# Rural Economy.

DRIVING HOME THE COWS. f clover and blue-eyed grass

e turned them into the river lane : after another he let them pass, hen fastened down the bars again. er the willows and over the hill

c patiently followed their sober pace; merry whistle for once was still. or something shadowed the sunny face.

v a boy! and his father had said le could never let his youngest go; already were lying dead inder the feet of the trampled foe.

after the evening work was done, and the frogs were loud in the meadow swamp, r his shoulder he slung his gun, nd stealthfully followed the footpath damp,

ss the clover and through the wheat, With resolute heart and purpose grim, ough cold was the dew on his hurrying feet, and the blind hat's flitting startled him.

ce since then had the lanes been white, nd the orchards sweet with apple bloom; now, when the cows came back at night, he feeble father drove them home. news had come to the lonely farm

hat three were lying where two had lain; I the old man's tremulous palsied arm ould never lean on a son's again. summer day grew cool and late. e went for the cows when the work was done: down the lane as he opened the gate, le saw them coming one by one.

ndle. Ebony, Speckle, and Bess, haking their horns in the evening dim; pping the buttercups out of the grass— ut who was it followed close behind?

sely swung in the idle air ic empty sleeve of army blue; worn and pale from the crispy hair coked out a face that the father knew.

Southern prisons will sometimes yawn, nd yield their dead unto life again; the day that comes with a cloudy dawn golden glory at last may wane.

great tears sprang to their meeting eyes, or the heart must speak when the lips are dumb; under the silent evening skies ogether they followed the cattle home.

#### TITUTION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.

he establishment of a regular system of erinary practice of medicine requiring who follow it for profit, not only to obtain tate license but stand a strict and impar examination for qualification before a rd of competent professors, would seem e the only effectual plan to rescue the y diseased of the superior classes of dotic animals from the torturing hand of umption and ignorance. This improvet is the more demanded not only for the of humanity and nastulness, but to pro-the regular veterinary practitioner and prevent the wanton sacrifice of an elet of so much wealth and personal com-

our daily intercourse with men, how do we meet with who do not claim to erstand horses and their diseases, yet re their condition or endurance by work or maltreatment, and thus perma- | have not personal evi y cripple or kill the animal outright. her source of great mischief is the difn of Recipes for compounds which ess to cure all the ills to which horse flesh ir, in most cases being inapplicable, inert psolutely poisonous. On the other hand nnot be denied that veterinary science reatly improved within the past quarters century, and many valuable publications till being added to our store of knowlbut we need competent practitioners to known truths in force and mitigate the sed animals who are often left to die or ded to the effects of some unmeaning

wipe away entirely this opprobrium of inity and common sense would infinitely and to the credit of the present times; it is consoling to be able to announce ttempts are being made towards that icent end, by considerate and philane men of cultivation in various parts

cient prescriptions and a false pride the medical faculty are the obstacles deprive our diseased domestic animals e benefits, and, I may add, comforts of plar medical and surgical treatment. the have always been doctored in every

ry either by their attendants, or by tterly incapable of forming a diagnosis sease, who on the strength of having ed to perform the most simple and comperations and from the want of abler ients, have undertaken the arduous f prescribing medicines.

wonder that the absurdities of former like spectres and ghosts have vanished approach of modern light-that a education is universally acknowto be absolutely necessary to the acon of modern science. Precisely the udies, physsological, anatomical and are requisite for the veterinarian, he human practitioner. The animal y in its manifold relation is generally hdamentally the same in man and nd governed by the same laws of nad natural mechanics; the same maedica is to a certain extent applicath; but the greatest skill is requisite a judgment on the diseases of brutes, eir inability to describe their feelthe consequent uncertainty of their y. Can there be a greater burlesque supposition of a man's ability to physic for a horse because he nds how to groom or shoe him? If t we not with good reason, employ emaker in taking measure of our

ea of experience is futile from the prima facie, of uninformed men to te the principles of science and

their total want of opportunity to acquire a rational system of practice. Their whole stock of medical knowledge often consists in a number of recipes which are perseveringly used right or wrong; sometimes they cure by luck, but oftener kill by persistent medication. How often have we seen an animal punished by inordinate bleeding or his shoulder pegged or rowelled or blistered by getting himself strained in the back sinews of coffin joint! How many pleuritic horses have been killed outright by powerfully stimulating drenches which might have cured the colic had they been affected with it!

The pride of medical gentlemen will not suffer them to incur the fancied degradation of becoming horse and cow doctors; hence the community lose every year vast quantities of horses and cattle by accident or disease when were there acordial encouragement I am convinced there would be no want of able practitioners who would study to battle successfully with epidemic disease of cattle, come in what shape they may.-What possible shame can be annexed to the practice of veterinary medicine, since it is an act of humanity, of important public service, and has engaged the attention of some of the most eminent men of ancient and modern times.

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