

# THE POST

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SAMUEL PAUL.

**Merchant Tailor.**

Let all men avoid rash speaking. They that speak without care often remember their own words afterward with sorrow. They that expect peace and safety should restrain their tongues with a bridle.

**INTERESTA BLISTER**—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher very truly remarks that "No blaster draws sharper than interest." Of all industries none is comparable to that of interest. It works all day and all night; in fair weather and in foul. It has no rest in its tootsteps, but travels fast. It gnaws at a man's substance with his visible teeth. It binds industry with him, as a fly is bound in a spider's web. Debts roll a man over and over binding him hand and foot, untiling him hang upon the fatal mesh until the long legal interest devours him. There is but one thing on a farm like it, and that is the Conquistador, which swallows new plantations, like you break its roots. Whole blossoms are prolific, and every flower the father of a million seeds. Every leaf is an awl. Every branch is a spear, and every plant like a phalanx of bayonets, and a field of them like an armed host. The whole plant is a torment and vegetable curse, and yet the farmer had better make his bed of canasta than those that attempt to be case upon interest.

**A FINE STARCH FOR BLOOMS AND CLOLARS.**—Pour a pint of boiling water upon two ounces of gum, stir it, cover it, and let it stand over night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a clean bottle, cork it, and keep it for future use. A table-spoonful of this gum arabic water stirred in a pint of starch made in the usual manner, will give to laundry either white or printed, a luster of whiteness, when nothing else concretes them after they are washed. To every pint of starch, add a green butter, lard, or palm oil, and you die, the size of a chestnut.

It is well known that when the coat or a fabric has been destroyed by acid ammonia is applied to neutralize the same. But it is not so well known that after the application of ammonia chloroform will in almost all cases restore the original color. Chloroform will also remove paint from whitewash when almost everything else fails.

[From the American Agriculturist].

**GRAPE VINES**, as soon as the leaves have fallen, may be trimmed up young vines back to their buds and draw earth up to them, or give them a covering of leaves. Old vines that have been allowed to run wild are very difficult to preserve for the winter. The best general direction we can give is to cut off the past season's growth to two buds; reflecting that each bud will make a shoot; if this fails to produce too much wood, then some of the cane, but otherwise even hardy varieties will distribute laid down and covered with a thin earth. This may not be practicable with old vines, but iswhitely done, and so long as it can be done it will be found to pay.

**HORSES.**—Groom once a day. Six nights; if not in use, let them have the run of a brush pasture by day. When there is a great variety of weeds and grass and bushes, never give more than a basket of wheat three quarts of oats if the horses soon to be used. Feed well half an hour after he comes in warm. Never let a horse cool off in the wind. If a big wooled blanket over him, take back half at a time to rub him down, replace it, and let him stand until cool and dry; then cover with a moon duster to keep his coat clean. A horse is better off during the severe nights with a duster on him, than warmly blanketed.

**COWS.**—Feed the sound leaves of cabbages and and plants that fall to head, and also the tops of the root crops. Those calving at this time should have succulent food, pumpkins and roots, with oil cake. This will give them plenty of milk, and the flow may easily be maintained. They should have warm stables and usually yard. Cows in full milk can not eat too much of proper food. If they grow fat upon it, it is pretty sure evidence that they are better fit for the bams than for the dairy.

**CORN FODDER.**—After the corn is st to husk, the quicker the joints done and the foder stacked or housed, the better. We would quite as lief cornstalks out of a stack of Jersey barnack, as those stalked in a barn, provided the stack is well made. No more than a foot of the butts should be exposed to the weather, and the top pointed off' with good rye straw. It will take several bundles to top a big stack as it should be.

**SAWDUST.**—As soon as the country saw mills get water and begin to run, the neighboring farms can procure sawdust for litter. This adds not only bulk, which is a great value, as this the manure is divided and is more easily and evenly distributed, but it decays both in the heap and in the soil, thus affording organic matter and ash to the plan, while it retains the valuable qualities of the manure.

**YOUNG CATTLE** ought to have a warm, dry sunny shed and yard to lie in by day, and to be put up in an inner, closed stable by night. A very little grain or cut corn fodder will keep them growing well, sleek and healthy; and thus kept they may be wintered much cheaper than in a bleak stock yard, on wet cornstalks.

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