## Agricultural Department

EDNESDAY MORNING, Feb. 17,'69.

om the American Agriculturist.]

Tim Bunker on Carding Cattle. "Things look considerable grand and here," said Jake Frink, one corning, as he walked into my new urn, where I was cleaning off my lack Hawk span, getting ready to ke Mrs. Bunker down to Shadtown " spend Thanksgiving. You see, Saland her husband have generally me home to spend this day, but just on there was a responsibility so young that the mother could not venture

"The Squire is gittin' so pertikelar with his cattle that he'll be movin'em

"Many a poor fellow don't have sich blankets as them hosses," said Seth Twiggs, as he scratched a match and lighted his pipe.

"Nor sich bedding," added Benjaclean, bright straw.

"Planks, I see, are a little too hard for your animals to stand on." said Deacon Smith, inquiringly, as he poked away the straw and examined the bottom of the stall.

"There is three feet of dry muck in there,"I replied, "and the pit is all cemented, so that I shan'n't lose any of the liquid manure. I calculate a horse will half pay for his keeping in the manure he makes, if you give him a-chance."

"Il'd chestnut for siding to the stall!" exclaimed Jotham Sparrowgrass, as he rubbed his hand over the surface, "I declare it looks about equal to the pews in the meetin' house."

"The Squire 'll be havin' a parson in here preachin' to his cattle, yet; see if he don't," added Jake Frink, maliciously.

"Mr. Spooner wo'd get some hearers here that he don't have on Sunday, I guess," said Seth Twiggs, meck-Jake look blue.

"What new-fangled consarn is this you're cleanin' your critters with?" asked Uncle Jonathan, as he eyed a new India-rubber card that I was passing over the legs of the horses.

"What do you give your cows, that makes their coats shine so?" asked Deacon Smith, as he looked at a row of Jerseys on the other side of the barn floor.

"Oil-meal and carrots inside, and India-rubber card outside," I replied, "You don't mean to say that you Frink. whose tangled locks evidently have not been astonished by card or comb for many a day.

"Somebody attends to just this business every day, and I think it

"Wall, Squire, you're a bigger fool than I thought you was. I've sometimes cleaned up a hoss when I had a trade ahead, but I never touched a keerd to a cow in all my life. 'Tain't natural sartain.'

"Then," I asked, "what are the spines upon a cow's tongue made for, and why do they use them upon one K. S." "I notice that farms are sold

another's hides so much?" Jake, hesitatingly.

our bovine animals carry a clean bill the cheap lands in this vicinity worth of rights to carding in their tongues, | two hundred?"-Lands are worth, for and the best card is the one that comes | cultivation, any sum that they will pay nearest to the original, which is mod- the interest on. The Carolina lands do erately sharp, fine and flexible. Wo- | not now pay the interest on five dolmen's rights, about which folks are lars, and the Lancaster county farms making such a fuss, don't begin to be do pay the interest on \$200 per acre. so clear as this matter. I wish you The difference is not altogether owing would get up a revolution, and put on | to quality of soil. Good neighborhood a strong editorial team to advocate security for property, healthful climate, the divine right of our domestic ani- facility for getting manures and for mals to be kept tolerably clean and marketing farm products, all affect the comfortable. It would not pay, per- price of land. In the South, land is haps, to put them all into a warm bath | plenty, and the workers with capital every day, as Deacon Smith's Eliza few. In Pennsylvania, the workers serves her lapdog, but it will pay to are many, and they all wantland. Of use the card and brush every day. - | course, the price goes up. Bring in They have an organization very like more workers who have capital, and our own, and the skin is all the time improve your cultivation, and the price throwing off dead matter, which lodg- of land will increase. A very interestes under the hair, unless some pains ing problem for the farmer to solve is be taken to get rid of it, If left free, | how to make an acre of average land you will see them using their tongues | pay the interest on \$200. upon every part of their body that is accessible, and getting help from their neighbors for those parts they cannot reach. They will rub their necks and backs against posts, and fences, and Farmers' Club?"-This is one of the trees, to start this dead matter and things that ought to go of itself in clean their skins. In the summer any farming community. Call a meetthey will wade into the streams, and ing without delay. It is not necessastand for hours in the running water, ry to have constitution or any officers to keep themselves clean as well as but a chairman, who may be provided cool. There is no mistaking these for in alphabetical order of the names. acts. They show the instinct of clean- Propose a subject, invite in the liness just as clearly as the comb, and neighbors, and let each man have his brush, and wash-basic show it in man. | five or ten minutes, talk upon it. It Now, when we take these creatures will be found very profitable to cominto our care, and confine them in pare notes. If men from other callstalls and stables, we come under some ings will come in and give their outobligation to treat them according to side views of farming operations, it their natures. We have no right to will be all the better. -American Agtorment them by withholding what they so strongly crave. They want food and drink, and the means of cleanliness and comfort, and they re you think of buckwheat for cows, generally profitable to us just as we and would you feed it dry, or wet it provide liberally for their wants. To up with cut hay or straw?"-Buckkeep them in the filth in which many wheat is excellent provender for all farmers compel them to wallow is as cattle and swine. It is more comshocking and cruel as it is unprofitable. Just look at Jake Frink's sta- and the meal fed in connection with bles. There is not a curry comb or cut hay or straw.—American Agribrush in them, and has not been for a | culturist. dozen years. He says he"never touched a keerd to his cows," but there is P's, keep their U's warm, hive their

neglected oxen get so weak that he has to hire his plowing done in the pring, and that his cows have the 'slink fever," and his horse dreads the sight of crows? I wish he had your Mr. Burgh out here in the country. There is a great deal more need for a society to prevent cruelty to brutes than in the city, There are many more of the brutes, and the torture do not have all their neighbors looking at them, nor a policeman to step in and regulate their abuse. I hold that a man is demoralized by the abuse or neglect of his cattle. The farmer that will let his oxen lie in their own filth, from the beginning to the end of winter, without any effort to bed them or clear them, makes himself brutish, no matter how he stands all into the parler pretty soon, I in church or State. He can't fail to guess," responded George Washing. grow hard towards his fellows, as well as toward his cattle. But there is a right as well as a wrong way of keeping your cattle clean, as there is in doing other things. Some of the cards and curry-combs are fit only to scrape the hide of a rhinoceros. I have tried min Franklin Jones, looking at the pretty much everything in the market and have come to the conclusion that there is as much difference in cards and curry-combs as in other things. Here is a card with the teeth set into the wood, as stiff as so many shingle nails. Put this into Patrick's hand and upon the back of a thin-skinned and nervous horse, and it is a terrible instrument of torture.

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their profit or mine.

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BUCKWHEAT FOR MILCH COWS .-"M. W. P.," Canada. "What do monly ground up with corn and oats,

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