

The Bloomfield Times.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Animals that Chew their Cud.

Ruminating animals gather their food rapidly, give it a few cuts with the teeth and swallow it. It goes to an interior receptacle, where it is moistened; this is very essential if it be dry hay. When the animal has filled himself he masticates the food thus stowed away in his stomach, raising it cud by cud. When a portion is completely masticated, it passes to another receptacle and the progress of digestion goes on. Thus an ox if left to himself, will raise and masticate all his food thus stowed away in his stomach. If he be pushed and worked hard, and does not have time to masticate, he falls off in flesh, his health is poor, his digestion incomplete. The horse, on the contrary, however much in a hurry he may be, must masticate each mouthful before he swallows it. A hungry ox, let into a meadow will fill himself in twenty minutes while a horse would want at least an hour and twenty minutes to take the same amount of grass. The ox, deer, sheep, goat, chamois, and rabbit, being the natural prey of ferocious beasts, are endowed with the extra stomach in which hastily to stow away the food without mastication. This may, perhaps, be regarded as a wise provision of nature, enabling them to sally forth where food is plenty, and in a short time they will fill themselves and retire to a place of safety to masticate their food at their leisure.

Hollow Horn.

If the horns of the animals are cold in the morning, you may expect they have the horn ail. If the eyes look dull and heavy, and matter gathers in the eyes, and the nose is dry and does not sweat, it is another evidence of horn ail. If the hair is dry and stands out straight, and the droppings are dry and hard, it is a third indication.

Take a common teacup half full of good strong vinegar, put in a tablespoonful each of fine salt and black pepper, ground fine, and let it soak. In the morning put a tablespoonful in each ear of the animal affected; the next morning repeat the dose. If the case is not a bad one, two applications will generally effect a cure. As soon as the natural warmth returns to the horns, then the cure is effected.

I would recommend not to bore the horns nor cut them off till the above remedy has been tried.

In applying the medicine it will be necessary for one to hold the head and another to apply the medicine. Be sure to hold the ear up, so that the liquid will run into the head. I have not known a creature to die with the horn ail that has been treated with this, for thirty years.

Grinding Fodder for Domestic Animals.

The practice of grinding or crushing hay or straw, instead of the usual method of chopping it, as an article of food for domestic animals, is coming very much into favor. The digestibility of these substances, as is well-known, is much increased by steaming and softening with water; but a very marked improvement in the condition of cattle, it is said, is speedily observed in consequence of the adoption of the process referred to. It is maintained, also, that horses fed with ground hay are much less liable to suffer from attack of the colic than when the food is chopped, and that an appreciably smaller quantity will supply sufficient nutriment, less passing off in the form of undigested fiber. The operation of grinding is effected by mill-stones, or any other conveniently-adapted arrangement, a very soft article of food being produced, which is extremely acceptable to the cattle.—Agricultural Bureau.

Chalk for Stock.

When an animal is found licking his fellow, it is a proof that uneasiness is present in the stomach, that the licking of his neighbor is a habit contracted by instinct, with a view of removing the unpleasantness. Unfortunately instinct is not at all times sufficient to avoid dangerous practices, and if we take for granted that the stomach is at all times fully charged with acrid matters, we shall without hesitation find a remedy. It is only necessary to place within their reach shallow troughs in which is kept a supply of common chalk. If an animal has a superabundance of acrid secretion, it will most certainly neutralize the excess of acid. If an animal has not acid in excess and partakes of chalk, it will do no harm. It is often too late to administer remedies to young stock, and the placing of chalk within their reach cannot be made too early.

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