

FARM AND GARDEN

SHEEP ON THE FARM.

A Southerner's Plan for Reducing the Farm with Sheep and Movable Fences.

A South Carolinian writing to Southern Cultivator says: "I would rather farm without hired labor than without sheep."

"The best way to save all the manure from any stock is to pen them where you want the manure on your land."

nominal cost: The materials used are barbed wire and staples and wire nails.

The best and most economical way to feed apples to stock is to shake the trees in the pastures a few at a time as they are eaten up.

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THE DAIRY

APPLES FOR COWS.

Yes, but Look Out That the Cows Do Not Choke.

This region has been favored with a bounteous apple crop, and the fruit is now in a mature state.

Dairymen, what value do you suppose this fruit, that has cost you nothing to raise, possesses for your milk cows?

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MANGEL WURZELS.

A Few of the Varieties Most Popular for Feeding Cattle Described.

Farmers as well as dairymen are each year learning the value of mangel wurzel beets grown to a large size as food for cattle.

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TO SAMPLE MILK.

An Easy Way to Make a Sampling Tube Described.

The most reliable method of sampling is by the use of a sampling tube, which takes out a core of milk from the top to the bottom.

The wire is held in the center of the tube by a small wire loop at the top and bottom, near the ends of the tube.

Three such samples will furnish enough milk for analysis, and will give a sample that is a correct average of all the milk.

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On the day for signing the contract last spring at one of the factories in New York, the anxiety to get their names down before the full amount was contracted was so great that the doors had to be closed to prevent a mob.

This, from present indications, will be beyond any figures obtainable. The factory and creamery interests in this section are as much interested in securing better prices as the farmers.

A Mismanaged Creamery. A writer in The Dairy World says he has been examining the creameries around Elgin, Ill., and found most of them in good condition and neat.

He did not staple the butter, but it cannot be expected that such a factory would produce a gilt-edged article.

We refer to the operations of certain firms which make a business of putting in butter and cheese making plants.

Remember that land thinned with kerosene is good to clean out the lice that infest the hogs' winter quarters.

Many farmers use parchment butter paper in place of cloth for covering butter rolls. They say it helps to sell their butter.

Farmers ought to remember that the experimental station's chief aim is to help the farmer, and there is no better way of insuring this object than by visiting one's state station now and then with a view to acquainting one's self with what is being done there.

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