

Agricultural.

Hints about Work.

The farmer's most important winter work may be in cultivating his own mind, and not his alone, but in that of his children and dependents. In this free and independent country, it is often hard to tell which is the servant, the one who gives the labor of his free hands for money, or the one who gives his money for labor. They sometimes change places, and very often the hired man becomes the more intelligent, cultivated, and wealthy of the two. Many a man has voted for a former day laborer as his representative in the Legislature, or in Congress. This comes only by good use of the golden hours of winter evenings.

Books.—The world is full of good ones. The less one knows, the better is he satisfied with what he knows. Those books upon subjects bearing upon a man's own calling, are a never failing source of interest and profit; and in connection with books, *Periodicals* both professional and of general interest, are very important as educators. These things should be made available in each neighborhood, by means of a well selected

Circulating Library, established in a central location, in the school house, a store, or in a private family, and open at regular hours. Even at present prices of literature of all kinds, a small sum only is required to establish and maintain such a library, if it is selected by a good agent.

Accounts.—To begin the new year aright when it comes, the old year must be finished rightly. Farmers are very apt to run into careless habits about their accounts—not so much in money transactions as in their store bills, especially where the farm products are seldom sold for money, but are exchanged for family groceries. Go over all accounts, and get ready to commence with a clean balance sheet January 1st, 1897. A plain account book has prevented many a lawsuit, for it is the very best witness a man can take into court, provided it has been regularly and accurately kept.

Protection against Frost.—Protect cabbages by banking up outside the walls with sods and dirt, or what is better, tan bark. Conduct off water dripping or flowing from leaves, and pack straw or leaves against such windows and doors as are not constantly in use. Pumps or hydrants may be protected by setting headless barrels around them and filling them with tan-bark, or mud, or manure. Bury underground electric wires, if necessary, by covering them with more earth. If water pipes freeze, clear the ice out by pouring hot water upon the ice through an India rubber tube. Exposed pipes may be protected very well by winding them with hay rope, and smearing this with clay.

Fodder.—It makes little difference how abundant fodder is; its waste is criminal. Those who throw out hay, straw, or stalks, to be trampled upon, and trod into the ground by cattle and sheep, do a very foolish thing, for if properly used as bedding even, it would be worth a good deal for manure. Racks ought to be provided for the yards and sheds, as well as for the stalls, and so constructed that all the cattle feed may be worked over, as indicated.

Live Stock of All kinds require the farmer's especial care and daily personal attention. The cold weather is apt to induce carelessness on the part of the hands, and animals are not all well watered or equally foddered, or systematically cared for, unless the master's presence is closely followed. Feed and water regularly and well, and keep salt before horses, cattle and sheep. We like the Liverpool rock salt best. This comes in solid, hard masses, weighing several pounds, and lumps may be laid in the mangers or in salt troughs in the yard. Give all kinds of cattle a daily airing of two or three hours. Young cattle and sheep may have much more liberty. No class of stock should be allowed to run down in flesh—it is so hard to bring them up again, and keep the young stock growing.

Cats and Sheeps.—When we get a snow of a foot or more deep, it is a capital time to break sties and colts.

Horses.—Look out for having them well shod and caulked as soon as icy weather comes. The best application for bruises and sprains is usually cold water and thorough rubbing. If very painful, put on rum and a little tincture of ammonia, but not on raw spots. Cuts, or bruises, when the skin is broken, are best treated with grease and pine tar, melted together to soft lard.

Working Oxen, if used, should be well shod and caulked, at any rate in front, otherwise one runs a great risk of having them get falls and sprains.

Cows.—Keep their stables clean, sprinkle gypsum to prevent the odor of ammonia. Give abundant ventilation, but not cold drafts. Make them exercise daily when it is not very icy. If kept in a yard, see that the shed is dry, well roofed, and if possible board up the front with straw or put up racks. Put balls of straw in the corners of the "bills" and of quartersome ones. It is said that corn rubbings fed to cows on the ground is a preventive of abortion. If there be any virtue in it, it probably lies in the cows picking up some earth with the corn. It is well to give occasionally a handful of wood ashes, and if a cow's breath is not quite sweet, give pulverized charcoal and a tablespoonful of nitre (saltpeter) in her food.

Hogs.—Towards the last part of the fattening season, hogs gain slowly. As a general rule, feeding hogs is said to pay as long as they gain daily half of one per cent. That is, when a 200 pound hog gains a pound. Even that depends altogether on the price of corn and pork, and changes in the market may make it pay to feed hogs some weeks even, though they gain nothing at all. Slaughter hogs for family use in the coldest weather before Christmas. A friend of experience and who advocates shooting hogs, fears that the recommendation is a correspondent to shoot a wooden plug into the forehead, would not be effective, unless with a pretty good charge of powder. He prefers shooting with a ball through the temples. A little experience will settle the question, and enable every one to avoid all music on slaughter day.

Poultry.—After the hogs are killed, the poultry will receive unsalted scraps and will not fit for cows, and it will promote a tendency to commencing laying, if they have warm quarters. Those who breed for prizes will take care to provide warm sunny rooms, and keep them warm even by artificial heat, so as to get out a clutch or two of chicks as the first week in February if possible. It will pay to take great care of fowls for eggs only, when they sell for four or five cents a piece, as they do now at retail in New York City markets.

Manure.—We do not approve of hauling out manure in the winter, and spreading it, or leaving it in heaps on the land. It may be moved to distant fields when the shedding is good, and there laid in large compact heaps, trodden down, and if possible covered with dirt.

Celars, where roots are stored, should for the same reason be kept open as long as can safely be done without freezing the contents.

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Agent for the following well known and reliable Insurance Companies:
NEW ENGLAND INSURANCE CO.—Hartford, Conn.
KENTUCKY INSURANCE CO.—Philadelphia.
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Bills receivable \$50,000
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Office at the Hardware Store of Colling & Russell
Towanda, Feb. 7, 1896. —

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H. B. M'KEAN, Agent,
Of the following well known and reliable Companies.
Office at the Hardware Store of Colling & Russell.

Aggregate Amount of Capital \$17,000,000

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Hartford, Conn., \$4,000,000

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New York, \$1,246,000

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Hartford, Conn., \$299,000

WYOMING INSURANCE COMPANY,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., \$150,000

NORTH AMERICAN TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.,
(Accidental), Philadelphia, \$500,000

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Hartford, Conn., \$10,000,000

KENTUCKY FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
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Towanda, Feb. 20, 1896. —

THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

Office No. 242 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
This Company are now procuring the business of Insurance from loss or damage by FIRE on Buildings, Merchandise, Furniture, etc., throughout the State of Pennsylvania, on liberal terms for cash or by deposit of premium.

The prompt payment of claims for losses during the period of twelve months has been the basis of the company's success.

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Capital \$357,000.00

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All losses have been promptly paid out of the Premiums collected on application for insurance without making any assessments.

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P. JOHNSON, Sec'y.
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C. M. MANVILLE,
Agent, Towanda, Pa.

March 5, '96.

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AT ALBA, PENN'A.

The undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Western Bradford that he has commenced the Carriage and Wagon manufacturing business, in all its various branches in Alba Borough, in the shop north of the Union Hotel. His foreman in the wood shop will be N. M. REYNOLDS, who is well known to the people of this vicinity, having been in the business for the last 16 years. He will manufacture to order, and keep constantly on hand the latest styles of Buggies, Sleighs, Caters, etc. His work will be done by the most experienced workmen, and great care will be taken in the carrying the best timber, and the most substantial materials. He intends that the work turned out at his shop for style, durability and cheapness shall be unequalled in the County. REPAIRING of all kinds done with despatch, in a substantial manner on reasonable terms. JAMES MCINTYRE,
Alba, Bradford County, Pa., Feb. 26, 1896. —

LUTHER'S MILLS,
BURLINGTON, PA.
The proprietor, having rebuilt his Flouring Mill in Burlington, and taken pains in selecting articles, and the most improved machinery, it is now completed in order for all kinds of Flouring.

CUSTOM WORK DONE AT SHORT NOTICE.
With cheerful attention, who will see to your wants in good order and with general satisfaction.
Cash paid for Grain.
April 17, 1896. ROSWELL LUTHER.

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HARDWARE CODDING & RUSSELL

Large and well selected stock of goods.

To which additions are daily being made, which they offer cheap for Cash. A large assortment of COOKING STOVES.

Among the many desirable and beautiful patterns is the CELEBRATED AMERICAN

This beautiful stove is unsurpassed for economy in fuel; is a perfect baker; is the best COOK STOVE in the market. Among their heating Stoves may be found a great variety suitable for every place where stoves are used.

STOVE PIPE AND SHEET IRON WORK.
Always on hand and made to order.

TIN WARE
A large stock manufactured from the very best material and by experienced workmen. A very full assortment of

IRON, NAILS AND STEEL.
At New York prices.

HOUSE AND CARTRIDGE TRIMMINGS.
TOOLS FOR THE FARMER.

Tool for the Horse Joiner and Carpenter—Tools for Blacksmiths—Tools for every body.

WINDOW SASH AND GLASS, PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES, ACACIA AND REMOVAL.

KEROSENE OIL, LAMPS, WICKS AND CHIMNEYS BELTING, TABLE AND POCKET CUTLERY.

BRITANNIA AND PLATED WARE.
Pumps, Lead Pipe, Chain Pumps, Water Pipes, Grindstones and fixtures.

KEROSENE LANTERNS.
JOB WORK done with dispatch. Lamps repaired. Paint Lamps and Lanterns altered and fitted to burn Kerosene.

Grain, Old Iron, Castings and Wrought scrap, Copper, Brass, Britannia, Bessemer, Castles and Hags taken in exchange for goods.

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JOHN A. CODDING, CODDING & RUSSELL,
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Store on door south of the Post Office.

W. N. M'KEAN, W. N. M'KEAN, M. M. M'KEAN.

MARSHALL BROTHERS & CO.,
HARDWARE.

Wish to call the attention of the public to their new Stock of

FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
BLACK SMITHS TOOLS,
AND CARPENTERS' TOOLS.

Also, a large assortment of
Window Glass, Sash, Paints, Oils,
Putty, Varnishes, and Paint
of all kinds, which will be sold for the lowest cash price.

Also, a fine assortment of
KEROSENE LAMPS,
of every style and pattern to suit the public.

Lamps repaired and changed from Oil and Fluid to Kerosene.

Particular attention paid to the manufacturing of all kinds of
TIN WARE.

JOB WORK PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
We have on hand a fine article of
GLASS FRUIT JARS,
with improved sealing caps, and
HERMETICAL SEALING CANS,
which is one of the best cases used.

June 29, 1895.

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WHEELER & WILSON
THE BEST
FAMILY MACHINE!

HEAR THE TESTIMONY!
Wheeler and Wilson is the best for household work—
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We praise the Wheeler & Wilson with enthusiasm.
Ch. Ladd.

Intelligent sewing women are now generally satisfied of the importance and value of these Sewing Machines.
—Rev. Dr. Tappan.

The Wheeler & Wilson will give entire satisfaction.
—New York Observer.

There is emphatically but one Sewing Machine, and that is Wheeler & Wilson's—Judge Meigs, Secretary American Institute, N. Y. City.

Mrs. Vinton desires me to express to you her entire satisfaction with your Sewing Machine. My purse is a witness that the Sewing Machine, among its other excellencies, is a household economy. —Rev. Dr. Fulton.

The Wheeler & Wilson has no rival. Scientific American

WOMAN'S GREATEST BOON.—We would advise a man to forego a theater and dress with a full rather than to see a wife wear her health, vigor and life away in the everlasting search for a "good" sewing machine. A good one can be obtained. The Wheeler & Wilson is an invaluable aid in every household. We have had several different kinds on trial, and after six years' service, the Wheeler & Wilson has taken the precedence as the best where all kinds of sewing is to be done in a family. —American Agriculturist.

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HEAVY WORK,
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SINGER'S IMPROVED,
WICKHAM & BLACK,
AGENTS,
TOWANDA, BRADFORD COUNTY, PA.

Oct. 22, 1895.

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GUNS, RIFLES AND PISTOLS.

J. V. GEORGE, would respectfully inform the public that he has opened his

On the north side of the Public Square, near the Court House, where may be found Double and Single Barreled Guns, Rifles, Revolvers, Pistols, Cartridges, &c. &c. Particular attention given to repairing, and work warranted.

Towanda, Aug. 26, 1896. —

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NEW ARRIVAL!
W. A. ROCKWELL,
is now receiving a small but large supply of

GOODS,
Comprising a fashionable assortment of

DRESS GOODS,
CLOAKINGS,
SHAWLS,
BREAKFAST CAPES,
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EMBROIDERY,
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SHEETING,
BATTING,
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And all descriptions of
RY GOODS.

For Men and Boys wear.

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, HATS, CAPS,
BOOTS, SHOES, OF ALL KINDS.

Also a large assortment of
CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, LAMPS,
LANTERNS, &c.,
To be sold at the lowest rates.

Of all descriptions, Bird Cages, Scales, &c. may be had.

TO APPRECIATE THE GREAT VARIETY, YOU MUST CALL AND SEE THEM.

PERFUMERY, JEWELRY, AND ALL SORTS OF KNUICKKNACKS.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

We have purchased these goods at the lowest price in the market, and feel confident that I can give our most satisfactory quality and price.

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We are now offering them at

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This is no humbug. We are bound to sell. A large

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Of the best quality with the latest improvements. All kinds of Machinery for Flouring and Sawing.

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Furnished at short notice.

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Of heavy wrought work for Bridges, and all other purposes, done to order. Also, a large assortment of

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PURE WINE AND LIQUORS, FOR MEDICAL USE ONLY. A FULL ASSORTMENT OF CONCENTRATED

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