

Formers' Department.

A Compliment for Farmer Girls.

The Simon Brown, the noble cousin in the New England Farmer, Boston, has been ruralizing among our farmers in Vermont, and writes of them and the farm girls generally, in a manner and form following, to which we subscribe from personal knowledge, and we say amen, then to:

No aspect of agricultural life is more cheering than that found in the sentiments of the young women of the country, where ever it has my good fortune to meet them. There are two phases in rural life, widely different, one of which too many of our friends have rarely seen; that which prevails is hard and arduous toil for daily earninging toil—days of toil which eventually bring nights of grief, premature age, disfigurement with life, and too often, early death. I say apparent necessity, for I do not think it a real, inexorable necessity, for that would be equal to a doom upon the race, which would make life burdensome if not intolerable. We make this necessary, ourselves, by our artificial wants—our rural wants are, by and generally, easily supplied. When we allow our desires to run riot and revel in extravagances—to covet larger herds and broader lands, to outstrip splendor our neighbor's equipage or furniture, or surf on costly or unwelcome dainties, then we create wants that are not congenial to our natures, and hurtful alike to our moral and physical being. It is the cultivation of such wants, these unsubsistent and elusive dreams, that give distaste to the homely, ingenuities, and permanent charms of country life and rural pursuits. These cause the desolation of paternal homes, and make gray hairs grow sorrowing to the grave. In my intercourse with the world, I find much less of this sentiment with young women than with young men, they are content to stay at home and occupy the soil, if their brothers would remain; they look at their condition with moral national views, and could they see them in the minds of the young men there would be fewer hearts broken by separation, fewer crimes impelled by poverty and want, and less starvation, wretchedness and disease in our crowded and festering cities, the converse of this would be a highly cultivated soil, dotted with fresh and cheerful homes, whose hearts would be lighted with warmth and love, and populous and thrifty villages would spring up, with Churches and School Houses and YMCs, and a natural and wholesome traffic ensue, all tending to that equality of condition which alone can afford permanent prosperity and happiness to any community.

I feel it a duty to say that I find a large proportion of the young women favoring this condition of things; they are willing to remain, upon the farm so long as brothers will stay, and society is made up of two sexes instead of one. On their part they are fitted to adorn society, are usually well educated, read papers and current books, and are often acquainted with classical literature; they are "quick witted, catch the nuances, live as they are, and prove that Paris is but a street from their rural homes.—Bonbons, and talmis and candelinas, rustle on the hills or by their crystal streams with more unaffected grace than the dusty page of Boston and New York, while their fair occupants are buoyant with health and elastic spirits, and fitted to dignify and bless existence. Such should become the mothers of our land. In all my rambles I find persons restless upon large farms, deploring the absence of sons at California or the West, and the once productive acres and tiny buildings, neglected and going to decay. I said to the only child remaining at home of a large and prosperous family, "the farm has its advantages and advantages as the city, and there are less temptations to err." "Yes," said Rebecca, "the farm has its attractions, but it lacks society—it is a life of seclusion, too; the dairy demands constant attention, and hard work, and hired men are sometimes difficult to please, after we have so carefully selected them for them. Society is broken up, and the young men flee to the city, or worse, to distant lands, leaving the young women in charge of the farm, and to soothe and comfort the declining days of their parents." Such was the language of a highly intelligent, affectionate and noble woman, and it represents the sentiments of a large class. Who has eloquence and persuasion sufficient to arrest the attention of young men, and convince them that in the home of their fathers and their own childhood, they leave privileges and advantages unperceived established, which it may require a life of labor to acquire in distant lands?

TO ASCERTAIN THE WEIGHT OF LIVE STOCK.—First see that the animal stands square; then with a string take the circumference just behind the shoulder blade, and measure the feet and inches—this is the girth.—Then measure from the bone of the tail which plumbs the line from the hinder part of the buttock, and direct the string along the back to the forward of the shoulder blade—and this will be the length of the animal, 6 figures 2; suppose 37 in the animal, 6 feet 5 inches; length, 5 feet 3 inches, which multiplied together give 33 square superficial feet; and then multiplied by 25 (the number of pounds allowed for each superficial foot of cattle measuring less than six and more than five feet in girth,) make 759 lbs. When the animal measures less than 5 and more than 3, multiply the girth by the length, and the product by 10 for its weight. We have seen ten rules, and I believe that the one I have just mentioned is the most accurate and simple, and the most accurate in computing the weight of live stock.—Exchange.

PICKLING AND KEEPING HAMS.—John Clarkson, of Pike Co., Pa., recommends the following method. Lay down in a preparation of seven pounds of salt, mixed with a half pound of coarse sugar, one pint of molasses and a half ounce of saltpetre.—Let them remain 4 to 8 weeks, according to the size then drain, put into a piper bag and hang for a month in a chimney where a coal fire is kept. Pack away in barrels, with mail screenings enough between to keep them from touching each other. The other plan described by Mr. O. is not practical, as the "essence of smoke" is a very variable article and cannot be relied on.

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