

Agricultural.
A Crack in the Hog Trough.
The following from a recent number of the Prairie Farmer, is equal to Franklin's story of the whistle:
A few days ago a friend sent word to me that every day he gave nearly twenty pairs of buttermilk to a lot of "shouts," and they were improved at all. This I, in my ignorance, thought was a new kind of buttermilk. I went into the pen, and on close examination, found a crack in the trough, through which most of the contents ran off under the floor. Think I, here is the type of the fallacies of agricultural lecturers.
When I see a farmer omitting a little improvement because of a little cost, I'm lost. I see a farmer who has a hog trough, and he is robbing himself and his hog, thinks I, my friend, you have a crack in your hog trough.
When I see a farmer buying manure but wasting ashes and not manure, trying all sorts of experiments except intelligent hard work and economy, getting the cheapest seed and the best of cultivation, growing the variety of crop called Sour Trut Seedlings, and then sweetening with sugar, and then keeping the fruit fields rich, while the back lots are growing up with thistles, burrs and weeds; contributing to the Choctaw Indian party, and using a man to do agricultural work; such a man, I will give a written guarantee, has a crack in his hog trough, and in his head too.
When I see a farmer allowing his hogs to roam over his yard, fences down, things of the yard, and a hog trough, I come to the conclusion that he has a large crack in his hog trough.
When I see a farmer spending his money in buying a hog trough, and he has to sell his corn to pay hired help, and his hogs are so lean that they have to lean against the fence to support, I rather lean to the conclusion that somebody that stays at home will have a hog trough, and that somebody that stays at home will have a hog trough.
TRAINING OXEN.—At an agricultural fair we lately attended, we were greatly surprised to see how perfectly some of the oxen, steers and calves had been trained. We usually regarded them as slow, dull animals, incapable of being trained as dogs or horses are trained. But all such notions have been driven out of our minds, and we are now fully satisfied that they are not only capable of doing the things required by their master, but that much of the training they receive is of great use in the performance of the necessary work on every farm. Some we saw were trained to walk very fast in ploughing, and some were trained to double the amount of work in a given time that ordinary oxen will do. Others would back just as well as do, and would go ahead—could be driven from the side as well as the near side, or even by one sitting on the cart—lie down and get up at the direction of the driver, turn round, and in short, seem to do just what was wanted, and at just the right time. We saw a pair of calves, only seven months old, that were as well trained as the old oxen, and would back quite a load up hill as promptly as their legs would carry them. There are many advantages in this training, and they become much more valuable because so handy. The oxen that are trained to back, let them be encouraged to take their steers and show the people what can be done by the oxen in this early business. If the boys could and persevere come active in the duties of the farm, they might be less inclined to leave the city.

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