

WARRANTS DEPARTMENT.

In what direction do we need progress.

Farmers are now generally satisfied that to make their business profitable they must use their utmost endeavors to make not only the soil produce to its utmost capacity, but also to obtain from that produce the greatest possible value. They are alive to the benefits to be derived from improved implements of husbandry. Good ploughs and cultivators and harrows, and drills, are recognized as indispensable for the proper preparation of the soil, and putting in the seed. The mowing machine and harvester are finding their way to every farm. The increased attention paid to thorough draining, shows that farmers are beginning to appreciate the importance of protecting their land as far as possible from the contingency of the seasons. They begin to see that in order to make the capital already invested in their land more productive, it is necessary to put more capital with it—Some have even made the important discovery that they can make money by improving their own land at home.

Great improvements have been made during the last ten years in all kinds of stock. But there has been a corresponding improvement in feeding, or preparing them for market. We fear not. In that respect, we are no further advanced than we were fifty years ago. In that, improvement has stood still. We mow our grass and dry it, and it is put into the barn as hay, and in that dry condition is fed out to our stock during the long cold winter. To the hay we add stalks and straw, and unless to this be added some grain the condition of the animal is rarely as good in the spring as the preceding autumn when it came to the yard—half of the year it has stood still in its growth or retrograded, and at the same time we have been at the most trouble and expense on its account. Here, then, is a most important point to commence improvement, and it is this more than any other that attention should be drawn, and progress made.

We turn our animals out to graze in the spring and they fatten upon the herbage, dried and fed to them in the winter by no means keep them in the thrifty condition. The reason is so obvious that it rather a matter of surprise that farmers have so long neglected to avail themselves of it's suggestion. We have only to see the dried herbage in the same condition of the green, or as nearly as possible, to obtain to the best possible advantage all its nutritive properties. This can be done in the most perfect manner by cutting and cooking. In this mode by a little more labor farmers can nearly or quite double their winter forage.

Fortunately we are not without examples on this subject. In England and Scotland within the last three years, the practice has been, among some of the most successful farmers, to cut and cook all the food for their horses and cattle. In Holland the practice has been common for nearly a century to cut and cook the food for their cattle, especially their cows. In neither country, however, does the necessity so strongly exist as here. Their winters are shorter and milder, and they can keep and feed to a much greater advantage than our farmers, roots and other succulent food.

Preserving Green Corn for Winter use.

One of the greatest luxuries of the table, both in summer and in winter, is the Sugar or Sweet Corn. To our taste, all other varieties of corn to eat green are worthless compared with it. Our method is to keep a constant supply by successive planting, from June to the period of frosts. Making the largest planting about the first of July, with an early variety for planting for winter. This matures usually in September, which is the best season for drying. Our method is this: When there is the promise of a fair day, early in the morning the corn is gathered, such only as is well filled; it is then husked and put in boiling water and allowed to remain eight or ten minutes. It is then taken out and immediately cut from the cobs, with a sharp knife, and spread on a clean sheet upon a roof or scaffold, inclining to the south. It should be stirred once or twice during the day, and by night it will become dry as to past danger of injury. It should be covered during the night to keep off the dew, and exposed again for two or three days to the sun, when, if the weather is fair, it will usually be perfectly dry and may then be put into a keg and headed tight, or hung up in a firm linen bag for use.

We have recently eaten ears of the common kind, preserved by a new and easier method, which seems to be as tender, with all the sweetness and freshness of flavor that it had when first gathered, and may answer equally well in preserving the sweet corn, which we regard as the only variety worth preserving.

It is simply gathered and boiled in the usual manner, fit for the table, it is then cut from the cob and packed in a tight keg or jar, (wood is said to be the best) in alternate layers of salt sufficient to preserve it. Some, in the place of salt, apply a strong brine. When wanted for use it is soaked in fair water, which must be changed to remove the excess of salt, and then boiled, adding butter or cream and a little sugar to suit the taste—*Valley Farmer*.

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