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life and with life itself, and whatever will aid in securing it is usually well worth what it costs.

The Horse Needs Variety.

"One of the commonest faults in feeding horses is the lack of variety of feed," says a horseman in an exchange. "Considering the number of different grains and feed stuffs it does seem that every team owner should provide for his animals a ration that would be perfectly acceptable to its system at all times. It is a fact, however, that not more than twenty per cent. still cling to the old rations of well balanced ration. The other 80 per cent. still cling to the old ration of corn and hay, or oats and hay, which practical experiments have long since proved to be expensive and wasteful.

When it comes to feeding your horses and mules just think of your own appetite. Suppose you were performing hard, manual labor; how long would you be content to eat two articles of food the same thing for every meal, day after day? It is pretty safe to say you would tire of your ration in a very short time. It would be like "eating a quail a day for thirty days" and your digestion would soon get out of order."

A bad digestion and a poorly nourished body is always the result of improperly balanced food. When such a condition exists in either man or horse the best physical effort cannot be expected—it is impossible. No one or two articles of feed will supply to your horses all the elements of nutrition their system needs. If you want the best results feed a ration that contains all the elements of nutrition in properly balanced proportions.

Corn alone is not a well balanced grain for feeding—neither is oats or barley. Of the three grains oats is probably fed more extensively than corn or barley combined. Barley is rapidly gaining favor as feed, however, and when properly combined with the other grains makes an ideal ration.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity for grinding the grain part of the ration. The horse owner who fails to do this loses 25 to 50 per cent of its nutritive value.

The hard outer covering of the grain makes it difficult to digest, and a very large proportion passes through the stomach of the animal in an undigested condition. An examination of the feeds will show the whole grain and prove the truth of this statement.

When you feed a ground ration you prepare it for quick digestion. Your animals utilize it more readily and there is practically no waste. It should be remembered that the horse digests its food quickly, and whatever

ration you feed should be prepared with a view to supplying the nutrition the horse needs.

Your horses will work better and keep in better condition on five or six quarts of ground mixed feed than they will on eight quarts of whole grain. Feed a variety of grains properly balanced, and have it well ground, and you will not only have better horses but it will cost you less money to obtain this much desired result."

Don't be Superstitious.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer, writes well on this subject. Of course, the part holding wheat and corn does not apply to Florida farmers. But the idea does, all our crops ought to be marketed when they will bring a fair price. It is very seldom that there is any gain in holding crops after they are ready for market.

One can scarcely help noting the erroneous ideas that exist among men of the various walks of life. Born of heredity and superstition they prevail to an extent that hampers and hinders in many instances. Most men are more or less credulous and given to following even the superstitious beliefs and ways of their predecessors, but some have outgrown superstition and follow only the really wise methods and beliefs. For example: It is Friday in early springtime. Land has just become dry enough to plow, and Smith has just commenced plowing near the road. Jones stops, in driving by, for a chat, and says, "Why, Smith, you will ruin your season's luck beginning Friday." Smith, who is a broad-minded fellow, replies that he is willing to risk it. "Besides," says Jones, "you are plowing for potatoes, and the moon will not be right for planting potatoes for some time. By that time I can be ready." "All right," replies Smith, "we will see how it is in the end. As soon as I am ready I shall plant, paying no attention to the moon. Doubtless it has a great influence over the tides, but when it comes to planting crops, laying roofs, etc., I cannot afford to bide her time."

"Jones," says Smith, "have you sown your clover seed?" "No, I have not. We have been waiting for the sign to come right, Father always sowed when the sign was just right, and he told me he never failed." "That may be true, Jones, but I sowed mine yesterday regardless of the signs. It is just the right time of the year and the ground was in perfect condition." "That may do," says Jones, "but I am not willing to risk it." Here the conversation drifts to the weather, including recent heavy rains. Knowing Jones's farm is steep and much given to damage by washing, Smith is solici-

tous as to the result of rains. "Yes," says Jones, "there are huge gullies in my fields. It washed where it never washed before. It has almost ruined my roads, overflowed my bottom land and wrought great havoc in general. I sometimes wish I owned a level farm like yours." "That is true, Jones, it certainly would be better for you." "But," continues Jones, "others have succeeded on the farm I own, so why shouldn't I? Times are even more prosperous than in past years. No farm in the neighborhood has produced better."

Not wishing to oppose but knowing well wherein Jones is mistaken, Smith again changes the subject. "How about the wheat and corn you have on hand from last year; have you sold it?" "I have not; wheat is not worth as much as it was last winter and is even lower than when I threshed, I cannot afford to sell at a loss so I will hold it longer. There are some insects in it, but we are re-cleaning it. Corn is keeping well, but the rats are in it, doing much damage. It may be, though that the corn crop will fail this year, and if it does I will still realize a handsome profit. My father told me of a time that he held his corn and almost doubled its value. Yes, wheat and corn are good property."

"Have you had a buyer for your cattle?" inquired Jones, assuming the interrogative. "Yes," replies Smith, "I sold them several days ago at —c per pound. They were good stock, you know, and being in good condition they weighed well and just suited the buyer. Have you sold yours?" "No," replied Jones, "I still have mine. They are not quite ready for market and are not very good stock. The market has declined some now and cattle are doing well so I will hold them awhile. They may sell better later." At this juncture Smith and Jones part, the former well aware of the mistaken ideas of his neighbor and the latter destined to plod on his honest but erroneous way.

It is a well-known fact in the vicinity in which they reside that Smith is far more successful than Jones. Both are worthy, industrious citizens. The one has studied his business and guided his affairs in a fitting manner; the other has failed to keep pace with the steady march of progress, has suffered from the result of vague and superstitious ideas. There are Smiths in every progressive community; there may be Joneses. Which will you be? It is for you to say. The immortal Garfield said: "I must do something to keep my thoughts fresh and growing. I dread nothing so much as falling into a rut and feeling myself becoming a fossil."

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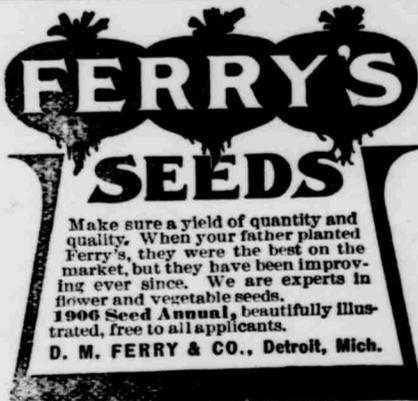
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