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WHAT I KNOW OF FARMING.

BY HORACE GREELEY.

VI.

LAYING OFF A FARM—PASTURING.

Whoever finds himself the newly installed owner and occupant of a farm, should, before doing much beyond growing a crop in the ordinary way, study well its character, determine its capacities, make himself well acquainted with its peculiarities of soil and surface, with intent to make the most of it in his future operations. I would devote at least a year to this thoughtful observation and study.

To one reared amid the rugged scenery of New England, or on either slope of the Allegheny ridge, all prairie farms look alike, just as a European supposes this to be the case with all negroes. A better acquaintance will show the average prairie quarter section by no means an unbroken meadow, "level as a house floor," but diversified by water courses, "sloughs," and gentle acclivities—sometimes by considerable ravines and "barrens" or elevated "swales," thinly covered with timber, or brush, or both. But I will contemplate more especially a Northern farm, made up of hill and vale or glade, rocky ridge and skirting bog or other low-land, with a wood-lot on the rear or not far distant, and clumps or belts of timber irregularly lining brook and ravine or lurking in the angles and sinuosities of walls and wooden fences, and a ragged, mossy orchard sheltered in some quiet nook, or sprawling over some gravelly hill-side. A brook, nearly dry in August, gurgles down the hill-side or winds through the swamp; while fields moderately sloping here and nearly level there, interposed here and there, have severally been devoted, for a generation or more, alternately to grain and grass—the latter largely preponderating. We will suppose this farm to measure from 50 to 150 acres.

Now the young man who has bought or inherited this farm may be wholly and consciously unable to enter upon any expensive system of improvement for the next ten years—may fully realize that four or five days of each week must meantime be given to the growing or earning of present bread—yet he should none the less study well the capacities and adaptations of each acre, and mature a comprehensive plan for the ultimate bringing of each field into the best and most useful condition whereof it is susceptible, before he cuts a living tree or digs a solitary drain. He is morally certain of doing something—perhaps many things—that he will sadly wish undone, if he fails to study peculiarities and mature a plan before he begins to improve or to fit his several fields for profitable cultivation.

And the first selection to be made is that of a pasture, since I am compelled to use an old, familiar name for what should be essentially a new thing.—This pasture should be as near the centre of the farm as may be, and convenient to the barns and barnyard that are to be. It should have some shade, but no very young trees, should be dry and rolling, with an abundance of the purest living water. The smaller this pasture lot may be, the better I shall like it, provided you fence it very stoutly, connect it with the barn-yard by a lane if they are not in close proximity, and firmly resolve that outside of this lot, this lane, this yard and the adjacent stable, your cattle shall never be seen, unless on the road to market. Very possibly, the day may come wherein you will decide to dispense with pasturing altogether; but that is, for the present, improbable. One pasture you will have; if you live in the broad West, and purpose to graze extensively, it will doubtless be a large one; but permitting your stock to ramble in Spring and Fall all over your own fields—(and perhaps your neighbors' also)—in quest of their needful food, biting off the tops of the finer young trees, trampling down or breaking down some that are older, rubbing the bark off your growing fruit trees, and doing damage that years will be required to repair, I most vehemently protest against.

The one great error that misleads and corrupts mankind is the presumption that something may be had for nothing. The average farmer imagines that whatever of flesh or of milk may accrue to him from the food his cattle obtain by browsing over his fields or through his woods, is so much clear gain—that they do the needful work, while he pockets the net proceeds.—But the universe was framed on a plan which requires so much for so much; and this law will not submit to defiance or evasion. Under the unnatural, transitory conditions which environ the lone squatter on a vast prairie, something may be made by turning cattle loose and letting them shirk for themselves; but this is at best transitory, and at war with the exigencies of civilization. Whoever lives within sight of a school-house, or within hearing of a church bell, is under the dominion of a law alike inexorable and beneficent—the law requires each to pay for all he gets, and reap only where he has sown.

You can hardly have a pasture so small that it will not afford hospitality to weeds and prove a source of multiform infestations. The plants that should flourish and be diffused will be kept down to the earth; those which should be warred upon and eradicated will flourish untouched, ripen their seed, and diffuse it far and wide.—Thistles, White Daisy, and every plant that impedes tillage and diminishes crops, are nourished and diffused by means of pastures.

I hold, therefore, that the good farmer will run a mowing machine over his pasture twice each Summer—say early in June, and then late in July—or, if his lot be too rough for this, will have it clipped at least once with a scythe. Cutting all manner of worthless if not noxious plants in the blossom, will benefit the soil which their seeding would tax; it will render the eradication of weeds from your tillage a far easier task; and it will prevent your being a nuisance to your neighbors. I am confident that no one who has formed the habit of keeping down the weeds in his pasture will ever abandon it.

I think each pasture should have (though mine, as yet, has not) a rude shed or other shelter whereto the cattle may resort in case of storm or other inclemency. How much they shrink as well as suffer from one cold, pelting rain, few fully realize; but I am sure that "the merciful man" who, as the Scripture says, "is merciful to his beast," finds his humanity a good paying investment. I doubt that the rule would fail even in Texas; but I am contemplating civilized husbandry, not the rude conditions of tropical barbarism. If only by means of stakes and straw, give cattle a chance to keep dry and warm when they must otherwise shiver through a rainy, windy day and night on the cold, wet ground, and I am sure they will pay for it.

In confining a herd of cattle to such narrow limits, I do not intend that they shall be stinted on what grows there. On the contrary, I expect them to be fed on Winter Rye, on Cut Grass, on Sowed Corn, Sorghum, Stalks, Roots, &c., &c., as each shall be in season. With a good mower, it is a light hour's work before breakfast to cut and cart to a dozen or twenty head as much grass or corn as they will eat during the day. But let that point stand over for the present.

Warm Feet.

If grown people choose to go to bed with cold feet, "what's to hinder?"—Maybe they agree with the irascible old man who, having tried various liniments and emollients without effect, at last defied the offending member: "Ache away, old fellow, I can stand it as long as you can."

But to put into cold sheets feet that should be warm and rosy, but that are numb and blue, is enough to make all the little toes this side of the tropics curl. Some have constitutionally cold feet, that will be cold in spite of woolen stockings, and thick shoes, and any amount of exercise.

The nervous system of children is said to be five times greater proportionately than that of their elders.—Who can doubt it? And certain restless specimens, common to every neighborhood, should be, in justice to ordinary two-footed urchins, ranked as human decapods; for how can one pair of feet accomplish all these juvenile Flinkims do?

But tired time rolls around, and then the tired limbs, the yielding bones of the growing body, should lie in happy unconstraint: knees and chin should not be brought into unnatural and uncongenial neighborhood. How can they help it when all below the hem of the night-dress is a Nova-Zembla?

If the bed-rooms are warmed, there will be no chill in the mattresses and blankets; but every one knows how it is in a cold room.

We should like to urge all mothers, elder sisters, aunties, and nurses to use either a soapstone, which is easiest, or a warmed crib-blanket, for the feet of their little charges. With that pleasant anticipation, going to bed will be robbed of half of its objections.

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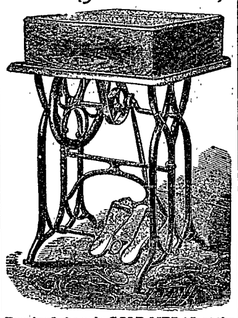

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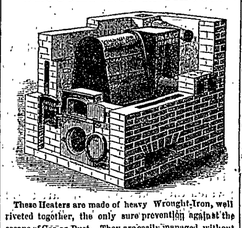

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UNITED STATES
Authorized WAR CLAIM AGENCY
HUNTINGDON, PA.

SOLDIERS' HEIRS, ATTENTION!

The act of Congress approved March 2, 1867, gives to Heirs of Soldiers who died prisoners of war,

COMMUTATION FOR RATIONS,

for the time the soldier was so held a prisoner, at the rate of twenty-five cents per day, to be paid in the following order: 1st. To the widow, if unmarried; 2d, To the children; 3d. To the parents, to both jointly if they are living, if either is dead, to the survivor; 4th, To the brothers and sisters.

The act of February 28, 1867, provides for the refunding of the $300 Commutation Money, where the same person was again drafted, and was required to enter the service or furnish a substitute.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

The act of March 2, 1867, also makes provisions for the payment of the

$100 ADDITIONAL BOUNTY

to such soldiers as have accidentally lost their discharges.

All persons having any claims under any of the above mentioned Acts, or any other kind of claim against the United States or State Governments, can have them promptly collected, by addressing the undersigned. Information and advice cheerfully given to soldiers or their friends, free of charge.

W. H. WOODS,
Authorized Army and Navy War Claim Agent,
may9,2187 HUNTINGDON, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

READING RAIL ROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1869.

GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM THE North and North-West for PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, READING, POTTSVILLE, TAMAQUA, ASHLAND, SHAMOKIN LEBANON, ALLENTOWN, EASTON, EPHRATA, LITIZ, LANCASTER, COLUMBIA, &c., &c.

Trains leave Harrisburg for New York, as follows:

At 2 30, 5 35 and 8.10 A. M. and at 12 20 noon, 2.55, 11 p. m., connecting with similar trains on the Pennsylvania R.R, and arriving at New York at 10.15, a. m., and 12.05, noon, 3.35, 6.35 and 100.000 p. m., and 9.00 a. m., respectively. Sleeping cars accompany the 2.30 and 5.35 a. m., and 12.20 noon trains without change.

Leave Harrisburg for Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersville, Ashland, Shamokin, Pine Grove, Allentown, and Philadelphia at 8.10 A. M., and 2.55 and 4.10 P. M., the 2.55, stopping at Lebanon only; the 4.10 P. M., train making connections for Philadelphia Pottsville, Columbia and all intermediate stations between said points only. For Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven and Auburn, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna R. R, leave Harrisburg at 3 40 P. M.

Returning, leave NEW-YORK at 9 A. M., 12.00 noon, and 5.00 and 8.00 P. M., Philadelphia at 8.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M. Sleeping cars accompany the 9.00 a. m and 5.00 and 8.00 p m trains from New York without change.

Way Passenger train leaves Philadelphia at 7 30 A. M. connecting with similar train on East Penna. Railroad, returning from Reading at 6.35 p m stopping at all stations.

Leave Pottsville at 5.40 and 9.05 a. m., and 3.05 p. m., Herndon at 5.30 a m, Shamokin at 5 40 and 10.40 a m Ashland 7 05 a m. and 12.30 noon, Tamaqua at 8 35 a m and 2.20 P. M for Philadelphia and New York.

Leave Pottsville, via. Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad at 8 15 a. m. for Harrisburg; and 11 30 A. M. for Pine Grove and Tremont.

Reading Accommo. Passenger Train leaves Pottsville at 5.40 a m, passes Reading at 7.30 a m, arriving at Philadelphia at 10.20 a m, returning, leaves Philadelphia at 4.45 P. M. Passing Reading at 7.40 p. m., arriving at Pottsville at 9.30 p m.

Pottstown Accommodation Train: Leaves Pottstown a 6.25 a. m., returning leaves Philadelphia at 4.00 p. m.

Columbia Railroad Trains leave Reading at 7.15 A. M., and 8 15 P. M., for Ephrata, Litiz, Lancaster, Columbia, &c.

Perkiomen Railroad trains leave Perkiomen Junction at 9.00 a m 3.10 and 6.30 p m returning: leave Schwenksville at 6.10, 8.12 a m, and 12.45 noon, connecting with similar trains on Reading Railroad.

Colebrookdale railroad Trains leave Boyertown at 8.45 a m, and 5.20 p m, for Mt. Pleasant, arriving there at 10.20 a. m. and 7.20 p. m., returning, leave Mt. Pleasant at 7.00 and 11.00 a. m., connecting with similar trains on Reading railroad.

Chester Valley railroad Trains leave Bridgeport at 8.30 a m, 2.05 and 5.02 p m, returning, leave Bowmansville at 6.30 a m, 12.45 and 5.15 p m, connecting with trains on Reading railroad.

On Sundays, leave New York at 5, 8 00 p.m, Philadelphia, 8 a m and 3 15 P. M., the 8 a m train running only to Reading leave Pottsville 8 A. M., Harrisburg 6.35 a m, 4 10 and 10, 0 p m, and Reading 12.45, midnight 1.15 a. m for Harrisburg, and 7 20 a. m., and 12.55 midnight for N. Y. and at 9.40 a. m., and 4.25 p. m. for Philadelphia.

COMMUTATION, MILEAGE, SEASON, SCHOOL, and EXCURSION TICKETS to and from all points at reduced rates.

Baggage checked through: 100 pounds Baggage allowed each Passenger.

G. A. NICOLLS,
Reading, Nov. 22, 1869. *General Superintendent.*

HUNTINGDON & BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after THURSDAY, SEPT. 16th, 1869, Passenger Trains will arrive and depart as follows:

UP TRAINS.				DOWN TRAINS.	
EXPRESS	MAIL	STATIONS.		EXPRESS	MAIL
P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.
LV 5 05	LV 8 40	Huntingdon,	AR	10 30	AR 4 20
5 02	8 46	Long Siding,		10 22	4 12
4 57	9 00	McConnellstown,		9 46	3 55
4 54	9 07	Pleasant Grove,		9 37	3 48
4 40	9 22	Marklesburg,		9 22	3 32
4 36	9 26	Coffee Run,		9 03	3 16
4 03	9 46	Rough & Ready,		8 45	2 59
3 18	10 01	Cove,		8 40	2 55
3 24	10 05	Fishers Summit,		8 36	2 51
AR 3 41	10 20	Saxton,	LV	8 28	2 26
	10 43	Hiddlesburg,			2 08
	10 52	Hopewell,			2 00
	11 10	Piper's Run,			1 40
	11 20	Tatesville,			1 30
	11 45	Bloody Run,			1 05
	AR 11 52	Mount Dallas,			LV 1 00

SHOUP'S RUN BRANCH.					
LV 7 50	LV 10 20	Saxton,	AR	8 05	AR 2 25
8 05	10 45	Coalmont,		7 55	2 10
8 10	10 50	Crawford,		7 50	2 05
AR 8 20	AR 11 00	Dudley,	LV	7 40	LV 1 55
		(Broad Top City,			

Huntingdon Sep 22, '69. JOHN M'KILLIPS, Supt.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD.

TIME OF LEAVING OF TRAINS
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

WESTWARD.					EASTWARD				
MAIL.	PACIFIC EXPRESS.	FAST LINE.	MAIL TRAIN.	EXPRESS.	STATIONS.	PACIFIC EXPRESS.	MAIL.	FAST LINE.	MAIL TRAIN.
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
4 54	.....	11 40	.....		N. Hamilton,	.....	5 17	9 48	
5 02	.....	11 58	5.54		Mt. Union,	.....	5 10	9 40	
5 15	.....	12 06	.....		Mapleton,	.....	5 02	9 30	
5 23	.....	12 16	6 10		Mill Creek,	.....	4 52	9 23	
5 40	7 30	12 32	6 25		Huntingdon,	8 05	4 36	9.06	
5 55	.....	12 49	.....		Petersburg,	.....	4 18	8 46	
6 07	.....	12 58	.....		Barree,	.....	4 09	8 37	
6 10	.....	1 08	6 35		Spruce Creek,	.....	4 02	8 30	
6 31	.....	1 24	.....		Birmingham,	.....	3 49	8.16	
6 41	8 32	1 34	7 30		Tyrone,	.....	3.41	8 08	
6 52	.....	1 45	.....		Tipton,	.....	3-30	7 58	
6 59	.....	1 53	.....		Vosburg,	.....	3 22	7 53	
7 05	.....	2 00	7.42		Bell's Mills,	.....	3 20	7 47	
7 25	8 55	2 20	8 00		Altoona,	7 15	3 00	7 30	
P. M.	A.M.	P. M.	A.M.		Leave	A.M.	P.M.	A.M	

The PACIFIC EXPRESS Eastward leaves Altoona at 9 05 P. M. and arrives at Huntingdon at 10 21 P. M.

The FAST LINE Eastward leaves Altoona at 12 25 A. M., and arrives at Huntingdon at 1.45 A. M.

The CINCINNATI EXPRESS Eastward leaves Altoona at 5 45 P. M. and arrives at Huntingdon at