

Farm, Home &c.

Dealing With Farm Hands.—After the bargain has been made, there are other points which are important. The man has contracted to do certain things for a certain amount of money; if he does less, we expect to lessen his day; but if he does more do we increase it? If he quits work half an hour or even an hour before sundown, ought we not by the same rule to pay extra for it? It is often the case that for special causes—to finish up a piece of ploughing, so as not to bring up and harness the horse on next day—to bring an extra load of hay or to bring an extra load of wood to the house at night—we ask and receive more or two extra work. Is not this as much upon our side of the bargain as the loss of time was on his? It is fairly understood that it is extra for such favors the man will have a half or a whole day as a leisure time, it will be from lost, and will increase his willingness to do so again either for you or his next employer. A man who will wait at the "barn-end" of the horse because he cannot get clear around again before sundown may be set down as worth three dollars per month less than one who does not, this example is the key to his whole character. If we are more exact and careful on these points we should see a marked improvement in our farm hands.—Country Gentleman.

Salt, Sulphur and Charcoal for Pigs.—We have observed that pigs fed a great deal of heavy food, they are fond of salt and charcoal. Pigs are often affected with indigestion and the salt and charcoal are good remedies. We cannot well mix these things with their food in the right proportion, and, moreover, it would not be best to attempt to force a pig to eat them unless it wanted to, or else its appetite might be destroyed and harm come from the experiment; but by mixing the salt and charcoal together, and putting them in a box accessible to the pigs, they will eat no more than they require. There is a danger in putting either salt, charcoal or sulphur, where the pig can get them, but to mix them in their food might injure them, especially if one of them should possess a voracious appetite. Hogs will eat a considerable quantity of sulphur, and it is considered beneficial to them as a purifier of the blood and to help them to get rid of the vermin which infest their bodies heads and ears. We want the pigs we are going to eat to have plenty of sulphur, at least all they will take. Their flesh makes much better food.—Rural New York.

Dear Madam, Bowlegs.—Bowlegs and knock-knees are among the prominent deficiencies of humanity, and a Member of the English College, Dr. Campbell, attributes the first scientific discovery to a habit some youngsters contract in, of raising the sole of one foot against that of the other, some will go to sleep with the soles together. They appear to enjoy the contact only when the feet are naked; if they don't attempt to make it when they are socked or shod. So the remedy is obvious: keep the baby's soles covered. It is known the doctor never to a child at childhood habit, that of sleeping on the side, with one knee tucked under the hollow behind the other. He has found that where one leg has been bowed inward more than the other, the patient has all ways slept on one side, and the uppermost has been the most deformed. Here the preventive is to pad the inside of the knee, so as to keep them apart, and let the baby grow freely their own way. All of which is commended to mothers who desire "typical" symmetries of their progeny.

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