

Farmers' Column.

Lightning Rods. We are sorry that an excellent paper from our friend, Edward Stabler, on the subject of lightning rods, was not received until our space was entirely occupied with other matter.

Giving his own experience for a period of nine years, as President of the Montgomery Co. Mutual Insurance Co., he says: "Our risk are about four millions, and we have probably five hundred barns insured; a large proportion have lightning rods; and of the whole number destroyed by lightning, not one was thus protected; nor has a single building insured or uninsured, so far as has come to my knowledge, and protected with rods, been destroyed by lightning."

The Lycoming County, Pa. Mutual Insurance Company has been in operation sixteen years; and has issued within that time, fifty-one thousand, three hundred and thirty-three policies; not one protected by lightning rods was destroyed by lightning during the whole period.

The Worcester County, Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Co., has been in operation thirty-four years, and in their late Annual Report says "No building with rods on it, being injured by lightning (when properly fitted) has come to our knowledge."

Mr. S. says of the wheat crop, "So far as I have observed, and from reliable sources of information, in this State, the wheat crop is very short. I have not seen half a dozen fields of good wheat; generally very light, and hundreds of acres not worth cutting."—Village Record.

Rat proof Corn Crib. In framing, let the sleepers into the side sills, so that the top of the sleepers and sills will be level; joint your flooring, drive up tight, and nail down fast, and you have a floor that will neither lose your scattered corn, nor let in the rats and mice. Neither stone nor brick for underpinning, for the rats will certainly undermine them, and your sills settle; but use good blocks, two feet long, brought at the top of the size of sill. Use these precautions, and I will guarantee you a complete ridance from the rat tribe, if you do not let them in at the door."

A Word to Milkers.—The sage of the Ploughman says: "The milkster should be on good terms with the cow. If milkers scold and kick, the cow will, most likely, return the latter; and moreover, she can not kick to advantage when her leg is in close conjunction with the milk; for the space is required between the agent and the object. The best milkers are the quickest; for there will be a flow in less than a minute from the commencement of the process. Take advantage of this, and prevent its return. Milk dry; for the strippings are worth four times as much for butter as the milk that is first drawn." This is good advice. A lazy, scolding milker, will soon spoil a good cow.

Rats.—An agricultural writer estimates that every rat eats and destroys, on an average, one pint of grain, or its equivalent in other food, per week. A farmer who has been troubled with this species of vermin, calculates that, on an average, every farmer in the State of Pennsylvania, (taking that State as a sample) supports ten rats on his premises. Ten rats, at a pint each per week, would consume eight bushels of grain per year; or, taking 150,000 as the number of farmers in the State, one million two hundred thousand bushels annually to support the rats of Pennsylvania; a very considerable contribution towards the maintenance of a nuisance.

Food for Cows.—Dairymen state that, on an average, and the season through, the cream from fourteen quarts of milk is required to make a pound of butter. One who feeds pumpkins to his dairy cows claims that, with this food, nine quarts of milk yield a pound of butter. Farmers and dairymen who have tried pumpkin feed, state that there is invariably a large increase in butter and cheese. As pumpkins can be raised at small expense, there is no reason why they should not become a profitable article of food for cows.

Are your Pastures Provided with Shade Trees?—If they are, well and good; if not, open the way to a strip of woods, that your stocks may have the shade when they wish; and then plant in suitable places in the pasture some of the hardier trees, which should, of course, be well protected till they grow out of the reach of the cattle.—Locusts, oaks, elms, and various other trees may be planted thus with profit. The advantages of shade to a large stock will be very great.

Cultivation of Corn.—Keep the cultivation and hoe, or corn harrow and hoe, in your corn-fields constantly from now until a lay by, which should be when it is into silk. Let no weeds grow therein, and keep the soil at all times open to the breezes of the sun, and rain. In case of drought be sure to keep the soil moist. But don't use the plow.

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

THE undersigned respectfully informs his friends that he has just received a splendid assortment of NEW STORES in the following: Spring and Summer Goods. His stock has been selected with care and judgment, and will be sold at a low price. He has also a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods. He has also a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods.

Having just received and opened their stock of goods for the Spring and Summer trade, they have a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods. He has also a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods.

WHITE GOODS OF ALL KINDS, Shirts, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Bandannas, and Trimmings. Also, a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods. He has also a large quantity of the best quality of the following: Spring and Summer Goods.

DIYER'S HOTEL, Cattawissa, Pa. This hotel is situated in the town of Cattawissa, Pa., and is one of the best of its kind in the State. It has a large and comfortable accommodation for guests, and is well supplied with every convenience for the traveler.

JOHN M. FORD, Importer, MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN SADDLERY, COACH HARDWARE, &c. No. 32, North Third St. Philadelphia. This store is well stocked with a large variety of goods, and is a favorite resort for those who wish to purchase at low prices.

W.M. S. SMITH & CO., Produce Factors, No. 69 North Wharves, Philadelphia. The market value of all consignments advanced in cash. We have a large and well-stocked assortment of goods, and are prepared to receive orders for the same.

STAR CORN SHELLERS. A full supply of the premium Star Corn Shellers, from our own Manufacture, now on hand. They are adapted for either hand or horse power, and are believed to be the best power in the world.

HELMHOLD'S GENUINE PREPARATION.

HIGHLY CONCENTRATED COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU. For Diseases of the Bladder, Kidney, Gravel, Dropsy, Hematuria, Stricture, and all other Affections of the Urinary Organs. This preparation is highly recommended by the medical profession, and has been found to be a most effective remedy for all the above-named diseases.

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STEAM GRIST MILL.

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EXCHANGE HOTEL.

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Dr. J. S. Houghton's GREAT CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA.

THE Tonic Digestive Juice Prepared from the Roots of the Oak, after the great Physician of the University of Paris, M. D. J. S. Houghton. This medicine is a most effective remedy for all the above-named diseases, and has been found to be a most effective remedy for all the above-named diseases.

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SAVING FUND OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY TRUST COMPANY.

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