The Ploomfield Cimes.

Tuesday, October 29, 1872.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

How Much Pork will a Bushel of Corn Make 1

Some years ago, when I was just beginning to farm, I was desirous of knowing the best way of fattening hogs, and I determined to try the different plans, and also to ascertain how much pork a barrel of corn would make. I made a floored pen and covered it in. Weighed three hogs and put them in the pen. I also weighed three of the same size and put them in a dry lot-average weight one hundred and seventy pounds. I fed six barrels of corn to the six hogs. They were forty days eating the corn, with plenty of salt and water. Their average gain was seventyfive pounds. The hogs in the lot gained the most. One that was fattened in the lot gained eighty-eight pounds. One in the pen gained eighty-four pounds; the other four were not so thrifty.

These hogs were about fourteen months old when slaughtered. I put them up the 25th of October. There was a good deal of sleet and snow during the month of November, which gave the hogs in the pen an advantage they would not have had if the weather had been favorable; they were each fed on the same quality of grain. It also shows that one bushel of corn will make fifteen pounds of pork, and that the six barrels of corn made eleven dollars and twenty-five cents worth of pork, at two and one-half cents per pound; and that the farmer gets twelve and one-half cents for his labor of feeding per bushel, over selling at twenty-five cents per bushel. Hogs will fatten faster in September and October than they will in cold weather.

Another very important question or inquiry suggests itself from the foregoing, and that is, What is it worth to raise hogs to the average weight of one hundred and seventy-five pounds? It may be difficult to determine the exact value of the grass, clover and grain fields that the hog feeds on while growing to a gross weight of one hundred and seventy-five or two hundred pounds, but with these assisiants I can raise a hog to weigh one hundred and seventyfive pounds and over, with one barrel of corn. It will be seen from these estimates that two barrels of corn, with the advantage of grass, clover and grain fields, will produce about two hundred pounds of net pork or two hundred and fifty pounds

Hogs do best in large fields, with plenty of water, and the farmer who cuts up his corn in the months of September and October, and hanls it out on his fields, will be amply paid for his labor, in the improvement of his land, from the stalks and manure of hogs. It is a great saving of labor to turn the hogs in the field when the quantity of hogs and the size of the field suit - Correspondence Ohio Farmer.

For the Bloomfield Times. A Hint to Managers of Fairs. The best gait a horse has is a fast walk. A slow walking horse is an abomination .-Who has patience with such a horse? If you ride or drive him he exhausts your patience. If he is used to plow or harrow, or go on the road, he moves along at a snail's pace. He does only about half the work of a rapid walker. If time is money, you make money, because you save time, by having a horse that walks fast. Breeders should pay attention to this matter. In selecting a stallion to breed from, by all means select one that can walk fast. A slow walking stallion will generally be likely to get slow walking colts; while the stallion that has a long, rapid, spirited stride, will be likely to beget colts with a similar action. Then there is a great deal in breeding to a horse with spirit and ambition. These cold-blooded horses will beget cold-blooded colts. The nearer you can approach the thorough-bred, even for obtaining a fast walker, the better. There is game there, and spirit, and endurance, and stamina, and style. They are neat, bony heads and prominent eyes, the small ears, the capacious nostrils, the large lungs and chests, the well-developed muscles, the bones as dense as ivory. Even for walkers, then, get the nearest to thorough-bred possible, and the same for trotters, and of course the same for runners. You have then horses fit for any company, and for any purpose-to haul the plough, or buggy, or carriage, or to carry you upon their backs. Breed large, fine mares to thorough-breed horses, and you will get colts that you will not be ashamed to have your friends see. And now we wish to offer a hint. How much better it would be for the farming districts if the so-called agricultural fairs would recognise the importance of encouraging fast walking rather than fast-trotting horses. That would be a real benefit to the farmers while the present custom of encouraging racing is a positive injury not only to the farmer and to the fairs, but to the morals of the people. We trust this subject will be kept before the people until public sentiment compels such action to be taken.

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