

FARM TOPICS.

Excellent suggestions as to the Care of Horses—The Use of Barst Clay for Surfacing Roads.

Feeding Cattle for Show—The Fallacy of Figures—Waste of Wool Grease—Frosts of Farming.

COMFORT FOR WORKING HORSES. In a recent lecture before the Pennsylvania state board of agriculture, Dr. Harvey, among other good things, said the following in regard to the above-named topic: The horse should be made comfortable at his work. His harness should fit without galling. His bridle should be long enough to bring the bit down to the angle of his lips—not so short as to draw the head back and two over their natural position, as is so frequently the case. The blinds should not touch his eyes, nor his eyelids, either. His head should not be restrained uncomfortably. On a long journey, or in pulling a heavy load, he should not be reined up at all. He is surer-footed when his head is free, and if he should snort, he recovers better if he can throw his head down, and thereby relieve his forelegs of a part of the weight of his body until they get in place again. It is the same principle as applying the hand to the forehead as a means of relieving a headache. On a long journey, or in pulling a heavy load, he should not be reined up at all. He is surer-footed when his head is free, and if he should snort, he recovers better if he can throw his head down, and thereby relieve his forelegs of a part of the weight of his body until they get in place again. It is the same principle as applying the hand to the forehead as a means of relieving a headache.

absorbed with sawdust may be applied with advantage upon clay soils, which it lightens and relieves of that sticky, tenacious quality which prevents soils from absorbing manure as generally applied. A neutral tint in farm buildings is preferable to positive colors, as white, red, or bright yellow. White is especially objectionable. It is too glaring and not in harmony with trees and surrounding natural colors. A quiet drab or gray matches best with the surroundings of buildings.

The cultivation of tobacco in Germany has of late been decreasing, chiefly owing to the bad system of taxation, which daily fetters the action of the tobacco-planters. The number of the acre has decreased in the last year more than 12,000. The total production in 1885 was 18,000,000 pounds, which is less than the yield in 1884. The value this year is 29,000,000 marks, against 30,000,000 in 1884, although the price has risen.

The New England Farmer deprecates the decadence of agriculture there in these sentences: "Our farmhouses are falling into decay, our cultivated fields are abandoned, our pastures are growing up in thickets. Farms can be bought for less than the cost of their stone walls. All over our breezy hills, from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rocky mountains, intelligent Yankee yeomanry are melting away like winter snowdrifts."

For exterminating scale insects (orange-tree lice), which infest their fruit trees, California orchardists have had success with a wash composed of sulphur, and water, the proportions being one pound of soap to two gallons of water, with as much sulphur as can be dissolved in this mixture, and one pound of concentrated lye or potash may be added to eight or ten gallons of the mixture; apply to the tree as hot as convenient.

It is said that raw bone has been proved by analysis to contain every part of an egg—white, yolk, and, of course, shell. It should be constantly kept in a special place in the pen or cage of laying hens, as it will consume large quantities of it, and it goes chiefly to egg production. Granulated is the best form in which to place it before adult fowls, and in this shape it will last longer than when ground up into meal. Bone is one of the principal ingredients in the composition of most of the "egg foods" in the market.

An interesting experiment showing the influence of electricity on the growth of roots has been made in Germany by Professor Hildebrand. Plates of copper were thrust upright into the earth and connected by wires with similarly placed zinc plates about one hundred feet distant, an electric battery being thus formed, with the earth between the copper and zinc in the circuit. Both potatoes and beets planted between such plates showed an increase in growth of 15 per cent. potatoes 25 per cent.—as compared with the other parts of the same field.

GROWING OLD.

One aspect of the beauty of old age, which is generally overlooked, is the striking and deeply interesting to the mind of the thoughtful observer. What a likeness there is to each other in those persons who have passed a goodly number of years together in contented and friendly companionship. Take the case of husband and wife as, perhaps, the most significant instance of this. They have fought shoulder to shoulder in the battle of life together, hand in hand, and heart to heart they have made common cause of the sorrows and joys of life. They have lived as one.

Two hearts that beat as one thought, As the Scripture phrases it, they have grown aged together. The result of such sympathetic companionship is very apparent, indeed, for they are very often found to have become most singularly alike in the pitch and tone of their voices, in their ways of thinking and acting, and not seldom in their personal appearance. Having passed together through what Washington Irving called the "fiery trials of this world," they have come out with the same purified gold. Like two pebbles in the brook, or on the beach by the sea, exposed to the same influences, they have become the second self of each other, and have been shaped into the same image.

Under such trying and developing circumstances it is not much a matter of wonder that the age should have with it a more beautiful, or that in companionship they should have grown beautiful together. The natural wonder would be if it were otherwise, after what Moore termed— "That happy minglement of hearts, in which the affection of the one answers to the love of the other, and when the consequent action and reaction has done its work. Indeed, when the two lives have gone on together harmoniously for three-fourths of a lifetime it is to be expected that the result of the intercourse should be a verification of the affirmation of the son of David, that "as the clear light is upon the body candlestick, so is the beauty of the face in the ripeness of age; and that there should also be the words of the poet, "Who thought in his 'Lines to a young lady'— An old age serene and bright, And lovely as a Lullaby night."

Of course, the truth of this contention, that old age is naturally beautiful, is not universally acknowledged. Mme. de Staël, for instance, who was called by the poet Heine, "sultana of minds" and "whirlwind in petticoats," once said, in an apparently useful way, "It is difficult to grow old gracefully."

Without doubt there is some truth in the demand, but it is only a feeble one, so when there are no inward graces of the heart and mind. Inward poverty makes outward meanness; and old age is then like an unsharpened tree, stripped of its leaves, and even of its bark, and left to fall before the pitiless blasts of life's wintry wind. If there are, however, the true inward graces in possession, old age is ever becoming more and more beautiful and more and more glorious, and the years give an aspect of ever increasing and glowing grandeur.

The years sit with harmonious becoming upon the face, and the countenance keeps loving company with that glory of man or woman—the silvery locks.

But Mme. de Staël notwithstanding, there are many persons who have attained to a good old age with gracefulness, who have attained to what Dr. Johnson exquisitely describes as "an age that melts in unperceived decay."

And guides in modest innocence away, And when the inevitable end draws near for them, with tranquil enjoyment in the heart, and mastery of knowledge in the mind, and with a peaceful onward-looking of the soul, they fall into the loving arms of the future.

Like melting fruit with a winter storm.

How Gold is Shipped.

Each keg contains \$50,000 in clear gold. It is from the Bank of America that most of the gold is shipped. The shipments of gold are not generally on the bank's account. At a first glance persons might well suppose that when the demand arises for gold to send abroad the shipper would only have to send in his order for his hundreds of thousands to the sub-treasury, where millions of specie are on deposit. But there are sufficient reasons why this plan will not work. The sub-treasury can pay out its coin only to creditors of the government. With the Bank of America the associated bank keeps on deposit constantly an enormous sum of gold, sometimes amounting to \$40,000,000.

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Don't Experiment. You cannot afford to waste time experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not let any dealer impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist on getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all Throat, Lung and Chest affections. Trial bottle free at Dowty & Heitkemper's drug store.

Flour flouring mills are in operation Holt county this state.

D. W. Morris, wholesale and retail druggist, 139 Commercial St., Emporium, Kan., Jan. 10, 1887. To CHARLES BELLAN & Co., Des Moines, Iowa: Gentlemen—In sending you the enclosed order for a gross of your Cough Remedy, allow me to say that without any exception it is the best selling goods now in the market. I have sold a great amount of it during the past year to the citizens of this place, and have the first complaint to hear. It is the best article to use for croup I ever sold, being pleasant to take, which is an important feature where children have to take medicine. Sold by Dowty & Heitkemper.

The earnings of the Union Pacific the past year were \$26,603,707, expenses \$16,553,309; surplus \$10,050,398; taxes, \$1,055,510; net earnings, \$8,995,178.

Do You Know that Beggs' Cherry Cough Syrup will relieve that cough almost instantly and make expectoration easy? Acts simultaneously on the bowels, kidneys and liver, thereby relieving the lungs of that soreness and pain and also stopping that tickling sensation in the throat by removing the cause. One trial of it will convince any one that it has no equal on earth for coughs and colds. Dr. A. Heintz has secured the sale of it and will guarantee every bottle to give satisfaction. 3/6x23

The Secretary of War in a letter to Congress states that the total militia of the country, available for military service, is 7,655,522.

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