

## A TIME FOR ALL THINGS.

BY BILL.

We have heard this all our lives, but do not adhere to it. All of the beasts and insects do everything in the proper season. But man, who thinks he knows all things, puts off until tomorrow what he can do today.

Going up the Ahtanum last winter, when the snow and mud was about fifteen inches deep, I met a man with one log on his wagon for wood. His team could scarcely pull it. When I came up to him he said: "Gosh! if I had known it was goin' to be winter so soon I would have got my wood when the roads were good; but mark you: it will not catch me this way next winter."

In traveling over the country last fall and winter many of the farmers were complaining because winter came too soon. This is what they said: "Potatoes frozen, no wood up, no feed nor hay in the barn, and no shed for the cows or pigs. My! if we had only known this, we would have been ready."

Well, let us now begin to prepare for winter. Yes, let us see that the "old brindle cow" don't stand in a pen 10x12, with two wires for a wind break. I saw one in this kind of a pen last winter in mud up to her knees; back bowed up, head down, hair turned the wrong way, tail between her legs, and shivering like a man with the Kansas ague.

"Oh my! listen at them pigs!" (Sally turning over in bed) "Who can rest when there is such a noise?"

"I intended to fix a place" (says John) "for them, but winter came on before I thought."

"You know how it was last winter," says Sally, "and I told you in August, when you 'war snoozin' in the shade under the trees, to fix a place for 'em."

Mr. A. going to the barn to milk. It has been raining all night, and he has not cleaned out the barnyard for two years. Passing through the gate he catches his foot in some loose wire and falls full length in the manure. Oh, what a sight! and Mr. C. stands in the yard laughing all over his face and half way down his back, and reminds Mr. A. that he should have saved wire and manure, and dug a ditch around the barn to drain off the water.

When will we mortals learn wisdom?

Yakima City.

## RANCHE AND RANGE.

## THE CANADA THISTLE.

BY LEONARD LINCE.

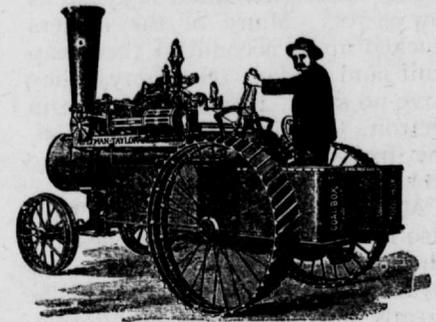
EDITOR RANCHE AND RANGE:— I saw in your issue of July 8 that the Canadian thistle had obtained a foothold in Kittitas county. Now I would warn the people there to keep them down, for they are an awful pest. I came from Canada and they are very bad there. I have seen fields of grain almost smothered out with them. I am now 49 years of age and I have known them since a child. The only way we could get rid of them was to summer fallow and then seed down. I have bought a ranche here, and if I saw a Canadian thistle on it I would dig it out if I had to dig ten feet for it.

Nob Hill, Yakima County.

## MAKING ALFALFA HAY.

J. G. Smith, of Colorado, in Field and Farm, writes:

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