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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 1, 1881.

Farm Notes.

Useful Hints for the Toiling Husbandman.

The distinguished French chemist and investigator M. Louis Pasteur, has discovered a novel means of treating sheep for the eradication of a most malignant and destructive class of diseases, devastating whole flocks and variously called splenic fever, "anthrax," "charbon" and carbuncular disease. He takes the virus of the disease, and, and, after passit through certain processes, so as to reduce its rancor, or in other words, to get it into "mild" form, he "vaccinates" with this mild virus the animals—sheep or horned cattle that are to be protected. That his process will and does protect the "vaccinated" animals, he has demonstrated on a large scale, at the invitation of one of the French Agricultural societies. Fifty sheep, without distinction, were inoculated with the *strongest* charbon virus, and M. Pasteur predicted that, on the following day, the twenty-five sheep inoculated for the first time would all be dead, while those protected by previous "vaccination" with the mild virus would be perfectly free from even slight indisposition. A large assemblage of agricultural authorities, cavalry officers, and veterinary surgeons having met at the field the next afternoon, *the result was found to be exactly in accordance with M. Pasteur's predictions.* At two o'clock *twenty-three* of the "unprotected" sheep were dead; the *twenty-fourth* died within another hour, and the *twenty-fifth* an hour afterward. But the twenty-five "vaccinated sheep were all *in perfectly good condition*; one of them, which had been designedly inoculated with an extra dose of the poison, having been slightly indisposed for a few hours, but having then recovered.

The Germantown *Telegraph* directs attention to the urgent need of attending carefully to the requirements of stock now that they have to be confined. One of the most important of these is a frequent supply of salt. Mankind as a rule does not partake of a single meal without having it liberally seasoned with this important natural product. The craving of animals is of a similar nature. The horse, particularly, relishes this nutritious seasoning; and to the hog it can be given in its food in increased quantities with beneficial results. The sheep being a smaller feeder requires a larger quantity than swine. Salt in its pure state is fatal to poultry, but when mixed to a small extent with their food has an excellent effect.

Now is the time to give good heed to the accumulation of manure. Trash of all kinds and leaves may be gathered up and hauled into the barnyard to be converted into manure by spring. Leaves from the woods are probably the best, and now is the time to haul them in. After a rain or a light fall of snow is perhaps the best time to go for them. They then are a little moist and lay compactly together, and two or three times the quantity can be taken in a load. An old fashioned wooden rake is very handy in heaping the leaves, so as to be taken up by an expanding wooden straw fork. By having the "small boy" to trample down the leaves, a great many can be taken in a load. The hog pen should be liberally supplied with them; so the cow stable, and when there is an abundance of leaves, the dung yard can have repeated supplies scattered over it.

Watering Stock.

Animals of all kinds should be allowed an opportunity to obtain water at least twice every day in winter. All animals, men included, desire less water in cold than in warm weather, but when all the food is dry a considerable amount of water is required to moisten it and to supply the demands of the system for fluids. All persons know the injurious effects of drinking a large quanity of water at a time. It is as injurious to the inferior animals as to men. Water obtained from any other source than a spring will be necessarily quite cold in the winter, but it need not be cold as ice and snow will make it. The watering trough should be emptied after all the stock have drank, so that no ice will form in it. Pains should also be taken to draw off the water in such a manner that it will not form ice on the ground where the stock will stand to drink. It is always desirable to have the watering place located under cover, and thus protected from the winds and storms. It is best to have the space around it covered with plank that can be kept clear of ice and snow. Many dairymen and horsemen have found great advantage in bringing water into their barns and stables for use during the winter season. This may generally be done without great trouble or expense when spring water can be obtained and conveyed through pipes. The water is comparatively warm and supply can be had by simply turning a stopcock. The cattle and horses can be turned out to drink one at a time, and allowed to return to their stalls when they are done drinking. By this arrangement the animals can obtain water without being exposed to the cold, and without being subjected to the danger of being hooked, pushed about or of slipping on the ice. Animals watered under cover during severely cold weather are not likely to contract colds or to suffer from diseases of the throat and lungs. If stock is let out into an open yard to drink during cold weather, only a small number should be turned out at once, so that the opportunity for quarreling may be obviated as far as possible.

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