

Farmer's Column.

MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY STOCK.

Much of the profit of a dairy cow depends on a plentiful supply at all times of nutritious food. The variety in the quantity of milk they yield, is principally owing to the difference in the nutritive quality of the food they receive.

Harsh treatment also exacts a very injurious action on the milk, rendering it less buttery, and more liable to acidity. Respiration is a species of combustion. At every breath, we inhale oxygen of the atmosphere, which unites with and consumes the fatty matter of the food.

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR HARNESS.

More damage is done to a harness during the rainy weather of early and late winter, than during all the rest of the year. Saturated with water, covered with mud, and often frozen stiff so as to almost break when bent, in necessary handling.

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HOW TO TREAT A WASP.

"Listen," said I, "listen, and attend, and you shall have a moral and an example. When the wasp now on the window entered, you flew at it with a kind of violence. I wonder it don't sting every one of you. Now, in future, let a wasp, when it comes, have its little boat and make its little noise. Don't stir a muscle—don't move a lip—be as quiet as the statue of Venus or Diana, or anybody of that sort, until the wasp seems inclined, as at this moment, to settle. Then do as I do now."

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Jailors keep bad company. It takes 'four springs' to make one leap year.

Can any one define the exact width of a narrow escape? What word is shorter for having a syllable added?—Short.

Why is a kiss like a rumour?—Because it goes from mouth to mouth.

The coat of a horse is the gift of nature; that of an ass is often the work of a tailor.

A late German writer says, that the people of the United States can blow up more steamboats and chew more tobacco than any other five nations.

Humboldt tells us that he one day in his travels met a naked Indian, who had painted his body so as to represent a blue jacket and trousers with black buttons.

A clergyman told an Indian he should love his enemies. "Me do love em," replied the latter. "What enemies do you love most?" "Ram and cider."

Things are pretty evenly divided, after all. The poor man has no money, while the rich man has no appetite. The former lives in dread of the almshouse, and the latter of dyspepsia and white pine pudding.

We lately heard of a family of boys "out West," who were very industrious: on rainy days they would meet in the barn, and would invariably make \$4 or \$5 each, trading coats with one another.

An Editor down East, wishing to show his loyalty to the Union, offered each hand in his office who would enlist, half their pay during the period of service, whereupon they all agreed to the proposition, declaring they never received as much before.

Quilp and his wife had a bit of contention the other day. "I own that you have more brilliancy than I," said the woman, "but I have the better judgment." "Yes," said Quilp, "our choice of marriage shows that." Quilp was informed that he was a brute.

What is a Shin-plaster?—It is a favorite American remedy, a kind of Poor Man's Plaster, and one that gives but poor relief, which is now being applied in all cases of tick-dollar-our. It has the effect of materially lowering the circulation.

Dr. Johnson once dined with a Scottish lady who had hotch-potch for dinner. After the doctor had tasted it she asked him if it was good. "It is good for hogs, ma'am," said the Doctor. "Then pray," said the lady, "let me help you to some more."

A countryman sowing his ground two smart fellows riding that way, one of them called to him with an innocent air:—"Well, honest fellow, it is your business to sow, but we reap the fruits of your labor." "To which the countryman replied:—"It is likely you may, for I am sowing hemp!"

One day a little girl, about five years old, heard a ranting preacher praying most lustily, till the roof rang with the strength of his supplication. Turning to her mother, and beckoning the maternal ear down to a speaking place, she whispered, "Mother, don't you think that if he lived nearer to God he wouldn't have to talk so loud?"

An earnest Yankee, lately stopped the lightning train over the Lake Shore railroad, near Mentor, with wild gesticulations as he stood near the track. When the conductor and some excited passengers demanded to know "what's the matter?" the Yankee drawled out:—"I was thinking of going to Erie some time this year summer, and I s'ould 'darn the price you'd ax a feller for going!"

SULKINESS.—Never sulk. Better draw the cork of your indignation, and let it foam and fume, than wire it down to sour and acrid within you. Sulks affect the liver, and are still worse for the heart and the soul. Wrath driven in is as dangerous to the moral health, as suppressed small-pox to the animal system. Dispel it by reflecting on the mildness, humility, and serenity of better men than yourself, suffering under greater wrongs than you have ever been called upon to bear.

SUMMARY OF A NICE WIFE.—A husband, (himself perfect, of course), thus sketches what he dreams he deserves:—"A woman whose intellect has field enough for her in communion with her husband, and whose heart asks no other honors than his love and admiration; a woman who does not think it a weakness to attend to her toilet, and who does not disdain to be beautiful; believes in the virtue of glossy hair and well-fitting gowns, and who esteems rents and ravelled edges, slip-shod shoes, and audacious make-ups; a woman who speaks loud, and does not speak much; who is patient and gentle, intellectual and industrious; who loves more than she reasons, and yet does not love blindly; who never scolds, and rarely argues, but adjusts with a smile. Such a woman is the wife we have all dreamed of in our lives, and is the mother we all worship in the backward distance."

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