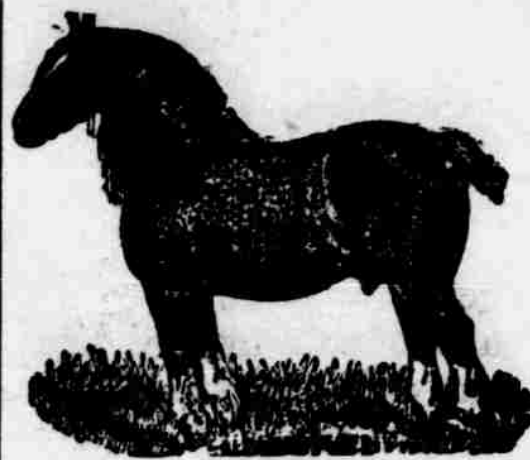
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