

**THE WELCOME BACK.**

Sweet is the hour that brings us home,  
Where all will spring to meet us,  
Where hands are striving as we come  
To be the first to greet us.  
When the world has spent its frowns  
and wrath,  
And care been sorely pressing,  
'Tis sweet to turn from our roving path  
And find a fireside blessing.  
Ah, joyfully dear is the homeward track,  
If we are but sure of a welcome back.

What do we reckon a dreary way,  
Though lonely and benighted,  
If we know there are lips to chide or stay,  
And eyes that will beam love-lighted?  
What is the worth of your diamond ray  
To the glance that flashes pleasure—  
When the words that welcome back  
betray  
We form a heart's chief treasure?  
Oh, joyfully dear is our homeward track,  
If we are but sure of a welcome back.

**Farm Notes.**

**BLANKETING HORSES.**

Horses blanketed at work need blanketing while at rest at this season nearly or quite as much as they do in the winter, when cold weather prevents much sweating. Whenever a horse is moist he is liable to serious illness if chilled by exposure to winds. Always put a horse in his stable to eat, even if he has very short time for that purpose.

**FRUIT FOR FOOD.**

Fruit has a much greater food value than is usually supposed. Those engaged in light work requiring thought rather than muscular exertion can use much of it in the displacement of heavier and less digestible articles. Grapes and pears are especially valuable; partly perhaps, because their delicious flavor promotes a free flow of saliva, which is the important digestive fluid.

**RINGBONE IN HORSES.**

The hoofs of young horses often grow out too long. This gives a leverage which on hard roads with fast driving or heavy pulling strains the muscles of the leg and causes ringbone. It is especially liable to attack young horses hard at work, since they have not strength of muscles to resist extra strains. Paring and shortening in front of the hoof is the remedy. It will enable any horse to work or travel with less liability to injury.

**COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER.**

The trade in commercial fertilizers in this country amounts to \$30,000,000 yearly. It has shrunken ten to fifteen per cent. within a year or two, though up to that time there had been a large and rapid increase. These fertilizers are a comparatively new thing in Northern farming, but have long been used in growing cotton. They are still largely used in the South, planters now selling cotton seed for feeding and oil manufacture which they formerly rotted down for manure. Low prices of farm products have limited the use of commercial fertilizers on many Northern farms.

**KEEP THE BEST FRUIT.**

Economical habits are sometimes carried too far, and this is frequently illustrated by farmers who put in cellars for their own use the poorer class of fruits which will not sell well. Fruit is healthful during winter, and with good fruit more will be eaten, which will make a saving in doctor's bills. The waste and extra labor in using poor fruit more than offsets any supposed advantage in its use. Possibly the poorer fruit may not bear transportation long distances to market, but it will at least pay to save for feeding to stock as an aid to digestion when dry feed is given during the summer.

**INEXPENSIVE SHELTER.**

It is possible for farmers who are willing to work to provide very comfortable winter quarters for stock with little or no money expense. If a hill side is available dig a cellar in its side large enough for several stables. Cover it with any rough lumber. Good strong poles from the woods are best and then roof with straw. Even buckwheat straw, worthless for almost any other use, answers well enough to keep out the cold and snow for a single season. By putting on plenty of straw, even rains will not go through, and the place can be made

as comfortable as the basement of a thousand dollar barn. These are times when farmers wish to economize in every way possible, and those who cannot afford to build expensively can still less afford to have their stock suffer by neglect.

**HOW TIMOTHY INJURES LAND.**

Timothy is hard on land especially if the crop is sold from the farm. This is the general verdict of farmers of much experience. But analysis shows that it takes less valuable plant food from the soil than clover, which is regarded as a renovating crop. The small root which timothy has as compared with clover explains much of this different effect of the two crops. The timothy root feeds mainly near the surface. Clover roots strike into the subsoil. Clover not only gets plant food inaccessible to most grain crops but after its removal it necessarily leaves a great deal of fertilizing material which a timothy stubble does not have.

**LOCATION OF ORCHARDS.**

There are many reasons why orchards, even of the hardiest trees, should not be planted on bleak, exposed hill sides. Every year before the fruit has time to ripen it is blown off by fierce winds. Only the apples in valleys or other sheltered places hold on until regularly gathered. It is not a bad plan to have two or three rows of evergreen trees on the windward side of an orchard for protection. If planted at the same time with the fruit trees, the evergreens will attain size enough by the time the orchard comes into bearing to afford an efficient windbreak. And their value in retaining fallen leaves under the orchard trees will increase as the orchard grows older.

**PICKING LIVE GESE.**

It requires about six weeks after picking geese to grow and ripen a new crop of feathers. The time varies slightly and may be tested by pulling a few. Those intended to be killed at Christmas or New Year's may be picked six or seven weeks before that time, but they will need heavier feeding to grow a crop of feathers and fatten at the same time. Thus managed there is much less difficulty in picking after they are killed. It is the fashion with some to declaim against the cruelty of picking geese and ducks while living. If not plucked the feathers would gradually fall out themselves and the birds would present a bedraggled appearance for a longer time than if cared for in the usual way.

**BEST FEED FOR HENS.**

Considerable difference should be made in the feed of poultry according to their breed. The Brahmas Cochins and their crosses are quiet, lazy sorts, and consequently fatten more easily than such as are fond of roving around at considerable distances from the house, such as Leghorns, Hamburgs, game, etc. Little corn or Indian meal should be fed to the former, except in the coldest weather, and then we make it only half their rations. In spring and autumn we give them all they are inclined to eat during the day, a pudding made of one-third Indian meal and two-thirds wheat bran, with a sprinkling of whole oats late in the afternoon on the ground in the yard, or near the house, for them to scratch or pick up just before going to roost. In summer we make the pudding only one-fourth Indian meal and three-fourths wheat bran. In this, about half a gill of good strong brine is mixed to each gallon. A little brine is very healthy in the food of poultry, but it must not be taken from the meat barrel. A tablespoon of sulphur is excellent to mix once a week in the pudding as this keeps lice out of the hens and, in addition, is healthy for them. So is the same quantity of wood ashes, or a gill of fine charcoal dust. The hens ought to have a grass plot to run on. If this cannot be had, give them some boiled vegetables or raw cabbage leaves. In summer, grass can be cut for them and put in their yard. Lettuce and spinach are excellent when other green food is not to be had, and we cultivate these on our garden especially for them. For the more active breed of fowls, we give a greater proportion of Indian meal in their pudding. If this can be mixed with skim milk it will be all the better for the production of eggs. Whole wheat is also an excellent egg-producer.—*Bee and Poultry Magazine.*

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**PASSENGER, MAIL AND EXPRESS TRAIN:**  
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(Leave Wilmington at.....7:00 P. M.  
No. 1. Leave Raleigh at.....7:35 P. M.  
(Arrive at Charlotte at.....7:50 A. M.  
(Leave Charlotte at.....8:15 P. M.  
No. 2. Arrive at Raleigh at.....8:45 A. M.  
(Arrive at Wilmington at.....8:25 A. M.  
**LOCAL FREIGHT—Passenger Car Attached.**  
Leave Charlotte at.....7:40 A. M.  
Arrive at Laurinburg at.....5:45 P. M.  
Leave Laurinburg at.....6:15 A. M.  
Arrive at Charlotte at.....4:40 P. M.  
Leave Wilmington at.....5:00 P. M.  
Arrive at Laurinburg at.....5:30 A. M.  
Leave Laurinburg at.....5:30 A. M.  
Arrive at Wilmington at.....5:40 P. M.

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Daily except Sundays.

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(Arrive at Shelby at.....12:15 P. M.

No. 4. (Leave Shelby at.....1:40 A. M.  
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**TRAIN NORTH.**

	Arrive.	Leave.
Bennettsville.....	8:20 a. m.	
Shoe Heel.....	9:40 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
Fayetteville.....	12:30 p. m.	12:45 p. m.
Sanford.....	2:15 p. m.	2:25 p. m.
Ore Hill.....	3:13 p. m.	
Liberty.....	4:37 p. m.	
Greensboro.....	6:00 p. m.	

Dinner at Fayetteville.

**TRAIN SOUTH.**

	Arrive.	Leave.
Greensboro.....	9:50 a. m.	
Ore Hill.....	11:05 a. m.	12:00 m.
Sanford.....	1:20 p. m.	1:45 p. m.
Fayetteville.....	3:50 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
Shoe Heel.....	6:05 p. m.	6:15 p. m.
Bennettsville.....	7:30 p. m.	

Dinner at Sanford.

Freight and Passenger Train leaves Bennettsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Shoe Heel at 4:50 p. m., and at Fayetteville at 8 p. m.

Leaves Fayetteville on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30 a. m., Shoe Heel at 10 a. m., and arrives at Bennettsville at 12 m. Freight and Passenger Train North leaves Fayetteville daily at 8 a. m., (connecting at Sanford with Freight and Passenger Trains to Raleigh), leaving Sanford at 11:30 a. m., and arriving at Greensboro at 5:40 p. m.

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