

AGRICULTURAL.



Fattening Swine.

Farmers begin to fatten swine too late. Some do not commence till the first of autumn, and others even later. The consequence is the animal scarcely gets under way when the time comes for slaughtering him. Our best managers make it a rule to keep the animal growing without intermission from the first period of its existence until ready for the pork-kib. If kept over winter, they are fed and kept comfortable throughout, and the regular fattening process is commenced early in the spring.—A bushel of corn given thus early in the season to a vigorous growing animal is worth much more than the same amount fed in autumn, and far more than if fed in cold weather or in winter. One reason that some farmers find it unprofitable to fatten pork, is that a large part of the process has to be performed when the weather has become so cold that much of the feed is required merely for sustaining animal warmth.

The best pork raiser we know of has in one instance grown a pig eight months old so as to weigh four hundred pounds; and in another, four hundred and fifty pounds in ten months. He has the corn ground to meal, and prepares it by pouring into a covered tub four pailsful of boiling water to each pail of dry meal. After standing a day or more it all becomes nearly a solid mass, and makes excellent feed. The animals are kept perfectly clean, dry, and comfortable, (not in a close pen, but a small yard,) are fed with great regularity, and never quite so much as they will eat, surfeits being carefully avoided. He finds that pork thus manufactured costs him only five cent a pound when corn is a dollar a bushel.

Farmers who have not begun to fatten their swine regularly, as they should have done months ago, should commence immediately. By attending to the particulars just mentioned they will find the business far more profitable than the too frequent practice of feeding in the ear, giving the food irregularly both as to time and quantity, and paying no attention to cleanliness and comfort. The skillful farmer, whose practice we have already described, finds that the mixture of meal and hot water makes twice as much pork as is fed on the cob, according to careful weighing and measuring.

LIGHT FOR ANIMALS.

We are often impressed with the gross neglect of otherwise intelligent men in not securing abundant light for animal life.—To the animal and the plant alike, and to each and every human being, light, as well as warmth, is absolutely indispensable.—Put a plant in the cellar and it will grow up colorless, flexible, unhealthy. Put it in the dark place and yet give it air, and it will hardly do better. Yet, people will attempt to bring up animals imprisoned and housed. In some public remarks we had occasion to make, we stated that a pig would not grow if deprived of light. We soon after met an old gentleman, and he had lived sixty years without discovering the fact, and the first words he addressed to us were: "Well, you told me why my pigs would not grow. Two years ago I put a snug place under my barn, six pigs. It was warm but dark, and they were fed through the floor. In the spring I took them out and they looked like rats. They hadn't grown a pound."

A farmer of our acquaintance was, some time since, driving a fine mare. We asked how she became blind. He told us that he put her and two other three-year-old horses into a perfectly dark stable in the fall, and in the spring, soon after they came to light they went stone blind.

These illustrations show, conclusively, that light is necessary to every living and growing thing. Our barns are not light enough. Our houses, too many of them, are too desolate of light. Parents pursue a blind and benighted course when they encourage their children in living housed and imprisoned, when they encourage them in enveloping their faces under impenetrable veils, lest their cheeks should blister. You cannot bluster the cheek of a cherry or of a peach. Better remember that the ruddy glow of priceless health and the life and animation that radiate beauty, can never exist in perfection unless in full and free exposure to air and sun-light.

To Stop Potatoes Rotting.

An agricultural exchange says: An experienced agriculturist informs us that about six years ago the applied lime to potatoes that were partly rotten, and that it immediately arrested decay. Potatoes that were partly rotten when the lime was applied, continued to rot, and were lost. Since then he has made it a common practice to apply slaked lime to his potatoes as he takes them up. He puts a thin layer of lime upon the floor where the potatoes are to be laid, and sprinkles some of it over them about every ten inches, as they are put down. He considers this as perfectly protecting them from rotting, as he has never had a rotten potato since he has practised it, and he believes also that potatoes thus used are rendered better by the action of lime. We advise the farmers to try this plan, as it easily can be done by them all.

UP DE GRAFF'S EYE AND EAR INFIRMIARY.

(On the Square. Three Doors from Steely's Hotel.)

WILKESBARRE, PA.

THIS INSTITUTION is now opened and furnished in the most costly style. Reception, Private and Operating Rooms are large, convenient and well arranged. The medical instruments, and the best class of instruments in this country, and thus no facilities will enable him to meet any and all emergencies in practice. The operations of the Pupil, Cross Eyes, Closure of the Tear Ducts, Laceration of the Eyelids, Enophthalmos, Contracture of the Cornea, and Hernia, diseases of the Eye together with all the diseases to which the Eye is subject.

HEATNESS.—Will treat all the diseases common to the organ. Discharges from the Ear, Noses in the ear, Catarrh, difficulty of hearing, total Deafness, &c., where the Disease is dependent on the organ, and not on the system, for the purpose of the materia.

DISEASES OF THE THROAT.—All diseases common to the Throat and Nose will be treated, with complete success. Club feet, Bay Lip, Cleft Palates, Fumaria, Cancer, Enlarged Penises, &c. Plastic operations by healing new flesh, and the removal of parts, and General Surgery of the System.

BERINA (or RUPTURE).—He will perform Labors of the womb, and will operate upon Club feet, Bay Lip, Cleft Palates, Fumaria, Cancer, Enlarged Penises, &c. Plastic operations by healing new flesh, and the removal of parts, and General Surgery of the System.

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