

Farmer's Column.



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

Dried Leaves. The leaves have fallen and now cover the ground wherever a patch of woodland, an orchard, or ornamental grove is located. In a long experience among farmers, to see these leaves gathered and used, has been the exceptional experience of our life. In but two cases have we observed anything like an attempt to gather the bulk of them, and then only because bedding for the horses and cattle promised to be scarce and it was desirable to sell the straw.

Consider the actual value of these dry leaves, however, and it will readily appear how important it is that they should be gathered and used as a matter of principle. No one can afford to allow them to lie beneath the trees or to be scattered by the wind over the fields into the corners of the fences, into the thickets formed by bushes and briars, and into other out-of-the-way places.

They make excellent bedding for cattle and horses, and when broken up and trampled are the very best absorbents of all the fertilizing elements. When cast upon the manure pile in this condition they make a very rich compost and their decomposition gives a manure which is not surpassed in activity and usefulness, by any stable or barn yard manure. Even that from animals fed on grain or bran, or oil cake, or corn meal, does not surpass it in quality.

As a bedding for swine it is excellent and the more they can dispose of during the winter, the better it will be both for the farmer and for the swine. We are strong believers in good bedding for swine and in giving them so many of these leaves that they will have no chance of turning their pen into a filthy hole of repulsive mire.

As an abundance of litter upon the floor of the poultry house, or covering the ground beneath the shed in their yard, it is a first class article. It keeps the flock busy from morning until night. The grain thrown among the leaves is hidden by them and the busy hens hunt and scratch till the very last particle of food is discovered. The chickens also break the leaves up quite finely so that they will absorb the droppings and thus add greatly to the value of the fertilizer. It is not necessary to mention how much during the winter, the better it will be both for the farmer and for the swine.

If you have no use for the leaves for any of these purposes, yet do not fail to gather them and place them in heaps that the rains may reach them and promote decay, fitting them for use in spring, both as a mulch and as a good fertilizer for vegetable crops. Boxes, bags, barrels and any spare room under the shed should be made of use to hold leaves, and every spare hour should be turned to account to gathering them.

To those who have a flock of sheep and have been troubled by the various ailments growing out of the fact that the ground beneath their shed is so often a half frozen slush of mud and snow; what a suggestion of comfort is presented by a foot in depth of dry leaves beneath them when the winter's night comes. It enables the farmer, who has any thought for his stock, to rest with greatly added contentment by his comfortable fire.—Maryland Farmer.

Warm Water for Stock. When farmers are advised to give warm water to stock, it should always be understood that if above blood heat it should have feed of some kind stirred into it to make it palatable; bran or corn meal will do. If given to them clear, it should be for the best results, only a little warmer than ordinary spring water—the ice-cold entirely rejected. Cook your nothing to send to your address. Cook your nothing to send to your address.

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