

Farmer's Department.



Notes for November.

November's coming, and leaves are dry. And chilling winds go whistling by. With low and positive winds...

The golden grain has been gathered in, for the most part; fruit and vegetables are being secured; animals are seeking more comfortable retreats from the piercing cold, and driving storms; and every prudent farmer is making proper preparations for winter.

November is an excellent time to do something at under-draining wet portions of dry fields, as well as for cutting new channels for small streams that flow on the surface.

On many farms there are small brooks, which may often be turned by a few furrows with a plow along the border of the highway, or the side of a cultivated field, instead of allowing it to flow directly across cultivated ground, disfiguring the smooth surface with gorges and hollows where the fertile soil has been washed away.

When the weather is too wet and low, to perform any other labor, stones may be picked off mowing land, or hauled to the side of ditches; or stumps may be dug, or lifted out, and hauled together in heaps.

When small stones are wet and cold, the most convenient manner of picking them is, to pitch them with strong manure forks, or with light, round-pointed shovels. This will be found less fatiguing than to stoop and pick up every one from the ground by hand.

Corn stalks should be thoroughly cured, and the large butts well dried before they are stacked, or baled into the barn. The true way to secure corn stalks is, to build a long and narrow stack, with only two courses of shaves placed on poles a foot above the ground, with the tops lapping on each other. By stacking the shaves in this manner, the large, spongy butts, which are usually full of water, have an opportunity to dry out, without injuring the fodder, as they will, if put in a large now, or in a broad stack.

How to Choose a Cow.

On this subject the Working Farmer says: "There is always some risk in buying a cow, of whose previous character and history we know nothing, for there are no infallible signs of excellence. A rough, coarse, ill-shaped cow is often a noble milker. Yet there are a few points generally agreed upon by experienced farmers which it is well to consider before purchasing. A small boned head and light horns are better than large. Long legs make too wide a gap between under and milk pail, and long-legged cows are seldom quiet feeders, but wonder about too much. A slender rather than a thick neck, a straight back, wide ribs and broad brisket, are to be sought for. The body of the cow should be large in proportion to head, neck and legs though not excessively large; and the hind quarters if large out of proportion indicate good qualities. Medium sized cows, all things considered, prove the best milkers for the amount of food they consume. The color of the hair has probably nothing to do with the milking qualities, and good looks should be regarded but little in purchasing dairy animals. As to the color of the skin, a bright yellow approaching that of gold coins, creamy color within the ears—this and good rich milk are very apt to go together; and wish, a soft flexible hide, loose over the ribs and rump, is also to be sought. The udder should be large soft and full of veins stretching forward along the belly, and the teats be large and not crowded together. Test the cow's disposition and inquire about it. Irritable and nervous cows are unpleasant to handle, and almost always scanty milkers. Something can be ascertained from the looks and motions. Large, mild eyes, easy quiet motions when driven, and gentleness when handled, indicate good nature. What butchers term "good handling" is an important quality in a milk cow, for it indicates not only good milking properties, but easy fattening, when services in the dairy are over."

Temper in Treating Stock.—The farmer's stock around him partakes more or less of the quality of the owner or those who attend upon it. A man's influence is imparted to his beasts, particularly the horses, the working cattle, and the milk cows. A man of irascible temper gets up nervousness in a horse or cow.—The brute becomes afraid of him; and if of a vicious nature, is apt to be brutally influenced, perhaps irretrievably spoiled—whereas a mild-tempered, discriminating man will gradually smooth down the asperities of a harsh despotism. We have known milk cows, wild as deers, brought to a placid tractability. The man is a superior—and his superior influence will be communicated. Wise stock-men keep fools and irritate out of their stock-ways.

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