

The Old Iron Plow.

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It has not been used this many a day,
It is rusted, broken, and in the way,
It was cast aside long years ago,
It belonged to the past—it had to go.

Yet the pioneer farmer, gray and old,
Will not let that rusty old plow be sold,
Though oftentimes the junkman has
happened past
And envious eyes at the old plow cast.

To him it is junk to be bought by weight—
To be scrapped is the stern decree of fate—
He cannot understand why such delay
In shifting old metal from out the way.

But the pioneer in his walks around
His fertile acres is sometimes found
By that plow—and lingers with thought-
ful brow—
He sees more than metal in that old plow.

It brings back memories of days gone by,
When life was before him and hope was
high,
When his step was light and his arm was
strong,
When the world seemed gay as a robin's
song.

It recalls a far day when he gained a prize,
And the joyous glow in his young wife's
eyes
When told he won "First" at the plowing
match
From the many plowmen who faced the
scratch.

A vision appears of a blue-eyed boy
Whose coming had brought to his home
much joy;
He sees him a child and remembers how
His first-born had toddled by that old
plow.

And in thinking back to a bygone day,
When the tree-stumps stood in bold array
On his fields—he cannot forget, somehow,
The homage he owes to that strong old
plow.

And though he is aged and bent and gray
And nearing the end of life's little day,
He still firmly clings to this solemn vow,
"While I live they shall not 'scrap' that
old plow."

Questions and Answers.

Veterinary.

Lame Bull.

Year and a half old bull seems lame at times, but until recently I could not find anything wrong with his limbs. Now all his legs seem to be stiffening and his feet are sore and swollen considerably.

L. R. L.

Ans.—The symptoms indicate foul in the feet. Keep him in a thoroughly clean, dry, well-ventilated box stall. Keep poultices of warm linseed meal to the feet until the acute soreness disappears. Then cleanse thoroughly, and if there be any raw surfaces between the cloots or on the coronet, dress three times daily with 1 part carbolic acid and 30 parts sweet oil.

V.

Miscellaneous.

Shavings for Bedding.

I have access to a supply of shavings from a planing mill. Will they be harmful to the soil if used as bedding? J. M.

Ans.—Shavings are used a good deal for bedding, and we do not know of any harmful effects having occurred from applying them to the soil. They will not supply quite as much humus or plant food as could be obtained from straw.

Cutting Wood off a Rented Farm.

1. I am on a rented farm, and the agreement states that I must draw the wood each year for the owner. Is he privileged to sell? If he does, can I be made to draw more this year?

2. Has the owner a right to cut wood for sale out of a bush while I have the farm rented, nothing being said to the contrary in the lease.

3. I have a mare about 12 years old that gets very poor in the winter. The veterinarian thinks it is chronic indigestion. What should I feed her?

E. U.

Ans.—1. We would consider that you

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would be obliged to draw only the amount of wood used as fuel on the place.

2. We can see no reason why the owner of the place cannot cut and sell wood off his own property, unless the tenant had an agreement that no wood was to be cut off the place during the term of his lease.

3. It is sometimes difficult to keep an old horse in condition. Have the teeth examined, as it is possible that they need dressing. Do not feed much hay. An occasional feed of boiled oats, a little oil-cake, and roots are good feeds to add to the ration. The grain should be fed according to the amount of work done.

Reciprocity in Swine Breeding.

Many of the Canadian breed associations are endeavoring to get reciprocity in registration with the breed associations across the line. R. W. Wade, Secretary

of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association, has given us the following agreement made between the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association and the American Berkshire Breeders' Association. This arrangement should be of benefit to the Berkshire breeders in Canada.

1. Animals from the United States, American bred or imported from Great Britain, sold to a resident of Canada must be recorded in the American Berkshire Record in the name of the Canadian purchaser. American certificate of registration must give date of sale and delivery and, in the case of females, service certificate, if bred. It is understood that animals, on entering Canada, must be recorded in the Canadian Swine Breeders' Record.

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3. It is understood that the recording of ancestors to complete pedigrees is to be discontinued immediately by the American Berkshire Association and the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association, respectively.

4. It is further agreed that the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association will not accept for record animals farrowed in the United States, unless such animals are first recorded in the American Berkshire Record.

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