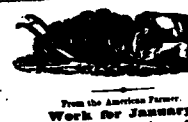


Agricultural.



From the American Farmer.

Work for January.

Grain Fields.—Have the surface drains in your grain fields carefully examined and cleared out, as the health of winter grain is greatly promoted when kept dry.

Winter Ploughing.—All stiff, intractable soils, intended for spring culture, should, if possible, be ploughed in the winter. Besides placing one ahead in his work, the texture of the land is greatly restored by the action of the frost. Such land, however, should never be ploughed when wet.

Fencing.—Be sure that you cut down and prepare as much fencing as will serve all your purposes throughout the year. Let the but-ends of the posts be charred sufficiently high up as that, when placed in the ground, three inches of the charred part will be above the earth. Posts thus treated will last for a half century. It is useless to merely char the part buried up in the earth, as the mischief, by decay, occurs just above it.

Breeding Mares.—These should receive all proper attention from now until grass is out. This food should be regulated with a moderately generous hand; it should be given them regularly at least three times a day; they should receive salt, or the mixture recommended above, twice a week, also, should they daily be curried, or carded, and brushed down, and watered three or four times a day.

Colts.—See that your colts receive full allowances of hay or fodder three a day, and a feed of grain once a day—that they are early accustomed to being handled and also bled. Such treatment renders them docile and relieves one of half of the trouble usually attendant upon breaking them. It is the custom of some to treat their colts the first winter, with very indifferent care, under the supposition that it conduces to their hardiness; but, for our life, we never could get our own consent to believe in the reasoning by which such philosophy was attempted to be sustained. All young animals should, in our view, be sufficiently well fed to keep them in a continually growing condition. And how, we would ask, can this be sustained, unless they receive such food, and in such quantities, as will encourage the processes of masticating bone, muscle flesh, and a moderate portion of fat to be continually going on.

While we would not pamper a young animal, by over-feeding, thereby encouraging processes, we should certainly give him enough to enable his system to carry on its regular elaborations. Colts should also receive water as often as grown up animals, and be twice a week to an ounce of a mixture composed of equal parts of salt, ash, and lime. This mixture keeps the stomach in tone and assists digestion.

Milk Cows.—If you desire that these should yield liberally to the pail, you must feed them with something better suited to the secretion of rich milk than dry provender. Roots or meal slops of some kind should be given them twice a day, at least, say morning and evening. They should have littered beds, dry lodgings, moderate warmth, to regularly watered three or four times a day, and be curried or combed and rubbed down with a whip of straw twice a day, and receive twice a week an ounce of salt, or the same quantity of salt, ash, and lime, mixed together.

Young Cattle.—These should be regularly fed and watered three a day, have a dry shed, facing the East or South, to resort to as they may please. Their food should be sufficient to keep them growing and in good condition, and should be treated to salt, or the mixture above recommended, at least twice a week.

Gates.—Have you a gain to every field on your farm? If you have not, provide them at once; the time which it takes to pull down and build up bars, will, in a single season, more than pay for gates for all the fields on your farm or plantation. Affix to each gate a chain, staple, and hook, to serve as additional security, and insist upon your hands fastening the chain every time they may pass through a gate.

Thrashing Grains.—If this work has not been completed, press on until you finish.

Corn Shelter and Corn Crib.—Have you one of each of these machines? If you have not, procure them. You should never sell your corn on the ear, but shell it and grind the cobs into meal for your milk cows and working oxen. In every five bushels of cob there is as much nutritive matter as there is in two bushels of grain, besides the capacity for distillation, which, in feeding cattle, is a matter of very great importance.

Family Slights.—Have you had them furnished up so as to look and be almost as good as new? If not attend to this part of your duty without further delay, as the slight in which your wife and daughters may ride should, at least, look as well as any in the neighborhood.

Fire Wood.—If you have already cut and piled in your yard as much wood as will serve you to the first of next December, go ahead, push ahead, until you can say your year's supply of wood is cut down.

NEW GOODS.

WINTER GOODS.—Consisting of Flannel, Cotton, and Woolen Goods, of the latest styles, and of the most superior quality. Also, a large assortment of Hosiery, and of every description of Goods, at the lowest prices.

Hardware.—A variety of all kinds, Cutlery, Yards, and other articles, at the lowest prices.

Books.—A large assortment of all kinds of Books, at the lowest prices.

Stoves.—A large assortment of all kinds of Stoves, at the lowest prices.

Fall Goods.—A large assortment of all kinds of Goods, at the lowest prices.

Clothing Emporium.—A large assortment of all kinds of Clothing, at the lowest prices.

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