### THE FARMER.

Shade Trees on the Prairies. With all the natural beauty of the Prairies there is a nakedness around many a farm house, that in the season of winter imparts a shudder to the beholder; and under the burning sun of July the oppo-site sensation is very forcibly brought to

With proper care and forethought in establishing nurseries of shade trees in various sections of the prairie region, not only a profitable trade might spring up with the grower, but he would have the proud satisfaction of witnessing a few years hence, the vast improvement he had his fellow neighbors. There are a variety houses of the prairies.

But all need not wait for the trees to be planted and grown in the nursery. There are thousands of native trees of large size upon the borders of the atreams, and in the wood-skirts that may be removed with the most perfect success, if due care is only taken in the operation. We have removed trees twenty feet high and eight inches in diameter and hardly lost 5 per cent of them, by the removal. The proper season is now approaching, and we will give the necessary directions.

If the tree to be removed is large, say from four to six inches in diameter, trench of from eighteen inches to two feet should be dug from the body, all around the tree, saving the earth about the roots entire, except on the top it may be thrown off to the surface of the roots. Cut off the roots that come within the trench, leaving the ends smooth and clear, let the tree stand until the ball of earth around it has became so firmly frozen that it may be handled without breaking. The holes to receive the trees should also be prepared and the richest parts of the earth that is thrown out should be laid in a compact pile, and covered with stalks or straw to prevent it from being frozen when wanted to fill in around the tree. To remove the tree the tap roots must be cut, leaving the ball of earth as large as can conveniently be handled, or according to the size of the tree. With a rope secured near the top, the tree may be pulled over upon the fore axel and wheels of a wagon, or a common slide (sled) and hauled to the place where it is to be planted. Care should be taken to bind the body of the tree with straw or corn stalks, where it comes in contact with the sled or axle of the wagon, so as not to bruise the bark. Befor the tree is set, its branches should

Care should be taken to cut and thin out as follows: head, and to shorten them according to the size of the tree, from three to five feet from the stem and not according to the absurd practice of some by sending a marked copy of the paper containing the advertisement or notice. absurd practice of some by cutting every- socket, but merely in the gum of the upthing close to the body of the tree, leaving per jaw. It has never been alluded to in it as bare as a bean-pole, without and eye any system of farriery, but our planters or a bud to furnish a leaf. A tree to grow can trace its existence in this State for with certainty, when removed, requires a more than half a century. proper number of vigorous buds, which are as essential to its growth as a due portion horses of any shaped head, but in the three of roots.

These hints are worth remembering and may be practised upon during the winter months and even as late as March, should the weather be freezing. -[Valley Farmer.

### Fattening Swine.

The period when farmers pen their swine is now at hand, and a few words thereon will have at least the feature of appropriateness.

The first requirement to success in this and the community at large. Long-legged that it is confined to the South." slab-sided animals may answer for the purpose of 'making good time' on the way to the trough, but for filling pork barrels they are totally inadequate.

to place his corn, two or three pigs of this as discovered .- Country Gentleman. description will aliay any anxiety on that Furthermore the only ears to which a hog should run, are ears of corn, these appendages may give to the donkey a grave look-but on a pig! Good breeders delivers us?

Having briefly stated what we do not want, we may as well give our beau ideal there is a beau ideal in the form of a pig and we doubt not it would be an object of as intense interest, when well portrayed by the brush or the chisel, as anything in the higher walks of art.

First, swine should be small boned and compact; the back uniformly broad and rounded along the whole body. The touch on the back firm but springy; legs short; loin and breast broad; neck short, thick and deep; cheeks rounded and well filled out; face not dishing but straight; nose fine; eyes bright; ears well set, thin and soft to touch; head small in proportion to body.

This is a description when fat-and can only be manufactured by getting the right material to construct it with. Get a pig of this formation-call the breed what you like-and you will have profitable porkers.

The pig is omniverous-will eat anything and everything that is edible. Regularity is the prime object. Give them their meals at stated periods-not fill them one day and starve them the next.

We have read of those who followed the last mentioned plan, but it was for a

Give them no more food than they will readily eat from the trough, over feeding is almost as much of an error as too little. Clean water will be an acquisition to the sty-if a running stream could be conducted into their feeding quarters they would derive much benefit therefrom.

potatoes, peas, beans, parsnips pumkins, carrets, cabbage, turnips, etc., will all be found useful. In feeding roots it will be well to mix two or more varieties-pigs are sometimes dainty in taste-what one

relishes another may not care about. If you have any number of swine a steaming apparatus will be found both convenient and economical. It prepares caused in the landscape, and the comfort the food to be more readily acted upon by he has been instrumental in imparting to the digestive organs, and whatever will the digestive organs, and whatever will tend to this object, diminishes the necessity Howitt having visited Australia expressly of fast growing shade trees suitable to fill of an expenditure of vital force to its with the object of acquainting himself with the great blank around the many farm accomplishment, and of necessity enables the novel and romantic aspects under which houses of the prairies. the anunal to thrive more rapidly upon a stingular region.

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Their bed, as well as board, is a matter of consideration. Plenty of straw or coarse better in the pig-pen than to sell it in the

Keep your pigs clean. Pigs as well as children will exhibit their bringing up. verted taste—nature never made them thus, 'As dirty as a heg' is an epithet often applied to those slovenish in matter and manners, and inferences may be rightly drawn when hogs en masse are included-but as far as yours are concerned if it means anything, let it be that a man as clean as your swine would be a respectable looking individual.

A hog whose rearing has been what it should, will never forget his education, will always walk in the way he should go, and on points of principle will oft-times shame his possessor .- Stock Register.

### Blind or Wolf Teeth in Horses.

inform me through the Cultivator, whether only 26 cents a year, young horses have what the farmers call Wolf teeth. I was told a few days ago, that two of my promising colts had Wolf teeth, and that if they were not knocked out soon, they would soon go blind. Any information will much oblige John M. E Valk, Meadow Bluff, Va.

In no work on the disease of horses, so far as we know, is what are called ' blind teeth' noticed. The first notice we find of be thinned and shortened, in proportion to them, is in the Cultivator for 1843, where the loss of the roots, in the act of removal. they are described by a Southern writer

cases on my own farm, it was in horses of dished heads. One had gone entirely blind before I was apprised of the cause, and the other two I relieved by immediately extracting the blind teeth. Hundreds of instances could be adduced of the existence of blind teeth, and the destruction of sight when not extracted. No matore age, having good eyes.

It is conjectured by some to be peculiar to Indian corn feeding; by others to a hot climate. The three cases under my own department of farm economy is-a good observation were in horses raised on my anatomical structure on which to build the own farm; and not having ever seen any flesh. Razor breeds shave their owners allusion elsewhere, I am inclined to believe

The publication of the above brought us several statements from different parts of the country, all the writers agreeing that the blind teeth were the cause of blindness If a farmer has no other cribs in which and that they should be extracted as soon

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Buns .- Three eggs beaten light, half a pint of milk, one spoonful of butter, and flour for a moderately thin batter. Bake in tin cups in a quick oven.

TEA BREAD .- Two tablespoonsful of white sugar, two tablespoonsful of butter, one tablespoonful of wheat flour, one teacup of cream, two eggs, a little salt and water. Rub the butter and sugar together beat the eggs light and add them with the other ingredients. Make into a loaf and bake in a pan.

Sweet Rolls .- One pound of flour, purpose-o 'get a streak of lean and a (dry it.) one tablespoonful of fine moist streak of fat,' and one thing their hearts sugar, a lump of butter as big as an egg, desired they got—the lean streak. Judg- wet it with milk and two spoonsful of ment ought to be used in this matter. A yeast. Bake this in a quick oven. Of hog can squeal off an ounce of fat in a large rolls a quarter of an hour will be sufficient. You must not knead or roll Those having a taste for that kind of these but cut them and lay them on tims. music may judulge 'we'll none of it.'- The dough will rise in ten minutes.

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