FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

A New Disease Among Horses.

Our attention has been called to a new disease that has broken out quite extensively among horses in this city and vicinity. Its indications are five eschar on the heel about the size of a five cent piece. It sits into the foot much like a sit fast. There is but little inflamation, pain or lameness. The tissue decays with great rapidity, so much so that the diseased surface will be three inches in diameter and one to two inches deep in forty eight hours. The hoof will slough off and the entire foot will ultimately drop off.

Scores of horses and mules in this city, have been affected by this disease.

Its nature and origin was for some time unknown: but careful microscopic observation demonstrates its origin to be parasites. They seem somewhat allied to Trichine and may be introduced to the tissue by the manure, as it is always the heels that are effected.

Diluted carbolic acid has been used with great success. We present this matter to our readers, so as to put them on their guard and it will be well to have carbolic acid on hand it is easy and safe in its application and not apt to injure if not used too strong. A drachm of acid to a pint of pure water will be about the right strength.—[Rural World.

Drilling Small Crops.

It is in accordance with the experience of all our best farmers that corn is the least exhaustive to the soil of all the cereal crops. Why is this? Is it not largely owing to the fact that the soil is kept loose during a large period of the growth of the crop, and being thus kept loose, does it not absorb a large amount of fertilizing matter from the atmosphere? Does it not take in a great amount of ammonia and carbonic acid gas, substances which are necessary ingredients in the growth of vegetation? If this is so, does it not furnish us a hint in regard to growing small grain in rows, eight, twelve or sixteen inches apart, thus enabling the farmer, by means of horse hoes, to keep the soil stirred during the growth of the crop?

In England, the wheat crop is horse hoed to a large extent, and in that country the average yield of wheat per acre is annually on the increase. Experiments should be made by some of our intelligent farmers, so that the practical results may be published bearing on this matter. It is by making repeated experiments, that nearly all progress is made in the noble calling of agriculture.—[Ex.

To Keep Tires on Wheels.

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LARGE WATERMELONS.—Mr. Stanley of South Carolina, gives a plan by which he raises watermelons weighing from twenty-five to forty five pounds apiece. Holes are dug two feet square and eighteen inches deep twelve feet apart, filled with fresh stable manure tramped down the surrounding soil drawn over; or, better still, fresh soil from the woods or corners of fences, mixed with road sand. Make the hill of the shape of an inverted saucer, or little well rotted manure or guano being slightly raked in, and some coal dust applied to absorb the sun's rays, which also prevents a crust from being formed. Let no grass or weeds appear, and never disturb the vines when the dew is on them. The best varieties are the Orange, Bankright and Bradford.

RICE MILK.—Boil a teacup of rice till perfectly soft, drain the water from ir and mix in a quart of new milk. Boil over hot coals, stirring frequently. Beat two eggs into a cup of sugar and stir in the boiling milk for about ten minutes. Serve up hot. A little spice or flavoring can be added if desired.

A citizen of Madison county, who moved to Texas last fall has lately returned and says that he is now willing to live and die in "old Madison." He says many who have moved West would gladly return if the could.

SCRATCHES.—Make a small bag long enough to reach around the ankle, fill with copperas tie on just above the hoof, let the horse go where he pleases the more he goes in water the better.

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