

The question comes to the stock-raiser, how shall I lessen the cost of producing calves? One way is to feed now milk almost wholly at the start. Give it to the young animal fresh from the cow, but never let it suck. Feed it well when young, at three or four weeks lessen the quantity, and at two months gradually wean it. In the summer season the calf will do well if weaned at less than two months' old. In winter, skim milk, after two months, will help calves a great deal. They develop naturally and easily, learn to take care of themselves, growing fairly well. The green feed does most good to an animal when it is three or four years old.—*American Agriculturist*.

Winter rye, sown near the poultry yard, makes an excellent fall and winter pasturage for fowls. An abandoned pen may be made useful by putting it into rye. Even in mid winter or nearly spring on pleasant days fowls can thus procure green food, and the result will be good healthy fowls and plenty of eggs, so says the *Farmer's Gazette*.

A contemporary gives the following advice on "How to make hens lay":—"Put two or more quarts of water in a kettle and one large seed pepper, or two small ones, then put the kettle over the fire. When the water boils stir in coarse Indian meal until you have a thick mush. Let it cook an hour or so; feed hot. Horse radish is chopped fine and stirred into mush as prepared in the above directions, and for results we are getting from five to ten eggs per day, whereas previous to feeding we had not had eggs for a long time. We hear a good deal of complaint from other people about not getting eggs. To such we would warmly recommend cooked feed fed hot. Boiled apple skins seasoned with red pepper, or boiled potatoes seasoned with horse radish, are good for feed, much better than uncooked food. Corn when fed the hen by itself has a tendency to fatten rather than produce the more profitable egg laying. A spoonful of sulphur stirred with their feed occasionally will rid them of vermin and tone up their systems.

Here is something worth experimenting upon. The *American Agriculturist* says if a teaspoonful of clean wood ashes is given every third day to horses in their feed they will very rarely need "condition powders." The same amount given to cattle will have good results. Cattle and swine are frequently seen licking ashes where rubbish has been burned. The ashes given to hogs may be mixed with their salt. Ashes correct acidity of the stomach, and destroy some intestinal worms. Wood ashes are a valuable fertilizer for all crops, but especially for orchard crops. They contain all the mineral elements required by plants. The fine condition and peculiar proportion of their ingredients make their real agricultural value greater than the value computed from chemical analysis. Coal ashes are comparatively worthless, but wood ashes should never be thrown away.

Only healthy cows produce good milk. They must never be heated, or in any way misused or unduly excited.

OUR COSY CORNER.

A great deal is being written just now about corsets—much of it going into extreme views pro and con. The common sense of the matter is that the corset is a valuable support, especially as sustaining by the resistance of its necessarily stiff and substantial make, the weight of garments which fasten round the waist, which, in the absence of such intervening material, would cut in a painful and unpleasant manner. But the reasonable support of a corset, not so tightly drawn together as in any way to compress and obstruct the vital functions of the lungs and the digestive organs, is a very different thing to the insane effort for a wasp waist, in contravention not only of the laws of nature and health, but of those of the proportions bestowed by nature. Nature may be a little trimmed and restrained, but the restraint should never be carried to the point of inconvenience, not to say pain. Arms that cannot be brought close to the body by reason of extreme pressure which displaces parts of the figure, inability to stoop, or for any free and natural movement, and short breath, gasping for want of the natural play of the lungs constitute a pitiable picture. It is only necessary to hobble in boots to complete it.

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