FEEDING ROOTS TO STOCK.

It is a source of profound astonishment that there should be, in these days of intelligence, such fallacious reasoning concerning the value of roots—carrots, beets and turnips—for domestic animals. We have frequently met with newspaper articles, during the year past, in which the writers warned people "not to feed carrots and turnips to their young animals during fodder-ing-season!" What illustrious folly! It could be just as proper to withhold ripe and delicious fruit from our children, or to reject mealy Irish potatoes, or luscious sweet potatoes, from our tables. We have read well-written articles against feeding roots to cows, bullocks, and workhorses; and all the objections and arguments employed by the writers could be summed up in one short sentence, thus: "As roots are so much colder than the stomachs of animals, when employed as food, they injure the powers of digestion!"

Was there ever a more ridiculous and palpable absurdity promulgated through the columns of an agricultural press than this! Editors ought to know better than to admit such superlative nonsense into their periodicals, as the inevitable tendency of such reading is to mislead hundreds of inexperienced young men of good judgment, who are confidently seeking reliable information on all topics intimately connected with their avocation. Relying on what they suppose to be teaching worthy of adoption, as it appears in print, they often resign their better judgment, and embrace what is really erroneous.

Talk about injury to the stomach of a cow, or horse, from the cold in a few turnips! We might with far more propriety recommend, that every animal should be supplied with tepid water, lest its powers of digestion be impaired by cold drink.

We listened to a discussion, a few days since by a company of well-educated men, some of whom attach the honorable titles of A. B. and M. D. to their names, who affirmed that "carrots and other roots should be fed to horses with caution, as they contain great medical properties!" They thought it would not be safe to feed more than one or two carrots at once to a horse or cow!

Our experience in raising and feeding carrots and turnips for more than thirty years warrants us in saying that we have never known any animal to be injured in the least by eating any kind of roots. Our practice has always been to feed milch cows half a bushel daily, so long as we had them in sufficient abundance; and every horse and colt received not less than half a peck at a feeding. If they could have half a bushel at once, that quantity will not injure them any more than a feeding of oats, when fed regularly every day.

We have in mind a farmer who fattened a dry cow on raw potatoes, feeding her half a bushel at once three times a day, besides all the grass she would eat. When roots of any kind are fed to animals, it would not be well to give half a bushel at one feeding, until the stomach has become accustomed to that kind of feed. Colts, calves, sheep and animals of all kinds should have at least one feeding of roots every day or every other day, so long as they are required to subsist on dry feed. After their bowels have become accustomed to such feed, no apprehension need be entertained of feeding too large a quantity at once.—*N. Y. Independent.*

BED YOUR STABLES.

A horse will get tired standing and treading on a hard floor; so will a cow, a sheep, a man. A soft bed feels easy—gives rest. And yet we neglect the bedding of our stables to a great extent. Injured limbs and other ailments, especially of the hoof, are the result often of a neglect here, as has been clearly enough shown, and as any man can clearly enough see, if he gives the subject a moment's thought. Bed with straw, which is plenty, or sawdust, or tan bark, or shavings. The drier these materials are the better. Every day remove the moistened bedding and replace with new. Such a floor, well bedded, adds greatly to the warmth of a stable, and thus becomes a fodder saver. The small holes and crevices in a floor with a good bedding upon them, will let little or no cold through, and will drain the stable. Rather have a ground floor than hard plank.—*Rural World.*

VERMIN ON FOWLS.—The Massachusetts *Ploughman* says a good method to rid fowls of vermin, is to take a feather and dip it in kerosene, and touch it lightly under the wings. It will soon spread over the body and destroy vermin. This is often recommended as an effective remedy. We have not tried it, but should not hesitate to do so if we had occasion. A better way, perhaps, would be to keep a box of dry ashes for them to keep off the vermin. But if you mix into the ashes a few pieces of powdered sulphur it will make a sure thing of it. This won't cost much anyhow, and you can't do better than to fix up such a box under a shed or in the hen-house where the fowls can have free access to it. You will whitewash the henery of course. That ought to be done often, and a lot of ashes put in frequently.

—A woman in Wheeling cut the throat of her new born babe the other day. It is becoming absolutely dangerous in many parts of the country for children to have parents.

ALWAYS BUY FAT BEEF AND PORK.—There is nearly twenty per cent. less water in the carcass of a well fatted animal than a lean one. Did you ever notice, as I have, how much more the lean of poor beef will dry up in hanging, than the lean of a fat animal; and according to Professor Voelker, a lean hog contains eighteen per cent. more water than a fat one.—*Cor. Am. Farmer.*

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Not many years ago there lived, in a small town in the interior of Vermont, a queer and extremely timid chap—one not overburdened with sound sense withal—by the name of Eli Snidpool.

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The lucky father was very solicitous regarding his dear companion's state, up to the last hour; but when informed that all "was over" and he was invited to congratulate Mrs. S. on the happy termination, a look of fear and a ghostly pallor passed over his features and the proposal was declined. The nurse, thinking his sense of delicacy the cause, forbore to urge his presence in the sick room just then; but as the day passed off without the consolation of his attendance, she visited the sitting room again, not a little indignant, and even insisted that the liege lord should at once go with her to his wife's room. Evidently with the greatest reluctance, he at last consented; and, absenting himself from the house a few minutes, he was seen returning from a neighboring apothecary's, bearing in his hand a large bunch of dried tansy. Ascending the front stair-case, he knocked gently at the door, which, being opened, he immediately seized, and nearly closed again, standing with his bunch of tansy thrust tightly against his nose, and trembling in ever joint.

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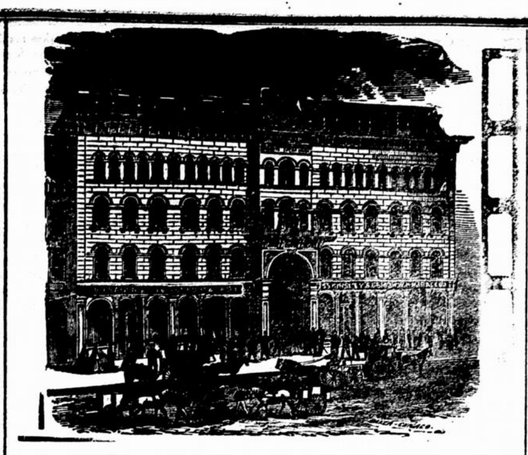

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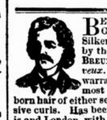

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