The one strong argument brought forward in favor of oxen over horses for farm teams, is that oxen will sell for beef, while horses are buried in the ground when their days of usefulness are past; but if oxen are to be turned into beef, probably, they should rarely be kept after they are eight years old. But history is not every bit dull by any and probably more money could be made by selling even younger. Some farmers and friends will select portions for you to have found it better to sell as soon as the animals have reached maturity, or before they stop growing. The system requires buying and selling very frequently or a constant replacing of the full grown animals by younger ones raised to take their places. Where one has plenty of pasture for raising steers, where beef production can be made profitable, a farmer can do all his farm work with young, growing steers at a very low course. No team of steers is as safe or as handy as a team of well trained oxen. Steers are constantly learning the peculiar ways of their drivers, and just as they become perfeetly handy and familiar with what is required of them, they must go to the butcher to make room for another pair.

For work and beef combined the ox ahead of the horse, especially where beef is of more account than work. This ability to do a fair amount of work while producing beef, is the one strong point in favor of ox en over horses for farm teams, and it is about the only point in their favor, for a poor old ex is worth a little more than a poor old horse, and for steady hard work. the horse will beat every time. One grea objection to the use of oxen for steady hard. work, and one which is too often overlooked. because too little understood, is the feet that oxen must be allowed a great deal more time than horses for taking and masticating their food. A teamster who knows little or nothing of animal physiology is likely to to rain his oxen before he is aware of doing them any harm. Oxen, l'ke cows, eat their food very rapidly. They can swallow a breakfast, dinner, or supper in a very short time. An ox will eat two or three pounds of hay while a horse is eating one pound, but when the horse has caten his meal he is ready for work, while the ox is just in the right condition to lie in the shade and chew his cud,-N. E. Parmer,

Leaks in the Barn.

Here and there may be seen stables and barns with broken windows, loose and boards, holes in the roofs, or doors and windows that gape open, and refuse to shut closely. Through these openings the cold air and rain will leak in, and the warm air will leak out. Such leaks as these are disaare by no means the whole of the affair, bella replied: The worst of it is, that through these leaks it is true, but not the least steadily and constantly. While his cattle stand and shiver in the cool, sharp nights, or steam under the penetrating rain-storms or snow, with every milk from the cows, some fat from the steers | mature woman, and the pigs, some wool from the sheep, and looks and wonders. He complains that the the feed;" that the pigs do not fatten as fast as they should, that there are no eggs and the bens are eating their heads off. Well an animal can not use up all its food in keeping warm, and at the same time make food after the bodily wants and needs are six pounds of fat meat, and the same of bread, for his daily means, while an East Nicholas for November. Indian needs but a pound of rice for a day's subsistence. When working in the northern woods in the depths of winter while the thermometer is far below zero for weeks at a time, the lumberer eats with relish huge lumps of clear fat pork, with his daily two pounds of bread and liberal messes of bean great sacrifices which had been made to soup; food of this king would sicken a man, where he to look at it in the harvest field All this food goes to make up the waste of heat from the body during the excessive cold. It is precisely so in the barn, or in stream of cold air, snow or rain, pours in upon the cattle, or when they are miserable and uncomfortable, a stream of wasted food pours out all the time through the leak. Now is the time to stop these leaks, A a board here and there; a good glazed winlitter in place of a foul wet bed; a tight ing, all these are actually worth more than an extraportion of food to an animal, because although when cold and chilled it eats the more, yet it thrives poorly; while if well housed, it will keep sleek and thrifty upon

comparatively moderate feeding.

Fall Ploughing. This subject has often been treated, with various opinions of the effect of moving the soil in the fall, and subject it to action of the frost before seeding with a spring crop. But the difference of opinion had from arisen the difference of conditions. The great advantage of fall ploughing arises from the pulverizing effect of frost ; but if the soil is light or sandy, it needs compacting rather than pulverizing, and is thus better ploughed in spring. In discussing the different modes of cultivating land, tarmers should always take into consideration all the circumstances, and the writers on agricultural practice should state all the points likely to effect the result. This is so often neglected as to lead to disappointment when the practice is adopted under new conditions. The reasons for fall ploughing have been often misunderstood, and the practice misapplied. Bearing in mind that it is intended to assist in the pulverizing of stiff soils by the action of the pulverizing the pulv frost, it follows that the soil should not be possibly save it afterward. wet or saturated with water through the winter for this would prevent the expected action of the frost. If the land is heavy, and ridges by turning two forrows together, which leaves quite a dead furrow between each two ridges to receive the water, and the Government, received no word of enthese ridges will be penetrated by the frost, and so pulverized, that when the ridge is split by a large, double moldboard plow in tion. He felt that neglect of himself and spring, laying it over each way into the fur. the apparent disregard of the public welfare, mellow for a seed bed .- The Cultivator,

An Iowa man obtained a divorce from his wife and then hired her for a cook. The woman is delighted with the change, because now she can have a new dress occasionally, and a little pin-money in her pocket.

### Miscellaneous.

ests. Perhaps you are very imaginative, and prefer fairy tales to all others. I am sure,

a widow at twelve. The child sovereign was born many hun-The child sovereign was born many hundred years ago—in 1387—at the paince of the Lonvre in Paris, of whose noble picture gallery I am sure you all have heard,—if, indeed, many have not seen it yourselves, She was the daughter of the poor King Charles VI., whose misfortunes made him insane, and for whose amusement playing cards were invented, and of his queen Isabeau of Bavaria, a beautiful but very wicked woman. Little Princess Isabella was the eldest of twelve children. She inherited her mother's beauty, and was petted by her parents and the entire court of France.

King Richard II. of England, who was a widower about thirty years old, was urged to marry again; and instead of selecting a wife near his own age, his choice fell upon cost. But there are objections to such a the Louvre in Paris, of whose noble picture

wife near his own age, his choice fell upon little I fincess I sabella.

"She is much too young," he was told. 'Even in five or six years she will not be old enough to be married." The king, however, thought this objection too trifling to stand in the way of his marriage, and saying, "The lady's age is a fault that every day will remedy," he sent a magnificent embassy to the court of France, headed by the overlook this matter, and will be very apt Archbishop of Lublin, and consisting of earls, marshals, knights, and squires of horor uncounted, with attendants to the number of five hundred.

When the embassy reached Paris, and the offer of marriage had been formally accepted, the archbishop and the earls asked to see the little princess who was soon to become their queen. At first the French Council refused, saying so young a child was not prepared to appear on public occasions, and they could not tell how she might behave. The English noblemen were so solicitous, however, that at last she was brought before them. The earl marshal immediately knel before her, and said in the old-fashioned anguage of the time: "Madam, if it please God, you shall be our lady and queen."

Queen Isabeau stood at a little distance urious and anxious, no doubt, to know how her little daughter would answer this formal greeable to see, and are uncomfortable to address. To her great pleasure, and the the occupants of the buildings. But these great surprise of all present, Princess Isa-

"Sir, if it please God and my father that the farmer's profits disappear, very silently, I be Queen of England, I shall be well pleased, for I am told I shall then be a great

lady."
Then, giving the marshal her tiny hand to kiss, she bade him rise from his knees, biver there disappears a quantity of the and leading him to her mother, she presentfodder from the barn, as well as some of the ed him to her with the grace and ease of a

According to the fushion of the time some eggs from the poultry. The farmer Princess Isabella was immediately married by proxy, and received the title of Queen of cows are rough, that "there is no good in England. Froissart, a celebrated historian living at that epoch, says : "It was very pretty to see her, young as she was, practiing how to act the queen,"

milk, fat, wool or eggs These are made of titled ladies to attend his little bride. Affrom food, and from only the surplus of the ter many grand festivities they were married is mad supplied. In the polar regions, a man needs the Baby Queen was crowned in the famous Westminster Abbey .- Cecelia Cleveland, St.

The Administration of Abraham Lincoln.

BY GIDEON WELLES.

The failure of Grant to take Richmond, after his bloody overland march and the reach it was discouraging.

The President, borne down with the anx iety and labor of recruiting, reinforcing, and supplying the army, which was doing so little in inspiring the country, disappointed the pig-pen. If these are kept so warm that in its expectations of military success, in water will never freeze in them, much less warding off the blows of radical friends, and food is needed by the animals than if the air in reconciling political differences among his is far below a freezing temperature; and if supporters, many of whom were opposing the temperature is comfortably warm, less instead of strengthening and supporting his food still will be required. So wherever a measures, began to feel that the Democrat would be likely to succeed in the political campaign that was then progressing.

Entering his office on one of these days,

when it was evident that McClellan was to

be nominated by the Democrats, when reverses prevailed, when affairs were dark, dow in place of a broken shutter; warm,dry and many friends on whom he felt the Goverament ought to be enabled to rely were deroof and a plastered or double boarded ceil- sponding-some of them, like Greeley, proposing impracticable schemes, and not very creditable terms for peace, and others were complaining because a more unrelenting ourse was not pursued-when the Democrats were assailing him for arbitrary measares, and both Democrats and radicals were accusing him of usurpations and holding him, not the military commander, accountaole for our slaughtered countrymen and slow progress in suppressing the rebellion, he handed me a scaled envelope with a request that I would write my name across the back of it. One or two members of the Cabinet had already done so. In handing it to me he remarked that he would not then inform me of the contents of the paper enclosed, had no explanation to make, but that he had a purpose, and at some future day I should be informed of it, and be present when the seal was broken. Some three months later, after the election had terminated, all the Cabinet being present, he brought out the sealed document, which he

opened and read. It was as follows: EXECUTIVE MASSION, WASHINGTON, August 23, 1864.

Mr. Lincoln had, after his election in 1860, and preceding his inauguration in lies nearly level, it should be ploughed into 1861, when the great secession storm which threatened the Union was impending, and States and sections were organizing to resist couragement, no friendly counsel, no generous support from the retiring administra row, the land will be level and work up and remembering it, he was determined that General McClellan, who from the then indications, would be nominated and elected, should, in that event, receive his willing assistance and that of the Administration to preserve the Union, though chosen by men who opposed bim and his efforts in the national cause .- The Galaxy for December.

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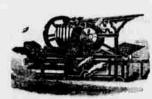
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