

Care of Harness.

There are few people who know how to take proper care of harness and who understand the extent of the damage that arises from carelessness in its use. Harness that has been exposed to a storm for hours if not rightly cleaned and hung up when it is taken off will be irreparably damaged. The *Huntingdon Journal* advises every harness manufacturer to give a printed copy of rules for the preservation of the article to each purchaser. It also gives the following valuable suggestion, which, if followed, will keep harness looking nice for many years. The first points to be observed is to keep the leather soft and pliable; this can be done only by keeping it well charged with oil and grease, water is a destroyer of these, but mud and the saline moisture from the animal are even more destructive. Mud in drying absorbs the grease and opens the pores of the leather, making it a ready prey to water, while the salty character of the perspiration from the animal injures the leather, stitching and mountings. It therefore follows that to preserve a harness the straps should be oiled whenever it has been moistened by sweat or soiled by mud. To do this effectively the straps should all be unbuckled and detached, then washed with a little water and brown soap, then coated with a mixture of neatfoot oil and tallow and be allowed to remain undisturbed until the water has dried out, then thoroughly rubbed with a woolen rag; the rubbing is important, as it, in addition to removing the surplus oil and grease tends to close the pores and gives a finish to the leather. In hanging harness care should be taken to allow all straps to hang their full length; bridles, pads, gig saddles and collars should be hung upon forms of the shape of each. Light is essential in the care of leather, and when the harness closet is dark the door should be left open at least half the time during each day. All closets should be ventilated, and when possible they should be well lighted. To clean plated mountings use a chamois with a little tripoli or rotten stone, but they should be secured as little as possible. Rubber covered goods are cleaned in the same way. Leather cover needs to be well brushed and rubbed with a woolen rag. If a harness is thoroughly cleaned twice a year, and when unduly exposed treated as we have recommended, the leather will retain its softness and strength for many years.

Wood Ashes and Salt for Cattle.

Realizing the necessity of an occasional relish of salt and wood ashes for all kinds of stock, some one suggests that the most convenient form in which these materials can be offered is in a solid mass which admits a diligent licking on the part of the animal without gaining more of the mixture than is desired. In order to mix the ingredients so that a solid mass may be formed, take salt and pure wood ashes in the proportion of pound for pound, with water sufficient to hold the mixture together. To preserve the mixture in a solid state place it in troughs or boxes sheltered sufficiently to keep rain and snow from reaching it and converting it into an alkaline pickle. These troughs with their tempting contents prove efficient as baits for alluring animals, turned out on long runs during the day, home at night. When cattle chew feathers, wood and old bones, remember that it indicates a lack of phosphate of lime in their food, which is required to support bone material. A teaspoonful of bone meal given daily with their grain will correct the habit and supply the deficiency which induces it. If the disposition to eat bones is indulged in when cows are on grass, the deficiency evidently exists in the soil, and the pasture will be greatly benefited by a top dressing of bone dust. Two or three hundred pounds to the acre, sown broadcast, will repay attending expenses in a better yield and quality of milk and butter.

Profits of Farming.

The Indianapolis *Journal* says: "It is now estimated that the wheat crop of Indiana for this year will be from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels, and it will bring into the State and add to its invested wealth from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000. No such sum has ever been added to the wealth of a State with as little risk or as great profit upon the capital and labor invested. It is not an unusual or exceptional thing for the product to be equal to one half the value of the soil that produced it. Thousands of acres of land in the State have, in two years, produced wheat equal in value to the land producing it. The product of corn has been very little behind that of wheat in point of profit. This, of course, is not a common or even an average result, taking one year with another. The past three years have been favored years with the farmers, and the farmer who has done well during that period may reasonably conclude that there is something wrong in his case demanding investigation. We make no reference here to indebtedness and embarrassment from that cause, under which thousands of farmers are laboring in common with all other classes. Such indebtedness, in nine cases out of ten, is the result of some other cause than following their agricultural pursuits."

POTATO BISCUIT.—Boil half a dozen fine, large potatoes; mash them through a colander; when cool add a cup of sweet milk and flour enough to roll out, with a teaspoonful of yeast powder sifted with the flour. Do not knead more than is absolutely necessary. Cut into small biscuits and bake in a quick oven. These are a nice breakfast dish and more wholesome than other biscuits.

If we imitate nature and, like the polar bear, wear white, we shall be warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

A horse's strength is equal to that of five men.

Going Home to be Forgiven.

Some boys were playing at ball in a retired place one afternoon when they should have been at school. They absented themselves without leave, intending to go home at the usual hour. Thus they thought their absence would not be noticed by their parents and friends. While thus engaged Mr. Ams came along. "What are you doing here?" said he. "Your parents think you are at school; I shall let them know where you are, and what you are about." He passed on and the boys stopped playing. What was to be done? It would be sure to tell their parents. It was too late to go to school and too early to go home. Their consultations came to no comfortable conclusions; the probabilities of punishment were talked of. Some thought they might escape, but the prospects of most of them were not promising. At length John Roberts rose up and said, "I'm going home."

Glory, Peace, Good-Will.

Who denies the glory, the peace, the good will, growing fruits of the Saviour's advent? Who is it that shuts his eyes on the spreading Kingdom of Christ, and dares assert that the world is waxing worse and worse, that the Gospel and the Spirit influence are failing to accomplish their purpose, and that the earth is ripening for destruction? Who, we say? Here and there are some that love him who came as an infant in Bethlehem, and that wait for another advent in the terror of rending heavens, which shall perform tear away all the blinded unbelief of the nations. But the coming festival of Christmas points back to a holier and brighter advent than that of lightning and trumpets and riven skies. A sweeter, a more persuasive voice comes from the subdued glory, the repressed majesty that the shepherds saw when the King of Heaven put off the garments of ineffable light and was born the Holy Child of the spotless maid. If the nations will not hear the story of the advent crowned with the glorious shame of the cross, neither will they learn though the heavens dissolve, and the thrones are set, and the graves open, and the dead arise, and the voice of doom thunders from the skies.

The Blessed Dead.

Bishop Quintard, in a beautiful discourse on the death of Rev. C. C. Parsons, published by E. P. Dutton & Co., says: "We know that our beloved ones are among the jewels of Paradise. They live on; for death is not the passing of the spirit into a long sleep in the unknown abode; it is blissful passage into the land of light and rest, where is the fellowship of the angels and the saints of God. We have fellowship with them; they are ours still, and we give God thanks for the 'good examples,' and even amidst the joys of Paradise our beloved ones cling to us in love, and their hearts are beating high with that love for us wherewith they beat on earth. The ties of earth live on in the eternal world, for these are the creation of God. They are one with us in the fellowship of his sufferings; one with us in the communion of his saints: 'Angels and living saints and dead, but one communion make.'"

When I see a man with serene countenance, it looks like a great leisure that he enjoys, but in reality he sails on no summer's sea. This steady sailing comes of a heavy hand on the tiller.—*Thoreau*.

Put your trust in Him who holds all earth in the hollow of His hand, and it will be well for you at the great day.

He that followeth the Lord fully, will find goodness and mercy following him continually.

What wonderful condescension! God beseeches me to be reconciled to Him.

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2	11:30	2	7:30
3	12:30	3	8:30
4	1:30	4	9:30
5	2:30	5	10:30
6	3:30	6	11:30
7	4:30	7	12:30
8	5:30	8	1:30
9	6:30	9	2:30
10	7:30	10	3:30
11	8:30	11	4:30
12	9:30	12	5:30

SOUTHWARD		NORTHWARD	
TRAIN	LEAVES	TRAIN	ARRIVES
NO.	AT	NO.	AT
1	6:30	1	10:30
2	7:30	2	11:30
3	8:30	3	12:30
4	9:30	4	1:30
5	10:30	5	2:30
6	11:30	6	3:30
7	12:30	7	4:30
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