

FARMER'S CORNER.

WORK FOR JANUARY.

The Editors of this excellent Agricultural Journal, the American Farmer, prefer their monthly address to Farmers, with their congratulations and the following sound suggestions on the opening of the year. Before we attempt to direct your attention to those duties which should command your supervision during this month, permit us to salute you, in the singleness of our heart, with our best wishes that you may enjoy a happy New Year, and that you may live to enjoy health, prosperity, and unalloyed pleasure, through many revolving years. Having thus tendered to you the compliments of the season, it shall be our duty now, to converse with you a few minutes upon matters of business.

As you are about to commence the labor of a new year, would it not be profitable to examine the arrangements which you made, during the present year, to carry on the operations of your farm? We think it would, and that by a careful and candid review thereof, you may find many errors to correct, and many of your plans susceptible of improvement.

If you have not done so already, provide yourself with a book, in which to note down all the operations of your farm: the manner and time of preparing your ground: the time of sowing and planting your seed: the time of its coming up: its appearance during its progress to maturity: the time of maturing, as well as of harvesting, each and every product of your farm: the kind and quantity of manure used; note down the effect of the different kinds of manure you may use at the close of each week, month, or year. You must not have in mind the ensuing year, this is an important disposition of time, and if it is carried out, will lead to the best results, as it will make you master of your business, and enable you to have it completely under your control, instead of being its slave. Plans thus judiciously arranged, place in the power of a man always to have the command of his own time, and to keep his hands busy without being hurried. Keep also a record of the weather. In making these suggestions, it is not to be presumed that we could sketch out all you ought to do; we shall therefore close the subject, by advising you to open your journal, and shall rely upon your making it a source at once of pleasure and of profit, to which in after years you may refer with feelings of pride. With these brief preparatory remarks, let us look about us and see what is to be done.

ON THE FARM.

The man who has had no practical experience, would too readily conclude, that at this season of frost and snow, when the earth may be said to be locked up, the husbandman has little to do, but to enjoy himself in luxurious ease upon the fruits of his last year's labor—occupy his time in the interchange of elegant hospitality with his neighbors and friends, and let his mind dwell on the calculations of the farmer's life, based then on foundations as fragile and unsubstantial as are the hopes of those who waste their time in fruitless searches after the philosopher's stone. For the agriculturalist who adopts a judicious system of operations, can always command his hours or days of recreation, to devote to the offices of friendship, and the duties of his own home, and in the midst of his devotions to the claims of social life, his mind must be engaged in the furtherance of the duties of his calling—and it may often happen that, when the air is most keen and snipping, when the weather is the most inclement—that his services may be most imperiously required. Thus situated, the mind of the husbandman is never at any time at ease—ever on the alert—to turn the passing events of the season to the best account. But to such, there is this consoling reflection, that though it is the nature of his avocation to press him onward, such is the character of the excitement which it gives rise to, that his labors are so animated by the hope of reward as to be sweetened into a source of pleasure. But let us stop these reflections, and see what you should turn your attention to. Well, then, after casting our mind about in search of the first object, it leads upon your.

Grain Fields.—Have you carefully examined these, at intervals throughout the season, to see whether any obstructions were in the water-courses, calculated to impede the free passage of the water? If you have not, do it without any further delay. Let not your examination be a superficial one, and from this spring, make a personal inspection of them every two weeks, and wherever you find clods of earth, sticks or stones, which may have fallen in, have them removed. As there is nothing so cutting your wheat and rye plants have dry and to rot in the winter. We feel assured that if proper attention were paid to keeping the drains open, much of the freezing out would be prevented.

Fire Wood.—We feel sure that you will give your attention to the prompt procurement of a full supply of fuel, to serve you not only through the winter and spring, but during the summer and fall. By doing you will not only secure economy, time, and not experience the mortification of having a part of your force diverted from good duties to procure your fuel, a task which will fall upon you in the summer. The wood, when cut, should be hauled in without delay, and corded up near the house for use as wanted.

Winter Ploughing.—As there are many intervals of weather through the winter, when the frost is sufficiently out of ground to enable you to have your soil plowed, intended for spring culture, ploughed, and sown, it is well to take an interval pass without putting every plough that you can spare to work; and to see that the ploughmen do their work as deep as the strength of your team will allow, don't be afraid of turning up the "piston" of the subsoil.

Fencing and Lumber for Farm Purposes.—This is the season when you should get all your posts, rails and other lumber out, and have it stacked so that after it is cut, it should be carted to the home enclosures, for the convenience of employing the hands in working, it during such wet days as they cannot be occupied in other ways. From all such trees as may be felled for the purposes named, the bark should be stripped off, as it will facilitate the seasoning of the timber, and prevent the ravages of the worm, by depriving them of a hiding place.

Fence.—A right examination of the whole of your fence should be forthwith made, so that wherever new may be required that it be supplied, and whenever repairs may be necessary, that they may be timely made.

Fence Corners.—Have all the bushes eradicated from your fence corners, as nothing breaks the neat and systematic farmer more than to see a clean line of fencing.

Cattle and Sheep.—If every field on your farm has not been already provided with a good stock of stall-fed cattle, have them made between now and the opening of spring, so that you may banish every pair of bare feet off your farm, and that your cattle have good stallings, that they may be kept in good health, and as can be closed securely.

Stalls for Cattle.—If you have already erected ample stalls to accommodate your cattle, it will be of course superfluous for us to say anything about them. But if you have not done so, let us then timely advise you to send a few hands to erect a few stalls, that they may be ready for their use. A few days devoted to such work, and a few more to hauling it in, and the erection of the stalls, will enable you to provide good dry stalls for your stock, a task which every prudent farmer will lay them down to be done.

Stalls for Sheep.—In building your stalls, let them face the south, and their doors be somewhat higher than the stalls, so that the wind may be kept off, and the sheep may be comfortable.

Stalls for Horses.—Taking it for granted that you have good warm dry stalls, we shall not say anything about them, but let us see that they are in good order, and that they are well ventilated, so that the horses may be comfortable, and that they are well kept, so that they may be in good health, and as can be closed securely.

Stalls for Swine.—If you have already erected ample stalls to accommodate your swine, it will be of course superfluous for us to say anything about them. But if you have not done so, let us then timely advise you to send a few hands to erect a few stalls, that they may be ready for their use. A few days devoted to such work, and a few more to hauling it in, and the erection of the stalls, will enable you to provide good dry stalls for your stock, a task which every prudent farmer will lay them down to be done.

Stalls for Poultry.—In building your stalls, let them face the south, and their doors be somewhat higher than the stalls, so that the wind may be kept off, and the poultry may be comfortable.

Stalls for Rabbits.—Taking it for granted that you have good warm dry stalls, we shall not say anything about them, but let us see that they are in good order, and that they are well ventilated, so that the rabbits may be comfortable, and that they are well kept, so that they may be in good health, and as can be closed securely.

Stalls for Bees.—If you have already erected ample stalls to accommodate your bees, it will be of course superfluous for us to say anything about them. But if you have not done so, let us then timely advise you to send a few hands to erect a few stalls, that they may be ready for their use. A few days devoted to such work, and a few more to hauling it in, and the erection of the stalls, will enable you to provide good dry stalls for your stock, a task which every prudent farmer will lay them down to be done.

Stalls for Fish.—In building your stalls, let them face the south, and their doors be somewhat higher than the stalls, so that the wind may be kept off, and the fish may be comfortable.

Stalls for Snails.—Taking it for granted that you have good warm dry stalls, we shall not say anything about them, but let us see that they are in good order, and that they are well ventilated, so that the snails may be comfortable, and that they are well kept, so that they may be in good health, and as can be closed securely.

Stalls for Mollusks.—If you have already erected ample stalls to accommodate your mollusks, it will be of course superfluous for us to say anything about them. But if you have not done so, let us then timely advise you to send a few hands to erect a few stalls, that they may be ready for their use. A few days devoted to such work, and a few more to hauling it in, and the erection of the stalls, will enable you to provide good dry stalls for your stock, a task which every prudent farmer will lay them down to be done.

Stalls for Insects.—In building your stalls, let them face the south, and their doors be somewhat higher than the stalls, so that the wind may be kept off, and the insects may be comfortable.

Stalls for Plants.—Taking it for granted that you have good warm dry stalls, we shall not say anything about them, but let us see that they are in good order, and that they are well ventilated, so that the plants may be comfortable, and that they are well kept, so that they may be in good health, and as can be closed securely.

Stalls for Animals.—If you have already erected ample stalls to accommodate your animals, it will be of course superfluous for us to say anything about them. But if you have not done so, let us then timely advise you to send a few hands to erect a few stalls, that they may be ready for their use. A few days devoted to such work, and a few more to hauling it in, and the erection of the stalls, will enable you to provide good dry stalls for your stock, a task which every prudent farmer will lay them down to be done.

Stalls for Humans.—In building your stalls, let them face the south, and their doors be somewhat higher than the stalls, so that the wind may be kept off, and the humans may be comfortable.

HERALD & EXPOSITOR.

E. BEATTY, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

CARLISLE, PA.

Wednesday, January 4, 1843.

FOR PRESIDENT—

HENRY CLAY,

Subject to the decision of a National Convention.

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WHAT A CHANGE!

HENRY CLAY.

Mr. Clay is now on a visit to the South West.

private business at New Orleans having made a visit to that city yesterday.

Although all public manifestations of regard on the part of the people were declined by him, popular feeling could not be restrained. The people, of all parties, turned out en masse to welcome him at every point on the route.

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