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WINTERING STOCK.—Cold winds and the "sere and yellow leaf" of autumn forcibly remind the farmer of the necessity of early forethought and ample provision for the care of his stock through the coming winter. Upon the economical and successful way in which this is accomplished depends quite as much as upon any other thing, his success in stock growing and in farming. "The merciful man is merciful to his beast," and will not let the unkindly blasts of winter, blow all too harshly around its unprotected head.

The farmer's first care for his stock should be warm shed and stable room for the whole herd. In our opinion the stable is the most profitable. Stock, to do well, must be kept warm, as it is impossible for them to do more than live while shivering, on the sunny side of the barn, stock yard, or rail fence. Every good farmer understands that a certain amount of animal heat is to be kept up, and this is done by the consumption of hay, straw, and grain, as heat is kept up in a stove by the combustion of wood or coal. It is not proposed to enter into the chemical changes produced in the case of the food or wood—both are well admitted truths—and the question presented to the farmer is, whether his animal or stove will be most easily and economically kept at proper temperature under a well constructed stable or house, or outside, exposed to the cold winds of our northern winter.

If you have the stables and sheds all prepared, you will make a note, and begin to look after stock. Don't be bad economy to let them range through meadow, field, orchard, and wood until compelled to come home by the thick falling snow. You may, it is true, have your mow and stacks untouched—but the cold frost bitten grass has afforded so little nourishment that your stock has already lost flesh. Believe me, dear sir, every pound lost now, will cost the value of more than double the number to replace, after they come to dry food.

Commence early to put cattle in the stalls for the night and feed them there, in preference to feeding in the yard or around some stack in a distant field. Cattle will run over hay on the ground and waste much of it. Stacking at best is but a poor method, for it will not take much cyphering to show that the waste in saving and feeding out of doors will soon pay for comfortable barns and feeding stalls. By beginning early to feed at night the stock may run out days.

Good hay answers every purpose, but there are stalks, cut and wheat straw which farmers design as a part of the forage for winter use. No one considers bread and meat alone palatable food for himself and family; neither should he calculate to keep his herd through the winter on hay or straw alone. Hay may be fed once a day, and as a change, cut straw with the addition of a little corn or cut meal, or shorts, would be very advisable. Perhaps the last is good repay cutting many fold. We are satisfied that it would be economy in all respects to have a good straw cutter, and give a few days if necessary, to take care of the whole herd, rather than feed coarse fodder whole.

Roots should not be overlooked. To keep cattle in good condition, they are very nutritious, and serve as a change from the dry food in general use. Carrots, turnips and beets can be so easily and profitably grown that no good herdsman should dispense with them. They are easily kept and cut, and should be used once a day at least, mixed with cut straw or stalks, or by themselves. It would be just as reasonable to keep the farmer's family on one kind of food through the winter, as to keep a herd of cattle on hay alone. Variety is essential to a good appetite, but it is unquestionably true that roots will have the effect of making cattle more healthy, just as fruits and vegetables are better for those who go down to the sea in great ships. Many of the wasting and fatal diseases which diminish the herd in spring, in our opinion, might be prevented by a judicious use of roots and grain in winter.

Water should not be forgotten when providing for stock. It is not enough that there is a brook in yonder hollow, near half a mile from the barn, for cattle can hardly afford to go so far in wet and muddy weather; and in the deep snow of mid winter they will suffer for want of water before they will venture themselves to the drifts and cold bleak winds. The water should be in the yard where it will be as warm as possible, and where cattle will be protected from the cold wind while drinking. Every one has observed the shivering of animals after drinking largely in mid winter. To prevent this they should have it often, not less than twice a day. It is the practice of many farmers to let sheep go without water except that obtained by eating snow all through the winter. It is a great mistake. They will drink three or four times in a day when they can have water without trouble.

Salt is important in the winter treatment of all kinds of stock. A supply should be placed where they can obtain it at any time. This may be done by putting some lumps in a box under a shed. They will taste a little nearly every day, never eating more than they need. When salted only at long intervals they eat too much, producing bad consequences.

One great object with farmers in wintering stock should be to make as much manure as possible, and save all that is made. For this purpose, if not kept in stables, the cattle should be confined to the yards. All the manure dropped in the snow path, when wandering after water or running at random over the fields is nearly a loss. Domestic animals are the farmer's apparatus by means of which his hay, grain, straw, roots, etc., are manufactured into flesh, muscle, and bone as well as elaborated for manure with which to feed the growing crop, and keep the whole farm in the best condition. They should claim a large share of the time and attention of every farmer, for those who give any care, reap a rich reward. W. *Genesee Farmer.*

A DESPERATE DUEL.—The following extract from a private letter, written by one of the soldiers in the army of Utah, gives the particulars of one of the most desperate duels on record.—The tragedy occurred in Cedar Valley, during the first week in September.—*Globe.*

"The parties to this sanguinary affair were two gamblers from St. Louis—Rucker and Peel. What gave rise to the difficulty was, that, in the course of a game for $1,000, Rucker played a secreted card, and was detected by Peel, who took the money, Rucker forfeiting the pile by the false play. The ensuing day the parties met at the settler's store. While there, some remark by a third party revived the subject of the game, and the quarrel of words between Rucker and Peel took a more serious turn. Peel said that there was but one way to settle the matter—they must fight. They adjourned outside the store, and taking their station about ten yards apart, drew their revolvers and fired. Both fell at the first shot—Rucker shot in the breast and Peel in the shoulder. One of Peel's fingers was taken off by the shot. The second shot took effect in both. Rucker then raised up on his knee and fired twice, both balls hitting Peel. The latter, bleeding from six wounds, struggled up from the ground, and resting his revolver on his arm, and taking deliberate aim, shot Rucker to the heart. Peel is not expected to live; indeed, as I write a rumor prevails that he is dead. Both these desperadoes came out from the States last spring, and had thousands of dollars of the soldier's money, which they had won in a "professional way." Their death is not likely to be regretted among the soldiers.

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