

Farm, Garden & Household.

LIVE STOCK. No man can be a real bona fide farmer without live stock, and farmers may be classed in some measure according to the quality of their animals. Away from cities and populous places it is impossible to keep up the fertility of the land to make it pay unless the produce is chiefly consumed by the live stock and converted into meat, milk, wool, or animals for use by other people, as food to the farmer for his time and capital, and transmitted into manure as a reward to the land, without which return no farm can be kept in condition good enough to pay for cultivation. This is the first secret of successful farming away from places where it is impossible to send to market hay, straw, garden stuff, &c., but there are others which unfold themselves in the course of raising and feeding. The next in importance is to manage so that no time may be lost in the growth of the young, and to house and feed in such a manner as to carry on the improvement wrought in summer through the Autumn, Winter and Spring; after which the grand secret is to breed and raise such animals only as command the highest market price, which is as easily done as to continue breeding an unprofitable race.

Humorous.

War are practical jokers like honey-comb? Because they are full of cells, (ells). Ladies are like waltzes—pretty enough to look at—sweet faces and delicate hands, but somewhat difficult to regulate after they are a-going. The five great evils of life are said to be standing collars, stove pipe hats, tight boots, bad whisky, and cross women. The last not the least. "Your lacholism ought to be taxed," said a lady to a resolute evader of the noisome material. "I agree with you madam," was the reply; "lacholism is a great luxury."

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