

**The Farm and Fireside.**

**Save the Fertilizers.**  
Much Matter of a fertilizing character is suffered to go to waste on farms for the lack of a little care in gathering, preserving, and applying it to soil. Being distributed in small parcels at various points, it is regarded as of little consequence; but if brought together the several amounts would assume an importance which the separate parts failed to indicate. If the parcels of manure are frequently soon about sheds, hog pens and hen roosts and yards, and the like, were carefully gathered and applied to the farm and garden, the products of each would be materially increased, while the cost of the gathering and application would be fully repaid by the superior healthfulness resulting from their removal. When this residue matter is not in a proper state for immediate use, it should be gathered into heaps for fermentation—the masses being augmented from time to time, as material accumulates, till the fermentation of the wheat ground shall call for its application. Save all should be the ruling idea with the farmer.—*Agriculturalist.*

**The Way to Blanket Horses.**  
But few persons comparatively understand how to apply a blanket to a horse to prevent him from contracting a cold. We frequently see blankets folded double and across the rump and part of the animal's back, leaving those parts of the body which need protection entirely exposed to the cold.  
Those parts of the body of a horse which surround the lungs require the benefit of a blanket in preference to its flanks and rump. When we are exposed to a current of cold air, to guard against injury from contracting cold, we shield our shoulders, neck, chest and back. If these parts be protected, the lower parts of the body will endure a degree of cold far more intense, without any injury to the body, than if the lungs were not kept warm with suitable covering. The same thing holds good in the protection of horses. The blanket should cover the neck, withers and shoulders, and be brought around the breast and buttoned or buckled together as closely as a man buttons his overcoat when about to face a driven storm. Let the lungs of the horse be well protected with a heavy blanket, and he will seldom contract a cold, even if the hindmost parts of his body are not covered. Many of our best teamsters protect the breast of their horses by a piece of cloth, about two feet square, hanging down from the lower end of the collar. This is an excellent practice in cold weather, as the most important part of the animal is constantly sheltered from the cold wind, especially when travelling toward a strong current. The forward end of horse blankets should be made as closely around the breast of a horse as our garments fit our bodies. Most horses take cold as readily as men, if not blanketed while standing, after exercising sufficiently to produce perspiration. So long as the horse is kept in motion there is little danger of his suffering from cold; but allow him to stand for a few minutes, without blanket to protect his shoulders and lungs, and he will take cold sooner than men.—*Exchange.*

**Effects of Tobacco Growing.**  
A correspondent of the Boston Cultivator gives the following testimony showing that tobacco as one of the crops in a judicious rotation does not impoverish land: In 1868, I took a crop of tobacco from a piece of land, containing one and a half acres—the exact amount I cultivated, as it was bounded and stripped with other lots which I had. In the month of September, sowed in white wheat, and harvested thirty-nine and a quarter bushels of clean good wheat. And now, on June 23rd, I have taken off four large two horse loads of hay, from this acre and a quarter acre, the rest having been fed to my cows. Some portions of the hay lodged, and I say that even the moving machine did not get near all of it. I expect to get as much, or more of the next crop. The quantity of tobacco grown on this piece must have been as much as 2,500 pounds, and was sold for twenty-five cents through. In about four years I shall go over the same rotation again, i. e., tobacco twice, then wheat, and seed down, and mow again. The above is the way our tobacco lands are running out in the Connecticut Valley.

**The Cattle Disease.**—From near the State line, dividing New York from Massachusetts, the cattle disease which caused the death of several head of cattle at Egremont Plain, a year ago, has reappeared. Dr. Beebe made a post mortem examination of horses, and pronounced the cause of the malady to be the cattle disease. Last fall it was thought that the death of cows possibly originated in feeding in meadows which had been overflowed by the October freshet, but the cause not existing this year, the theory is exploded. Upwards of 20 head of cattle have died of this complaint since its first appearance.

**IRON AROUND PEACH TREES.**—At a recent meeting of the American Institute of Fruit Culture, Mr. Van Hook, who lives on Long Island, about fifty miles east of New York, exhibited some pruning from his orchard to illustrate the effect of putting iron around trees. He took an old place with twenty trees in the orchard, full of dead limbs, with yellow leaves and the crotches oozing thick gum. He gave the earth a good top-dressing of iron, breaking up old plows and stones, and scattering the fragments. The effects have been marvellous, and the trees have renewed their youth and now look strong and thrifty. The bark is tight and the leaves are green, and the borer has disappeared. He thinks the slab of iron furnishes ground-up and spread on orchards would prove a valuable fertilizer for fruit trees of all kinds.

**Query? how would iron do?**

**Cutting of The Wrong Head.**  
An old farmer was out one fine day looking over his broad acres with an axe on his shoulder, and a small dog at his heels. They espied a woodchuck. The dog gave chase, and ran toward the woodchuck, where it sprang immediately to stone. The dog would draw the woodchuck out from the wall, and the woodchuck would take the dog back. The old gentleman's sympathy getting high on the side of the dog, though he would help him. So putting himself in position with the axe above the dog, he waited for the extension of the woodchuck, when he would cut him down. So an opportunity offered, and the old man struck, but the wood-

chuck gathered up at the same time, took the dog in for enough to receive the blow, and the dog was killed on the spot. For years after, the old gentleman, relating the story, would always add: "And that dog don't know to this day but what the woodchuck killed him!"

**Marrying Young.**  
A few days since a well-dressed and handsome youth of some eighteen years of age, appeared before one of our sister city magistrates and asked if he could engage his services to perform a marital ceremony. The reply was in the affirmative, and the young man left, but shortly afterwards returned, accompanied by a sombre-looking female, middle-aged and dressed in black.  
"Is this lady your mother?" inquired the magistrate.  
"Oh, no, sir! this is the lady I desire to marry!" replied the youth, and as the lady drew aside the veil, disclosing a countenance wrinkled and sere, but on which for the moment gleamed a sort of joy smile.  
"Indeed!"  
"Oh, yes, sir!"  
"But are you of age?"  
"Not yet; but this lady is my guardian."  
"And she gives her consent?"  
"Yes, sir!"  
The magistrate was in a quandary. He didn't know exactly what to do. He had to sacrifice the youth, and join the bright-faced May to the gloomy, old Deceitful. "I don't think this rather a strange union?" he asked.  
"Not at all," replied the expectant bride. "I have a large amount of property which I desire to leave this young man. As I have relatives who might dispute the will were I to give it to him as a legacy, I prefer to marry him."

"Are you content to marry this woman for her money?" asked the justice.  
"Well I wouldn't marry her for anything else!" frankly replied the joy lover.  
"She isn't pretty."  
"And without more ado the ceremony was concluded.  
**The Art of Counting.**  
A country gentleman lately arrived in town, immediately repaired to the house of a relative, a lady, who had married a merchant. The parties were glad to see him, and invited him to make their house his home, as he had declared his intention of remaining in town only a day or two. The husband of the lady, anxious to show his wife's relatives every courtesy he could, took the gentleman's horse to a livery stable. Finally his visit became a visitation, and the merchant found, after the lapse of five days, besides lodgings and boarding the gentleman, a pretty considerable bill had run up at the livery stable. Accordingly, he went to the man who owned the livery stable and told him when the gentleman took the horse he would pay the bill.  
"Very well," said the stable keeper, "I understand you."  
Accordingly, in short time, the country gentleman went to the stable and ordered his horse to be got ready. The bill of course, was presented to him.  
"Oh," said the gentleman, "Mr., my relative will pay this."  
"Very good, sir," said the stable keeper, "please get an order from Mr. —. It will be the same as the money."  
The horse was put up again, and away went the country gentleman to the store where the merchant kept.  
"Well," said he, "I am going now."  
"Are you?" said the gentleman. "Well good bye, sir."  
"Well, about my horse; the man said the bill must be paid for his keeping."  
"Well, I suppose that is all right, sir."  
"Yes—well, but you know I am your wife's cousin."  
"Yes," said the merchant, "I know you are, but your horse is not!"

**A Man With Six Wives.**  
The Erie (Penn.) *Dispatch*, "shows up" the matrimonial adventures of a traveling M. D., whose pompous manner and volubility of tongue have given him the name of Dr. "Whistle-blow," but whose real name is Lyman S. Taylor, who is the husband of six wives and the father of children innumerable. Among his victims is a woman in Troy. The Doctor is a shoemaker by trade, and his first matrimonial venture was with an actress in a town near the Hudson River, where he became acquainted with her two children, and he married the former, living with her until her death, which was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. He then eloped with a servant from Syracuse, a Mrs. Dusenbury, for whom he seems to have had a genuine affection, living with her for the long period of fifteen years. The Doctor next turned up at Washington, where he married a poor, old woman, who died after a few hard times. He then opened a medical office, and became acquainted with Mrs. Francis M., who became his fifth wife, and who, since learning his true character, is likely either to bring him to justice, or to make the country too hot to hold him. He married her in Troy four years ago, one of his sons and a Mrs. King being the witnesses to the ceremony, \$8,000, and gave him \$1,000 as a wedding present to set up a country shoe store in North Corinth, but he ran through it, laid around drunk, and in a few months had only a few dollars left. Before leaving North Corinth, however, an officer came with a warrant for obtaining goods under false pretenses. He appealed to his wife, and she paid \$475 to save him from punishment. While getting ready to emigrate to Erie, wife No. 4, Mrs. Dusenbury, made her appearance and demanded that he should come and live with her, and her three children. He denied in presence of No. 5, that he had been married to No. 4. She said she could bring proof enough, but if he would do something for the support of the children she would not prosecute. He had swindled a shoe manufacturer in this city out of over a hundred dollars worth of goods, and these he packed in a box and told his late companion to take them and sell them for the benefit of herself and children. He then started for Erie with wife No. 5, but after a short time, married a sixth wife in that place and put for parts unknown. The last time he was heard from was in North Corinth, where he told the Troy lady and wife No. 4, that both after him, and he can hardly hope to escape—at least from the clutches of the former.

**NOTICE.**—Meeting of the Directors of the Odd Fellows of the Association will be held at Odd Fellows Hall on Monday April 17, 1871, at 7 1/2 o'clock. P. M. Also a meeting of COFFEE. BY of the same are express. C. H. SEIDT, Secy.

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