Agricultural.

Keep your Stables clean.

As our stock all stand on plank floors, early in the morning we first take up that part of the litter which is not much soiled, with a fork, and place it in the back part of the stalls, to dry during the day. We then clean out the manure, and put it on the dung heap. If litter be plenty, and it is an object to make as much manure as possible, then we should let all the litter go with the manure, and add plenty of fresh every night for the stock to lie on. And while on this subject, we wish to observe that if the litter be straw or coarse hay, it ought to pass through a straw cutter before using it. This makes it much easier to fork the manure in the heap, as it is not then bound together with long straws. After removing the manure, we give the stables a slight sprinkling of plaster of Paris, or charcoal dust. Either of these substances absorb all unpleasant effluvia, sweetens the atmosphere, and in the course of the season, adds considerably to the value of the manure heap.

Many farmers let their stock stand on the ground. If the soil be dry, there is no objection to this. If not cleaned out till spring, the manure should be spread evenly over the surface of the stable, every morning, a coating of plaster or charcoal dust then put upon it, and fresh litter added before night. Each animal will thus make a larger quantity of valuable manure during the season. One great advantage follows this system, and that is, the salts are not exposed to be washed out of the manure by rain, nor volatilized by the sun, as when exposed to the open air in the barnyard and other places.—*American Agriculturalist.*

BEWARE OF THE RING BONE.—If colts stand on a plank or any hard floor that is not well littered, they will be subject to the ring bone. When breeding horses, we left the floor of the colt's stables, of the soil over which they were built. If this should be a deep loam, or of a clayey texture, then remove the soil about two feet deep, and replace it with sand, or the finest gravel to be obtained. Colts should also be let out to exercise in a yard, or open space, every day during the winter, when not particularly stormy; and in this yard there should not be older horses, or any horned animal which can do them injury. Being very playful, they are more apt to provoke attacks upon them than other animals.—*Ib.*

VENTILATE YOUR STABLES.—And we mean by this, not only where horses and cattle, but where sheep, pigs, and poultry are confined. This is best done by placing a ventilator at the top of the building to carry off the impure air. It this cannot be done, then let in fresh air from the top of a door or window, or take off an upper board. Animals are much less likely to take cold or suffer when the fresh air comes in from the top of the place where they are kept.

Recollect that pure air is composed of 79 parts of nitrogen, mixed with 21 parts of oxygen, and an indefinitely small quantity of carbonic acid; that this air is constantly losing its oxygen in the process of breathing, and carbonic acid is thrown out in its place. An undue quantity of carbonic acid in the atmosphere displaces a proportionate quantity of oxygen, and thereby diminishes the healthful properties of the air This disproportion, if carried to excess, will destroy its life-sustaining principles, and produce death, as effectually as in burning charcoal in a close room. Hence, the vital necessity of purifying the air by constant ventilation.—*Ib.*

Female Amusements of the Present Day.

We are frequently pained to see drawing rooms and parlors filled with young ladies, for hours together, without any visible employment. They have run through an idle, unmeaning round of calls, of profligate, needless shopping in the early part of the day, and a *tea fight*, or *hop*, or a flirting match comes off at night, which consumes the remainder of the mis-spent day. Sad perversion of the intellect and bodies of what should be rational, intelligent, and useful beings.

We boast of advancement in manners, refinement of pursuits—we deem many of the fashions and habits of the present day as *retrogades*, not advances; as approximating closely to the idleness, frivolity, and dissipation of savage life, rather than progress towards one of greater refinement and utility. The good old days of the hatchel, the cards, the spinning wheel, the loom and the bleaching tub, were vastly more consonant to the duties of wives and mothers, and the welfare of the human race, than the present ones of the piano, the guitar, the opera, the polka, and the waltz.

Let sensible women who have right notions of female manners and duties, take the matter in hand before it is too late, and correct the downward tendency of female (mis-called) accomplishments. Provide for the young women the large rim spinning wheel, by which they can dance off some of the buxom hilarity of youth; and for the elder ones or infirm, the smaller, buzzing, sedentary, pedal wheel and distaff, where they can compose and lull their matron sensibilities to the quiet realities of life.—"And when the evening shades prevail," let the quiet knitting, with the old-fashioned sheath pinned upon the side, employ the busy fingers of all, as they are gathered round the cheerful fireside of the honest, prudent, and therefore, independent American farmer. Here, both brothers and beaux may learn a lesson of enjoyment, purity, and content, which they may look for in vain amid the saloons of the city, or even would-be-fashionable country life. What more is wanting for success and enjoyment on earth? What more favorable position for preparation for heaven? EDS.—*Ib.*

KEEP YOUR STABLES WARM.—In a brief article, p. 20, of this number, we speak of the necessity of proper ventilation of stables This can be easily done, and yet keep them sufficiently warm for the stock. Due warmth is essential to the growth and fattening of all animals, and the production of wool in sheep. No farmer can expect much of either during the winter months, if he let his stock be out and exposed to the weather, or if his stables are not properly boarded up, the windows set in, and the doors hung. Next to plenty of good food, water, and air, is good shelter —*Ib*

SELECT GOOD STOCK.—A great hindrance to the increase of good stock, arises from the farmer not being aware of the difference in the value between one breed and another. Many argue that "cows are but cows;" and that if those they have are well kept and carefully bred, they would be as good as any others.—*R. Jardine*

Fun.—If California is admitted into the Union, why can't the inhabitants vote *h*—Because they are all *miners*

Rapid progress of the Cholera, South.

It will be seen by our telegraphic despatches from New Orleans, that, considering how far winter is advanced, the Cholera is spreading there with alarming rapidity. From the 20th to the 23d instant, seventy-nine cases and several deaths had been announced, officially, by the Board of Health; and when we state that the New Orleans papers of the 19th were congratulating the public that the disease was fast disappearing, and expressing doubts even that it was the real Cholera Asiatic, some idea may be had of its malignant celerity. All suspicions, therefore, as to the trite character of the malady are by this time unhappily at an end, and we shall await with a painful anxiety further tidings, not only from New Orleans, but the South generally; for we observe the disease has broken out in Mobile, too, and even as far up the Mississippi as Memphis, Tennessee In telling me of this character, of course, creat da profound sensation in this our city, when the mail arrived yesterday afternoon—a feeling quite natural, it may be remarked, when we know that the pestilence is lurking at our own doors, and seemingly waiting only for such a change in the weather as will give us an atmosphere as mild as that we have in New Orleans at this season. Thus it will be seen the scourge has made its appearance on this continent at different points, almost simultaneously, and under circumstances strikingly similar, at least so far as its introduction into New York and New Orleans is concerned. The complaint which carried off so many of the immigrants on board the packet ship New York, from Havre, on her passage to this port, was unquestionably the same as that which created a like havoc among those on board the ship Swanton, from Havre, at New Orleans; and that it has not progressed so rapidly here may be justly ascribed only to our northern latitude, and our early frosts

We did not, however, take up our pen to announce the mere arrival of the pestilence, (which every one man expected to visit the United States in its progress over the globe,) nor to chronicle its progress in the cities at the South; these will be found carefully recorded, copied from the New Orleans papers, in another part of our paper; but we trust that our citizens and our municipal representatives, no longer sceptical, with such melancholy proofs before them, of the Cholera's presence in our midst, will do all that rational Christian men can do, to put the city in a proper state of cleanly preparation before the incoming of spring. Now, or in the time to put our homes in order, and not a moment should be lost. Meanwhile, eschew all cowardly and unmanly fear—but there be no manifestation of placide panic—but with a firm reliance upon God's mercy, and a dutiful submission to His will, let us be prepared to meet, without murmuring, what His wisdom may ordain. And, as the New Orleans Picayune remarks:

"Admitting that the Asiatic Cholera is here, wherefore the excitement and alarm which some manifest? If it comes as a scourge, who can escape it? Where shall we flee? It is a disease which visits alike the city and the country. It tops the loftiest mountain in its flight; it leaps the ocean at a bound. It traverses continents with unwearied step and is alike, found in regions of perpetual snow, and the latitude of perennial flowers. It wades through marshes and rests in dry places. Where is it not? It is in vain we seek safety in flight, for it is faster than we. If we hide in the mountains, it is there; if we walk the centre of the vast plains of the West, it is with us. It travels upon the "sightless couriers of the wind," and its approach is unseen of man. Why then run from it? or wherefore fear it? We are born and die a great old, surrounded by a thousand dangers as fatal as this one, which now in our midst, is less dangerous than the revels of the season, and is harmless in comparison with the guilty pleasures in which it seeks its victims. A sober, upright, and cheerful life is a shield against it. If it come of itself, it will go away, like an unbidden guest, when it is no longer dreaded. If it is sent upon us, we should rely with resignation and confidence upon the strength and mercy of Him who sent it.—Nothing comes thence that is not for our good."

We earnestly hope that a sharp frost or two may have the effect to check, at least for the present, the disease in New Orleans as it has been kept at bay here, by such a salutary change in the temperature of the atmosphere as we have experienced within the few days past. Perhaps no better illustration of the influence of the weather upon the cholera can be afforded than in the fact that on Sunday last, with the atmosphere comparatively clear and cool, not one case occurred at Quarantine; yet on Monday, dense, muggy and inhospitable, the Board of Health reported five cases and two deaths.—*N. Y. Express, Dec.* 28.

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