FARM AND GARDEN.

Breeding from immature animals is a great mistake. It is the foundation of degeneracy.

A farmer should so arrange his kitchen garden that he can use both plow and cultivator in its management.

Common hydraulic cement mixed with oil forms a good paint for roofs and out buildings. It is waterproof incombustible.

A Merino ram crossed on a flock of common sheep, will double the yield of wool through the first cross alone, thus paying for the ram the first season.

An intelligent farmer says that the leaves and stalks from an acre of corn are worth as much to feed to stock as the hay which could be raised upon the same amount of land.

The two implements which do the most towards liberating the fertilizing minerals from the soil are the harrow and cultivator. The more these are used the less weeds we shall have, and the more fertile will be the land.

The power of a steam engine is calculated by multiplying together the area of the piston in inches, the mean pressure in pounds per square inch, the length of the stroke in feet and the number of strokes per minute, and dividing by 33,000.

To make sandpaper, crush glass under a runner, and sift it into about six sizes; coat a good quality of Manila paper with thin glue, and dust the pulverized glass over it. Sometimes two coats of glue and glass are thus applied to the paper.

The following is recommended as a cure for garget in cows: Eight drops of tincture of aconite dropped on a piece of bread and mixed with the food at night. Next morning four drops more given in the same manner will generally complete the cure.

In propagating honeysuckles cuttings of wood when nearly ripe will strike if inserted in a shady border in the autumn and duly watered. Perhaps the most successful mode of propagating is by layers pegged in moist soil in the autumn, when the leaves commence falling.

Cow manure contains 10 per cent. more water than horse manure. Horse manure contains about 3 per cent. of nitrogen, while cow manure contains about 2½ per cent. Horse manure contains 1 per cent. of phosphoric acid, while about one-half of 1 per cent. is contained in cow manure.

Asiatic breeds of fowl lay eggs from deep chocolate through every shade of coffee color, while the Spanish, Hamburg and Italian breeds are known for the pure white of the eggshell. A cross, however remote, with Asiatics will cause even the last-named breeds to lay an egg slightly tinted.

To preserve leather hose, belting, etc., in good condition, freely apply crude castor oil, warmed if possible. It increases the pliability of the leather and the cling of belts. It does not become rancid, and rats avoid it. In hose it should be pumped in under considerable pressure, thus thoroughly filling the pores.

The London *News* says: "Of all poultry breeding the rearing of the goose in favorable situations is said to be the least troublesome and the most profitable. It is not surprising therefore that the trade has of late years been enormously developed. Geese will live and to a certain extent thrive on the coarsest of grass."

Tarring ropes it has been shown, slightly diminishes their tenacity against a pulling strain, but a tarred rope maintains a high average of tenacity much longer than an untarred one, by reason of the protection the tar affords against atmospheric and other causes of deterioration. The quantity of tar found most suitable is about 15 per cent. of the weight of the rope.

In setting out current bushes care should be exercised not to place any buds under ground, or they will push out as so many suckers. Currants are great feeders, and should be highly manured. To destroy the worm, steep one tablespoonful of hellebore in a pint of water, and sprinkle the bushes. Two or three sprinklings are sufficient for one season.

American dealers pushed nearly 300 horses last week in Montreal, at a cost of $28,000, and shipped them across the line. The trade in horses in Canada has never been as good as it is this season, the weekly amount xpended by dealers from American cities averaging about $30,000. The animals in greatest request are the Clydesdales, which are bred extensively all over the Dominion.

Iowa creamery butter stands very high in the market. J. B. Ross, of De Witt, Iowa, gives the fellowing brief statement of his process in making a premium lot. This butter was manufactured in the Glen Rose Creamery. The milk was received from about forty dairies of native cows (about 400 and put into cheese vats in the morning, then heated to 86 degrees) as the milk was to be made into cheese the same afternoon), six hours after it was skimmed, and the cream placed in tin pails or cans, surrounded by water of about 60 degrees temperature, where it remained twenty-four hours, or until it (the cream) became slightly acid, then churned in a square box churn until the butter globules became about the size of buckshot; the buttermilk was then drawn and the butter rinsed in the churn with cold water, placed on worker, salted (¾ ounce per pound), lightly worked, put away for eighteen or twenty-hours, then worked and packed in tubs for market.

CURRANT WORMS.—A writer in the *Fruit Recorder* says there is no necessity of breeding current worms. This is done by leaving bushes untrimmed, the worms always attacking the new growth first. He says: "My plan is this: In starting a currant patch, I confine the bush not to exceed from one to three main stems and give all the strength of the root to their support. As hinted above, sprouts will start from the roots each spring; but they must be rubbed off when about six inches long. All currant-growers are aware that worms first make their appearance on the new growth and then spread over the bush. Consequently, no sprouts, no worms. This is just as plain as that two and two make four. I followed this plan for the last two years, to my satisfaction, and have barely seen the effect of worms on one or two bushes where my plan was not fully carried out. But such currents I never saw grow, the common red Dutch being nearly as large as the cherry currant and a better bearer. I had a few bushes that actually broke down from their load of fruit."

Senator Beck's Ride.

HOW A SLEEPY OLD MARE ASTONISHED HIM BY HER SPEED.

"I don't remember just what year it was," Mr. Beck said, "but it was before I came to Congress, and when I was quite a young man, that I was in New York city. It was in the days when the old Bloomingdale road was a favorite drive for New Yorkers with fast horses. Now I like a fast horse myself, and I thought I had ridden behind some. One afternoon I was up town, or what was at that time up town, in New York, and a gentleman came along whom I knew. His name was Captain Norris. He was driving a dreadfully bonyand angular-looking mare, and when he asked me if I would like to take a seat behind him, I was almost ashamed to get in behind such a specimen of horseflesh. Still, I knew that Captain Norris was something of a lover of horses, and besides I couldn't in courtesy refuse him; so I got in. The sleepy-seeming old mare jogged along in a most tiresome way. Her head hung down, and it seemed as thought it was all she could do to drag her legs along.

"'We'll go out on the Bloomdale road if you don't mind,' the Captain said 'and see some of the steppers.'

"Well, that would be pleasant enough, for I thought I would have a chance to see a brush or two between some of the noted horses of New York of that day. I said to the Captain that I almost wondered why he wasn't out with a stepper himself, knowing how fond he was of fast driving. He said that he sometimes did take a fast horse out, and I remember looking at the dingy, bony mare, and feeling for the Captain some of the shame which I thought he ought to have felt for himself. I noticed, too, that the people whom we passed, who recognized him, were staring at his mare, and I thought that they were wondering how it was that Captain Norris was out with such a plug as that."

"By-and-by a noble animal passed us. The gentleman who was driving looked, as he passed, around at the Captain. I noticed that the Captain nodded, and that he took a firmer grip of the reins. The gentleman slowed up a little, sufficiently to let us pass.

"'Try it, Cap.,' he shouted.

The Captain nodded.

"I saw that the mare lifted her head a little as the grip on the reins tightened, and put some little animation into her feet. By and by we heard the clatter of hoofs back of us. I looked around and saw that the gentleman was coming at a splendid pace.

"See if he passes us," said the Captain, and he made one little chirrup to the mare."

"Gentlemen, I have seen transformation scenes. I have seen the old man in the opera of 'Faust' changed in an instant to the handsome young fellow. I have seen a politician change his coat, but I never saw such a transformation as then happened. The mare lifted her head. Her ears no longer hung limp. They were erect and tossed back to catch the sound of those approaching hoofs. Her dingy body now seemed to gleam, and her legs looked like the spokes of a rapidly-revolving wheel. She was all fire, all animation, all electricity. I could think of nothing but a locomotive rushing along at the rate of a mile a minute. Heavens, how the wind cut my face!

"'Look out for your hat, Beck,' said the Captain, and I pulled it down over my ears. I glanced quickly at the Captain; he held the reins firmly and his eyes were fixed ahead. We were plunging ahead on a whirlwind. I thought what a beauty that mare now is, and I thought there was only one end of it all—annihilation. I grabbed the seat firmly with both hands, and I pressed my feet against the dashboard. The wind moaned in my ears, although we made the breeze ourselves. I could hardly breathe, I could not see, except away ahead. I knew we were passing team after team, and I heard the people cheer. I shut my eyes. I thought the crash would come. I would have begged the Captain to stop if the speed had not been so great that speech was impossible. I said to myself, James Beck your day has come. Whew-w-w! how we were flying! There was no motion excepting speed. We were flying over the road, horse and riders, seemingly impelled by an unseen, irresistable power. I opened my eyes once and saw some men away ahead waving their hats. In an instant we had reached and passed them, and as we went by, the three men seemed mingled into one. When will this end? I wondered. The suspense was awful. I wanted whatever was going to happen to happen at once. It seemed as though we had been an hour riding when the speed slackened, slower and slower, and at last the mare stopped. I opened my eyes and saw that we were standing at a roadside inn.

"'Are you through, Captain?' I tremblingly asked.

"'Yes,' he said, laughing; 'let's take a little Santa Cruz.'

"The Captain turned the mare over to a hostler, and we went inside, and I helped myself pretty liberally.

"'Captain, you gave me a great fright,' I said. 'I had no idea that mare could go. Why, she's fit to be a racer.'

"'Yes, I don't know but she is,' said the Captain, nonchalantly.

"'How long were we coming down here?' I asked.

"'About nine minutes.'

"'How far is it?'

"'About four miles.'

"Here a man touched me and drew me aside. 'Don't you know that mare, man?' he asked.

"'No.'

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"Yes," replied Senator Beck. "By and-by we started home, and as we trotted leisurely back we met the team that had at first passed us, and which we subsequently passed on the lightning's wings. Then I knew why everybody stared at the mare."—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Sun.*

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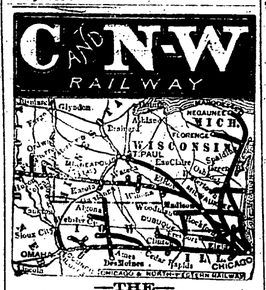

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