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The Farm and Dairy.

1. A fruit tree never suffers from so much manure, if the roots are healthy.

2. Farming rarely secures large returns, but it does better by producing large numbers of medium ones.

3. The poor mountainous country of Switzerland exports annually more than \$4,000,000 worth of cheese.

4. It is said that Merino constitutes the greatest portion of the cloths of the world, and that it is the wool of which there is the highest necessity.

5. It is computed that \$75,000,000 worth of fuel is burned yearly in the United States, and that \$100,000,000 worth of lumber is used annually in buildings and manufacture.

6. A Rural Home correspondent says he trusts much more to good accounts by planting them in the fall than in the spring.

7. In May or June they will be fit to pull and bunch for market, and cabbage or potatoes may afterward occupy the ground.

8. The best way to feed hay to sheep is to cut it into chaff by a horse-power. It is better to feed and there is little or no waste.

9. We are not sure that it is not better to cut up straw and stalks and feed them with a little meal as we do cattle.

10. The first point in the management of sheep is to provide dry quarters; 2d, To avoid overcrowding; 3d, To litter lightly and regularly every day; 4th, To guard against any fermentation of the manure under the sheep.

11. Give fresh water every day, and salt twice a week. Feed liberally before sundown. Let there be straw or other feed in the racks for the sheep to eat during the night.

12. Young trees need care at this season, whether newly set or not, as there is great danger from mice and stray cattle. The gates and fences should be properly secured, and when light snow falls, it should be firmly trodden down around each tree, to keep the mice from gnawing the bark.

13. It is a good practice to raise a mound of earth, a foot high, around the trunk of newly-set trees, as a support for them during the high winds, as well as a security against mice.

14. The American Dairyman's Association, ANNUAL MEETING, 1893. With the view of adding a new and valuable feature to the next annual meeting of this Association, will accept proposals, these makers and others who prepare attending the approaching meeting, bring with them samples of cheese to illustrate their theories and show the results of their practice.

15. Cheese made from tainted milk and floating curds, from milk a portion of which has been skinned, from milk wholly skinned, from milk with which buttermilk has been mixed after churning, from milk which has been churned twice, from milk made from the same curd, a portion of which has been grunged and a part ground, etc., etc. Such cheese to be accompanied by a detailed statement of the manufacture.

16. It is understood that a prominent cream manufacturer will offer one of his best churns for the best sample of butter shown at this meeting. Let us have samples of cheese also.

17. GARNER B. WEEKS, Sec'y.

18. RECORD OF A FARMER'S CLUB. A correspondent of the Country Gentleman tells what has been accomplished by the club of the past year. It commenced with a dozen members and now has a hundred. They met at first in a small room, now they have a large hall well fitted up, with agricultural papers, and a thousand volumes of standard books. This club has, through its committees, tested various new seeds, among which are some which have proved of greater value than those in common use, and by this means it has been able to increase the profits of certain branches of farming. On the other hand, it has exposed the fallacy of the extravagant claims made by the vendors of worthless seeds, thus saving the general swindle of all who are guided by its investigation. It has also made successful efforts towards the improvement of domestic animals, by the introduction of superior strains of blood, the cost of which, when borne by a body, falls lightly on each individual. This is a feat which, it is true, but such work is always preceded by talk. In this case, it is the legitimate fruit of the evening meetings.

19. Keep Stock Out of Storms. A great many good farmers, who have warm barns and proper protection for their stock, let the animals suffer a great deal from being suddenly exposed to the weather, especially by a strong east or west wind.

20. Active, busy farmers, who are always up early in the morning, that have their cattle fed and out in the yard by night, in the short, blue days of

January. The cattle shiver from the cold, and huddle close to each other near the south side of the barn, that the winter sun may give them a little warmth; and the farmer thinks he is "smart" to have his cattle fed and out so early in the day. But the fact is, cattle are better off in the barn than out almost any day from December to March.

21. Of course they should have water and a little exercise, but in the yard or two in the yards, each pleasant day of the time they should be kept in their stalls and tie-ups. Never turn cattle out, especially milk cows, during any kind of storm in winter. Better deprive them of water an entire day than to let them out an hour to drink, during which they will become so chilled and their coats so damaged by the driving storm as to require half the night for the animal heat to overcome its effects and get the system up to a comfortable state.

22. When a supply of water exists in the barnyard, animals may be taken out to drink, even in a cold storm, but they will then drink but a few sips, parting back for the warm barn in great haste, and it is a common thing to see them utterly refuse to venture away from the protection of the buildings. To compel them to go far into cold water for their necessary drink is downright cruelty.

23. Sheep also suffer greatly from being forced to stand out in damp snow and cold days, although they will endure dry and cold weather better than any kind of rain or snow. They should be kept in the barn, and no farmer should keep sheep who have no proper protection of some kind, under which they cannot remain at night, but also receive their food in sheltered quarters.

24. On clear, pleasant days, they should be taken out to feed, but it must not be forgotten that an animal exposed to storms, rough winds or cold weather loses an excessive amount of body heat, and that this wasted heat must be again supplied from the store of the system, making a drain on the fat, the flesh and the blood, which in turn must be kept up by an increased amount of food.

25. Therefore, in order to economize labor, and to maintain the health and vigor of your animals at the least expense, expose them as little as possible to the cold, inclement weather of our sharp, exhausting winters. —Ed.

26. Which gives the quickest, full maturity, or a spare moment?

27. The direct object to a man should be his dairy, but it is not unimportant for clothes.

28. A N. Y. morning paper wrote for some time in the past, and not so much as a man worth \$50,000.

29. A St. Louis paper says: "Half a dozen murders are in this city resulting the tolling humbug of a quack."

30. The most important needle-work ever done in the world is supposed to have been done by the needle of a quack.

31. A Western paper puts it gently by saying that "physicians possess tools in their residence at Longfellow cemetery last week."

32. Every good phone is the best of sermons and lectures. The sermon is the soul. Whatever you have, have beauty.

33. Natives have been asked on the outside of the street cars in Pittsburg to the effect that the car will not run for young ladies to the "good bye."

34. The driver of a grocery cart, who let a basket of eggs fall, says that "truth spoken to earth may get up and fly, but he'd be damned if eggs will."

35. The reason that an uncle gave for being late at school on Monday, was that the boy in the next house was going to have a dressing down with a lead cord, and he wanted to hear him howl.

36. A contemporary philosopher thus: "Without doubt, had Adam been an Englishman, his condition, without anything to grieve at, and no 'good old times' to look back upon, would have been the extreme of misery."

37. The marriage ceremony among the bushmen of Australia is very simple, and doesn't cost a cent. The man selects his lady-love, knocks her down with a club, and drags her to his camp.

38. An Eastern farmer boasted of a young lady who framed and raised a barn. A Western temporary efforts the enterprise by giving an account of a Western maiden who raised a barn, and all because she could not find her back hair.

39. What is the world coming to when even the babies exhibit such alarming precocity as to die a little seven year old chamber in Beardsboro, who, the other day, sent her "boon" a love letter couched in the following art and possibly familiar words: "They that seek me early shall find me."

40. Oakland, "growing the bay" from San Francisco, is now big and proud; it has annexed its neighbors Brooklyn and Alameda, and threatens to buy San Francisco for a cemetery.

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