

The Farmers Department.

Fattening Animals in a Hurry.

We have pointed out in former years the futility of attempts to lay heavy masses of flesh on poor cattle by stuffing them with rich food. Such attempts not only prove to be failures, but are always wasteful. The material consumed is nearly lost, the animals remain comparatively poor, and the owners are convinced that fattening animals for market "don't pay."

It is perhaps well for the cause of good management that all neglected treatment of animals should result in loss to the owner. If he has starved his cattle, sheep and pigs for a year or more, he cannot atone for it by sudden attempts to push them to fitness. On the contrary, the only true way is to see that growth continues without cessation, summer and winter, from the earliest period of existence till they are finally sold in market. A single check given to this continued progress may arrest or retard it for months. Our own observations lead us to the opinion that the whole profits resulting from raising and fattening, when this continued progress is kept up by careful, regular but not extravagant feeding, are at least triple the amount realized from early neglect and heavy feeding afterwards—and often the difference is many times greater than here stated.

There is nothing that should be more strongly impressed on the mind of the young farmer who makes the feeding of animals a prominent part of his business, than the importance of keeping up an unremitting growth throughout the whole course of their existence. The most successful pork-raiser with whom we are acquainted, adheres strictly to this course; not only feeding his store pigs well and regularly through fall and winter, but commencing the fattening not merely in autumn, as is too commonly the case, but early in the spring.

It is objected that this management is too expensive. This objection is urged by those who find two or three months only to consume more than they can afford. They feed heavily for a short time, but do not receive a corresponding return of increased flesh. "If two months feeding," they inquire, "costs us so much money, how can we ever afford to continue it for two or three years?" It is very true they can not, because the whole system which they adopt is a profitless one. Fortunately it does not require heavy feeding to keep up the continued growing condition of an animal. Here is a great error into which many have fallen, which we have endeavored to correct. John Johnston made the remark some years ago that the copious feeding of grain or meal to cattle is no better than a moderate amount. We gave the statement some years ago of experiments performed by G. H. Chase, of Cayuga county, who carefully weighed every week all his fattening animals. A daily supply of four quarts of barley meal to a fine steer, gave a weekly increase in weight averaging eight pounds. A neighbor advised him to push him, and eight quarts were accordingly fed daily. The weekly increase of flesh was less than when he received four quarts. The amount being increased to twelve quarts per day, he gained nothing at all. Several similar instances have come to our knowledge, and among others a fine animal was recently fed by a neighbor a peck or more of rich meal per day. After arguing on the fattening process as he supposed, for several weeks, he was finally sold and proved to be only a few pounds heavier than when purchased. The many bushels of feed which he had consumed, and the labor of attendance given him, literally went for nothing.

Successful feeders, who prove all their experiments by weighing, have long since ascertained that animals in fine condition will lay on more flesh for the amount of food eaten than those of inferior character. Hence shrewd men will not purchase lean and raw-boned animals for fattening. This fact serves to establish the truth that all animals at all stages of growth should be kept fleshy. It need be scarcely necessary to remind any intelligent manager that the difference between attending to all the comforts of an animal by cleanliness, good wholesome food given regularly and in moderate quantity, and neglecting all these particulars, is simply the difference between those in fine healthy condition and such as are feeble and raw-boned. It may be laid down as true, with scarcely an exception, that the farmer who carries on the business of fattening at a loss, is one who neglects at one time and over-feeds at another.

Never Lie.

Mason and Clark occupied the same office, and neither ever let slip an opportunity for getting a practical joke upon the other. Mason was a most worthy citizen, all but a fearful habit of procrastination. He was elected school-committee of the district, and employed one of those smart, valuable schoolmasters, who can talk a man blind, and have energy enough to command an army if he be taught to the satisfaction of every body and at the close of the term came to Mason for payment. He was "very sorry," he intended to have the money ready for her, but it had slipped his mind; and he would see the treasurer at once, and if she would call the next Thursday she would have it." Thursday came, and with it the schoolmaster—Mason started: "I declare—you'll have to pardon me, I haven't thought of that money since you were here before. Can you call next Monday?" She could and would Monday came, and it was the same scene, with an invitation to come again on Wednesday, and there should be no further need of coming. The lady assented but took occasion to say, in very decided tones, that she had already called three times, and should come but once more.—It was just enough to show that there was fire in her, and to give Mason a warning. Mason—who loved a quiet life—saw this and no doubt really meant to have the money ready, for her decided manner startled him a little, and he was fidgety all the afternoon. But as Wednesday came, and the money was yet unprocured, Mason was sitting at his desk, when, looking up, he saw Miss Jones coming to visit the office. "Good gracious!" he exclaimed, jumping up, there's that schoolmaster again! Here Clark, tell her I've gone out, you don't know where?" and Mason sprang into a shallow closet that was used as a wood box and closed the door. Miss Jones came and inquired for Mason. "You'll find him in the next room," said Clark, pointing to the closet door. To it she went, and opened wide—when there, raised some three feet by the wood upon which he stood, and all bracing with his hands upon the wall above the door, he stood staring her full in the face, looking as if porged for sheep stealing. The scene that followed may be imagined. Mason listened in silence, and when the lady had finished her remarks, meekly said that he would bring her the money. After she went out he sat for a long time, his head bowed upon his hands, as if in the deepest thro, finally he rose, drew a long breath, and slowly shaking his head, solemnly said, "Clark, I think I'll have to kill you; it will never do to have this get out and I see no way but to kill you." Clark made him an offer: Mason was every day to bring him a large, nice apple and he would say nothing about it. Mason assented, and for many weeks a large apple was every morning laid upon Clark's desk; but one morning it was forgotten, and the story came out.

The Working Man. He is the noblest man of whom our free country can boast; whether at the workshop or at the plow, you find him the same noble-hearted, free, and independent being. And if there is a man in society upon whom we look with respect and admiration, it is the independent, sober working-man. We care not whether he be a farmer, mechanic, or common laborer—whether his tools are endorsed in the workshop, the field or the coal mine—whether his home is in the backwoods or the neat cottage—our admiration is the same. What a happy picture he presents; what a reward for his labor, who by his own unaided exertions, establishes for himself a respectable position in society; who commencing in poverty, by his skill and assiduity, surmounts every obstacle, overcomes every prejudice, and finally succeeds in forming a character whose value is enhanced by those who come after him. Such a man we prize as the noblest work of nature is capable—the highest production she can boast. And let it be borne in mind by the young working man just entering upon the stage of life—let it ever lie at the foundation and be the moving spring of all his efforts—that for this situation he must strain every nerve to attain. It can be attained by all. Unfiring industry and virtuous ambition never fail to find their reward. They never yet were exerted in vain, and never will be while honesty and justice find a home in the human breast.

The original will of General George Washington has been delivered to the Clerk of the County Court at Fairfax, by Colonel C. H. Lewis, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The writing is in the own hand of the illustrious "Father of his Country," plain and legible, and signed at the bottom of each page, showing the preciseness and promptitude of business which always distinguished him. This was preserved from the destruction attendant upon the evacuation of the city by the former Secretary of the State, Colonel Muddford, who secured it in the iron safe of his capitulation. Remember the poor and needy.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES. THE WORLD Brought right in the Very Midst of BUTLER, SITUATE ON MAIN STREET.

Having been duly appointed a Committee of Six, to proceed to Paris for the purpose of preparing for the celebration of the centennial of the birth of the late President Andrew Jackson, we have the honor to announce that we have secured a quiet and comfortable room, and a first-class table, and we are prepared to receive our friends and guests.

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