HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY.

The Ordinary Farmer Can Make No Money Out of Feeding Cattle for His Neighbors.

A correspondent asks us to advise him what compensation a farmer should have for fattening cattle belonging to another man, says the Homestead. He wishes to know what would be just and fair to both feeder and owner, the feeder furnishing everything in connection with the fattening of the cattle. The question is one that we could not answer with any reasonable hope of furnishing a basis for such a contract as would be equitable to both feeder and owner, without seeing the cattle, and even then it would depend upon how good a guess we were able to make about what the cattle would probably do in view of their condition when they go to feed, their breeding, the length of time they were to be fed, the price of feed, and the other conditions surrounding the undertaking. If there is any one proposition in regard to cattle feeding that has been more completely established during the past couple of years than another, it is that there are cattle and cattle, and that while some will respond to feed promptly and continuously and realize regular and steady gains in a satisfactory way, there is a large percentage of the cattle going into the feed lots that will do nothing of the kind. The usual basis on which such contracts are made is that the owner of so much [illegible] that is put on. The [illegible] when delivered back to the owner. What is a fair price [illegible] feed period [illegible] one can positively tell in advance and even the expert [illegible] handled cattle all his life [illegible] in any season case, after a careful examination of the lot of cattle to be put to feed, [illegible] of contracts of this kind [illegible] it may be said that they are particularly hard on the feeder as a rule. The owner puts in his cattle at given weights, and they may be [illegible] or heavy. Even if they may have a kind that will [illegible] and cost anywhere from two to three pounds per day, and it may have a kind that will [illegible] a pound a day gain, each [illegible] the gain may be as low as four dollars a hundred, or the cost [illegible] per day. [illegible] failure and what is [illegible] the feeder has [illegible] for the [illegible] what the [illegible] has [illegible]. In other words, the man who feeds another's cattle takes all the risks of the business [illegible] without [illegible] any of the occasional speculative profits that cattle feeders now and then realize by reason of a rise in market [illegible] It is not important that we would undertake to [illegible] such a contract [illegible] the feeder and owner [illegible] the risks of loss.

LIGHT HORSE STALLS.

Mistaken Construction Is Responsible for the Loss of Many a Good Animal's Life.

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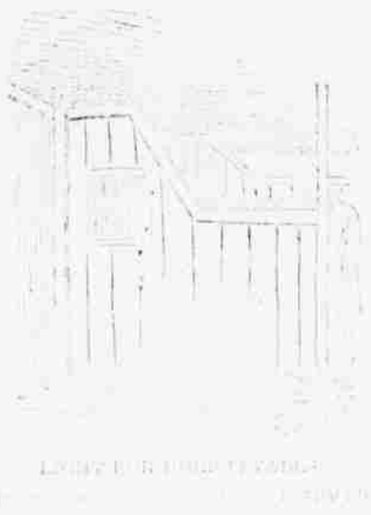

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