Farmers' Column.

Give fools their gold & knaves their power
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;
Who sows a field or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.

Shying Horses.

This trick or vice is generally the effect of nervous timidity, resulting from an excitable temperament. It is aggravated by improper handling. To punish a horse for shying introduces a new cause of fear. The horse will be alarmed and show more tokens of fear at the prospect of whipping than at the imaginary object of danger in the road. Hence one bad habit is confirmed by the introduction of another. It is impossible to whip terror out of a horse or pound courage into one. Kindness and gentle pursuasion are the best weapons to correct the pernicious habit of shying. The less fear exhibited by the driver, and the less notice taken of the shying by using harsh means the sooner will it be given up. A careful, experienced horseman can generally detect an object likely to cause a nervous horse to shy, and by word or touch will encourage him to pass it unnoticed. When this fails, give him time to look at the object of his fear; pat him and coax him up to it, then take him past it two or three times, till he takes no notice of it.

When defective sight is the cause of this bad habit it is incurable, and if the eyesight is failing, the horse for ordinary driving will be perfectly useless. A mare we knew that had gone quietly in harness for two or three years, suddenly took to jumping the white stone crossings of an ordinary macadamized street, as if they were water brooks. In three months she was stone blind.

Warts on a Cow's Teats; Cracks in a Horse's Hoof.

1. How should warts be treated on the ends of cow's teats? 2. What is a remedy for cracked hoofs on a horse?

Ans.—. If the warts are long and narrow with a short neck, the simplest way is to clip them close to the skin with a pair of sharp scissors, and apply to the wound a pinch of powdered sulphate of copper. This ends this kind of warts. If they are broad, flat ones they may be moistened with a strong solution of sulphate of copper, and before applying this, the corroded surface should be rubbed off with a piece of sand paper. This prevents soreness and may be used while the cow is being milked. Warts are contagious and after milking a cow with warts on her teats the hands should be cleanly washed before any other cow is milked. 2. Cracked hoof should be treated as follows: the foot should be examined to discover if the disease is or is not due to unequal pressure at the coronet on the side where the crack is formed. If it is found that the foot is not well balanced, the crust of the hoof should be reduced on the sole below the crack so as to relieve the pressure, the bar on the same side should be thinned, and the shoe spread as much as possible, so as to close the crack if possible. The shoe should bear very evenly on the sides from toe to heel. A cut on the horn against the upper part of the crack should be made so as to prevent its spreading upward, and a plaster of Venice turpentine should be bound over the crack. A strong spring between the heels will very much help to relieve the pressure which causes the crack.

Agricultural Notes.

It is said that "growing asparagus without transplanting is now finding many advocates."

It is remarked that "the various details and processes in dairying may be compared to a chain which is no stronger than the weakest link."

Young chickens need animal food. When it fails to do them good it is in consequence of the common fault of over-feeding. They cannot bear large rations of rich food.

At the Agricultural Experiment Station of the State College of Kentucky, some work is being done that promises to be of real service to farmers, and otherwise highly instructive.

Do not plant the stumps of cabbage to grow seed from. You may thereby get cabbage seed that cost nothing; but like most other things got without expense it will be worth even less than it costs.

Cows which give most and richest milk need most careful feeding, as excessive stimulation of milk glands causes garget, and often milk fever. Many a valuable Jersey cow has been destroyed by trying to force an unnatural butter yield.

English farmers first learned the beneficial effects of phosphate on turnips. It is equally good for cabbage, either in seed bed or after transplanting. For cabbage it has a specific effect in preventing the disease called club root, which is apt to prevail where cabbages are grown more than one year on the same land.

Joseph Harris says that "barley does not do well on old sod land. It is sometimes sown to advantage on a one-year-old clover sod. As a rule, winter wheat does better after barley than after oats; mainly because the barley is harvested earlier, and there is more time to prepare the land properly for wheat. If you can not get barley in before the first of May, better sow oats, or plant corn, potatoes or beans."

While the superiority of early cut hay is so universally conceded by careful feeders, it is really strange that nearly all hay is allowed to stand until over-ripe before it is cut. Grass contains the most sugar and gum when just coming into bloom. It is then most digestible, and then is the time to make it into hay because these nitrogenous and, therefore, nutritive matters are locked up in the form of indigestible woody fiber. Clover hay should especially be cut early, as it makes such superior feed for lambs, calves and cows in milk.

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