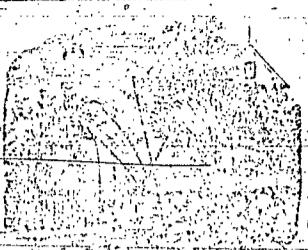


Farmers' Department.



THE HORSE.

A writer in the Pennsylvania Farmer presents some startling facts upon the subject of the horse in this State. Let the calculation be made for other States, in the same ratio, and the immense cost of horse flesh to the people of this country will be found almost to surpass belief.

From some recently published statistics, I learn that there are in Pennsylvania 352,457 horses and mules. Of this number, perhaps 62,058 are employed in cities and towns for other than agricultural purposes, leaving 300,000 for the use of the farmer.

The average first cost of the 300,000 horses used in Pennsylvania for agricultural purposes is not less than \$50 each, making an aggregate of 15,000,000, dividing which by nine, (the average term of horse life), and we have \$1,666,666 2/3 principal and interest, as the annual outlay for horse flesh in our State, the whole of which is to be charged to the expense account of our agricultural operations.

Let us now recapitulate: Cost of feeding 300,000 horses one year, \$1,000,000. Average annual cost of shoeing, grooming, medicine, &c., \$20 each, 6,000,000. Making an aggregate of \$7,000,000 as the sum total of the amount which the people of this Commonwealth pay annually for horse flesh alone.

From the above statements, we find that more than 33,000 horses die annually, the average weight of which may be set down at 800 lbs. each, or 26,400,000 lbs. of flesh, bones, &c., abounding in nitrogen, the phosphates, &c. It is asserted upon good authority, that the body of a dead horse, cut to pieces, and mixed with ten loads of muck, becomes, in a single season, composed of the most valuable character. If this be correct, and I believe it is, we ought to have from the carcasses of the 33,000 horses, 330,000 loads of compost, or sufficient to manure 20,000 acres annually.

Now, if the carcasses of all the horses that die were taken care of as above suggested, what a vast addition to the fertilizing material of the State would they afford. Enough manure would be produced by them to add 600,000 bushels to the wheat yield of the State—an item certainly worth looking after. But it is more than probable, that not one carcass out of a hundred is ever cut up and mixed with muck, or even buried. Generally, they are dragged to some out of the way place to furnish a banquet for the corn thieving crows, or more than worthless dogs.

Sowing Grass Seed.—This is a work that no farmer should neglect, and how, to-day, this very hour, is the time to think of it. There are thousands of acres of woodland, thinly covered with trees, that might be made into tolerable pasture by sowing seed in the ground while it is soft in the Spring. There is scarcely an old pasture in all America that would not be benefited materially by simply scattering grass seed upon the surface in the Spring. True, it would be decidedly better to harrow it; and by the same operation we have seen mowing land increased in productivity 25 per cent. With every crop of small grain the farmer should sow some kind of grass or clover seed. There is no manure so cheap as grass, for the cost of seed is but a trifle.—N. Y. Tribune.

The Exhibition of Paintings of the Historical Society, and the Artists' Association of Md., will remain open during the month of April, at the Gallery of the Athenaeum, and should be visited by all.

SEED CORN.—A correspondent advises farmers to look well to their seed corn. He says that excessive freezing will destroy the vitality of the germinating principle. He finished husking a short time since, and took ten grains from each ten of the best looking ears he could ever find in the lot. He then went to a neighbor who had just finished husking, there he took the same number of seeds from as many ears. He then selected an equal number of grains from the corn laid away last fall—put up on the loft. Next, these three separate parcels were soaked. Not a single grain in the first lot sprouted, of the second lot two only sprouted, whilst ninety-one of the third lot sprouted.—Ohio Farmer.

POTATOES.—A correspondent of the Michigan Farmer, who has experimented with a good deal in potatoes, thus speaks: "I have raised potatoes from the seed, or ball, with good success, but am not satisfied that these or any other kind will withstand the rot entirely, under certain circumstances. I think newish land without manure brings the soundest tubers; or old land, a sandy soil with swamp muck, wood ashes and plaster. I generally use full grown potatoes, cut in to small pieces and rolled in plaster, for seed. By taking these precautions, I believe I have not lost one half bushel of potatoes by disease, in five years."

Business Cards.

DR. GEO. W. NEIDICH, DENTIST, operating from the residence of Dr. Samuel DEBIL, West Third Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

DR. GEORGE S. SEAR, DENTIST, from the residence of Dr. Samuel DEBIL, West Third Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

DR. S. B. KIEFFER, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

DR. S. P. ZIEGLER, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

WILLIAM C. RISEM, Attorney at Law, Office in Main Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

SHRYVER AND COVYMAN, Attorneys at Law, Office in Main Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

CARLISLE DEPOSIT BANK, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

G. W. MANLY, Manufacturer of Carriages, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

DRUG STORES, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

FRESH DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c., Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

REMOVAL.—Shaving and Hair-dressing Saloon, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

LADIES' SHOES.—A full assortment of Ladies' Fine Morocco and Kid Shoes and Boots, Also Misses' and Children's in great variety, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

BARN DOOR ROLLERS.—A new and superior article for hanging Barn Doors, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

Education.

WHITE HALL ACADEMY, Three miles west of Harrisburg. Thirtieth anniversary of this institution will commence Monday the 15th of May next. Pupils and graduates are respectfully requested to inquire into the merits of the institution. The location is retired, pleasant and healthy, and the course of instruction embraces the ordinary and higher branches of an English education, together with the Latin, Greek, French, and German languages, and vocal and instrumental music. Terms, boarding, washing and tuition in this English Institution are as follows: For one year, \$100; for two years, \$180; for three years, \$260. For circular containing particulars address: D. DENINGER, Harrisburg, Pa. (March 12, 1895)

CARLISLE FEMALE SEMINARY, MR. and MRS. CLARK have been for several years successful in raising especially numerous and healthy children in this Seminary, which is in the house lately occupied by Dr. DeBil. The Seminary for Young Ladies, the institution will be located in the building of the highest character on a quiet and healthy site, and will be conducted in a strictly scientific manner, where education will be as profitable as possible. The principal factor in this is that their long and successful experience teaches us that the best education is that which is given in a quiet and healthy site, and will be conducted in a strictly scientific manner, where education will be as profitable as possible. The principal factor in this is that their long and successful experience teaches us that the best education is that which is given in a quiet and healthy site, and will be conducted in a strictly scientific manner, where education will be as profitable as possible.

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DOLLARD, Premium Artist in Hair Dressing, Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO., Office in North Union Street, Carlisle, Pa. (Mar. 15, '95)

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Philadelphia.

REMOVED.—E. NEWLAND & CO'S Wholesale and Retail BOOKING GLASS AND TICETRADE MANUFACTORY, No. 125 ARCH STREET, opposite the Theater, Philadelphia.

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Agricultural.

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