

FEEDING CATTLE AROUND STACKS.

When a corner or knoll in the meadow is found to be in a poor condition, farmers often attempt to enrich such places by making a stack of hay on the ground and feeding it out, expecting to reap a double benefit of improving the land, and saving the trouble of carting the hay and manure. Let us examine the arguments for, and objections to, this course of procedure.

The ground in this climate is always frozen in winter and covered more or less with snow, and consequently the liquid manure freezes upon the snow, and as the snow melts before the ground thaws and settles sufficiently to absorb the fertilizing qualities of the manure, the most valuable portion is lost entirely. The heavy rains drench the solid parts of the manures, and alternate thawing and freezing destroy its strength, so that the soil is comparatively little benefited.

Another prominent objection is, that the cattle or sheep thus exposed in some bleak place, consume about one-fourth more food than is necessary, if comfortable stables were provided for them, and they come out emaciated and sickly in the spring. Thus instead of securing a double profit in stacking the hay, a three-fold loss is sustained—namely, the better portion of the manure—a considerable portion of the hay, and in the condition of the stock. Cows, kept during the winter in this way, require a long time to recover from the effects of exposure, and frequently the season is far advanced, and the grass becomes dry and less succulent, before they regain their flesh—thus very much lessening the profit arising from them.

True economy consists in keeping cattle in good condition with the least quantity of food, and in making and saving all the manure possible. Proper attention is given to composing manure, for I still regard it as the basis of remunerative farming. It is the great thing to make our farms fertile; for drought or excessive rains do not injure a rich soil as they do starved land.—The Cultivator.

DEEP PLOWING.

To the Editors of the Cultivator.—I observe that you are turning the attention of your readers to deep culture, and to encourage this system I will give you my experience briefly. Three years ago this spring I purchased a worn out farm as it was termed, and in the autumn plowed twenty-four acres of meadow with a Michigan subsoil plow from two to twelve inches deep—sowed eighteen acres of spring wheat, and stocked. The balance was planted in corn, well manured with yard and special manures. A strip of rod in width, by the side of this corn, was plowed with an ordinary plow, and poppon depth—both treated alike; the latter yielded from forty to fifty bushels per acre—the former double these amounts.—The meadow produced this season, second mowing, two and a half tons and upwards per acre; of good timothy hay. This land was tolerably well manured, and well drained. I took another old meadow of seven acres two years since, after cutting less than a ton per acre—plowed as before, rolled thoroughly, drained completely, and as I could not spare manures for it sowed winter wheat and stocked without manure, and a few days since Ketchum's Moving Machine cut from that seven acres, instead of three hours time, twenty large loads of hay; over two and a half tons per acre, being the first crop.

With this plow no summer fallow is necessary—the plow may follow the rake—and hereafter I shall raise no crops on meadows, but manure and stock forthwith. I intend to turn about forty acres next season, and to follow the Michigan plow with subsoil plow, to cultivate fourteen inches in depth, and have no doubt that my neighbors who are complaining of the drought, will see that my farm is not "altogether spoiled" by deep plowing, and that three tons per acre will be produced drought or no drought. Respectfully yours, H. E. FOOT, Sec. St. Lawrence Co. Society, Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence county, August 8, 1852.

ALL ABOUT ELDERBERRIES.

A writer in the Ohio Cultivator, residing in Indiana, furnishes the following receipts in regard to the use of the Elderberries saying:—I know some who say they cannot eat them; the reason of this, they do not how to prepare them. When cooked by these receipts, they relish them very much. It is strange that when there is a scarcity of fruit, the people will lament the lack of fruit, when behold the fence corners are filled with these valuable bushes, bending down and overloaded with ripe delicious fruit that all goes to waste. You need never be at a loss for fruit to make pies, for it grows spontaneously. If I ever plant an orchard I intend to plant a goodly number of elderberries, for I think that if they were cultivated they would be much larger. Now you that have enterprise and are planting out fruit trees of all descriptions, just be wise and take a bit of advice and while you are planting your orchard, get out a number of elder fruit trees. Remember other fruit is liable to fail, while this is a never failing fruit.

ELDERBERRY PIE.—Prepare the crust as for apple pie—put the under crust on the platter and pour in the fruit till half an inch deep, then sprinkle two spoonfuls of flour and two of sugar over them, and pour on a teaspoonful of sour cream. Put on the upper crust and bake thoroughly and you will have a most delicious pie; the best according to my taste, that can be prepared, and so nearly all who have tasted them, find so nearly all who have tasted them. A little nutmeg and loaf sugar grated over the pie when first taken from the oven, improves it.

DRIED ELDER FRUIT.—This fruit is very easily dried by spreading in pans under the stove or in the oven, and will make as good pies as though fresh, if they are soaked a few minutes before using. Some of our neighbors dry them by the bushel for winter use.

ELDERBERRY DUMPLINGS.—Make the crust as usual and put in the berries as you would other fruit. Boil them fast till the crust is done, then take them up and eat with a dip of white sugar and sour cream, and you will confess they are delicious.

ELDERBERRY JUICE.—Take the berries that are fully ripe and remove all unsound ones, pour a little water over them and press the juice out through a strong cloth. Put equal quantities of juice and molasses into the preserving kettle and boil to the consistency of very thick molasses, stirring in three or four drops of lemon oil to the gallon. Put it up in stone or glass jars, and to keep for the following summer, fit the covers air-tight by using bladder, or white of an egg on paper or sealing them, and put them in a cool place, and they will keep good as long as you wish.

ELDERBERRY PRESERVES.—These can be made by the same receipt as other fruit, and are the most healthy of any preserves I know of.

ELDERBERRIES FOR MEDICINE.—This fruit when cooked is an excellent diet in case of the flux. A brother and sister of mine who were severely attacked with this disease last year, are entirely cured by this, without the aid of medicine.

A minister, travelling where the road was difficult to find, requested a man by the way-side to direct him, naming the place where he wished to go. "Well," says the hodge and ditcher, "keep on just as you are going about a mile and a half; there at the cross roads you will see a minister, who will direct you to the left a couple of miles, and there at the fork of the road is another minister, who will direct you to the right about three miles, and so on, at every fork and cross of the road, is a minister to tell you which road to take."

"Why," says the other, "those things which stand up at the cross and forks of the road, with something like a hand on them."

"Finger boards, you mean," says the preacher, "why do you call them ministers?"

"Because they are always pointing the way to other people, and never go themselves."

A CALIFORNIA WIDOW.—Capt. Saltwater says his effort to effect a matrimonial character, resulted in a manner so discouraging that he don't believe he'll ever be induced to try it over again. The Captain being out of service for some months, conceived a passion for a rather mysterious young lady that boarded at the same hotel. Says the captain, "I conveyed her round to shops, shows, balls, theatres, churches, and every other place of amusement and information, and at last, when I thought things had gone 'bout far enough, I sought my yards, and says I, just as cool as a powder monkey: 'Ma'am, I've been thinkin' I'd like to get spliced.'"

"Spliced!" said she, as artless as a turtle dove.

"Splice," said I, "and if you've a notion, why—I'm ready to share my luck and dunnage with you, Ma'am."

She looked sort of taken aback at first, but goes about, and says she: "Captain, I've been thinkin' if my husband don't write to me soon, and send me some money and a gold watch from California, I'd just as soon marry somebody else as not, and if you'll wait a few days, I'll give you the preference."

Her husband had been gone to the Pacific just four months, and here was a California widow! "I stood off after that," said the Captain.

WONDERFUL PARTURITION.—The Mississippi Times, (Holly Springs), of the 1st September, comes to us with the following announcement: "Seven Children at One Birth.—Mississippi against the World.—The most astonishing parturition recorded in the annals of the human race, we are informed, occurred last week in the vicinity of Salem, Tiptah county, in this State. Our information is from a gentleman of veracity, who states that a lady of that neighborhood had just become the mother of seven children at one birth!"

Was there ever a woman in the world that beat this? Is there a woman living can beat it?

YANKEE COURTESHIP.—A love-lorn swain broke a wash-bone with his "heart's queen," somewhere in New Hampshire. "Now what do you wish, Sally?" demanded Jonathan, with a tender grin of expectation. "I wish I was hansom as Queen Victoria."

"Jerusalem! what a wish!" replied Jonathan, "when you're hansom 'nuff need I? But I'll tell you what I wished, Sally; I wished you was locked up in my arms, and the key was lost!"

A lately a gentleman sat down to write a deed, and began with: "Know one woman by these presents."

"You are wrong," said a bystander; it ought to be know all men."

"Very well," answered the other; if one woman knows it; men will of course.

The wheat production of Ohio is estimated to average 26,000,000 bushels per annum, of which 13,000,000 are surplus. It is said that only about one-fifth of the land in the State is under cultivation. While some of the premium crops exceed 50 bushels to the acre, the average yield of the State will not exceed 10 bushels.

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