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Gossip.

An American writer concludes a eulogy of mules by remarking that their failure to breed is regarded by many as indicative that in them the climax of animal perfection has been reached.

Next to the problem of how to keep the young man on the farm comes the question of how to keep the older man out of town, says an American exchange. The two means suggested to check the rapid increase of retired farmers are better country schools and more and better farm help, the latter to be secured by yearly employment of the farm laborer, and a home on the farm for the married man's family. Easy, isn't it?

We quite often hear, says the St. Paul Farmer, of outbreaks of a peculiar nature among swill-fed hogs, kept near or within the outskirts of villages or small cities. The deaths are usually attributed to hog cholera, on account of the similarity of certain symptoms; for example, diarrhoea, partial paralysis, and high percentage of mortality. An enterprising farmer investigated the circumstances connected with an outbreak he experienced, and traced the trouble to the soap used in washing dishes. The swill, including dish water, had been collected from three small hotels. In a short time the animals began to sicken, and many of them died. Upon inquiry it was found that in the hotels large quantities of powdered soap were used in washing the dishes. In view of the danger it would seem better to abandon altogether the habit of giving dish water to hogs. Although the feeding of garbage is generally condemned, the scraps of vegetables and table refuse could, perhaps, if properly collected, be used with safety. But certainly pure water is a much more wholesome drink, even for swine, than dirty dish water. When the subject of "swill feeding" as a business is studied, and the conditions as they exist are understood, the wonder is, not that some of the pigs die, but rather that so many of them live.

A report on experiments in the curing of foot-rot in sheep, by walking them through a shallow bath, appears in the Journal of the British Board of Agriculture for September. Early in 1904 the Board distributed thirty baths (16 ft. by 1 ft.), each accompanied by 1 cwt. of copper sulphate, to a corresponding number of sheep farmers in Great Britain. The instructions supplied were that sheep should be walked once a month or oftener through a 5-per-cent. solution of the substance (1 lb. in 2 gallons of water) after the hoofs in the case of a bad attack had been cleaned and dressed. Reports from most of the recipients have now come in, and they are quite unanimous in ascribing much benefit to the use of the bath. But it appears that still better results will be got by using a 10-per-cent. solution (1 lb. of copper sulphate to 1 gallon of water), and in stubborn cases the sheep should be put through the bath as often as once a week. For prevention a 5-per-cent. solution is strong enough, and treatment at longer intervals is sufficient. The use of a bath saves much labor in the application of the remedy. A fine day should be chosen for the treatment, in order that the sheep may have dry land to run upon after it.

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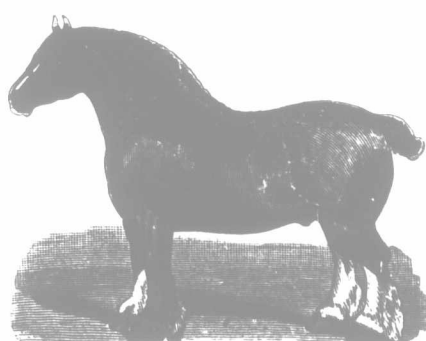
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The proper disposition of night soil in the country has been one of the most pressing problems of modern sanitation. Many plans have been suggested, but different climatic conditions and dissimilarity in the degrees of prosperity, even in the same locality, make it impossible to lay down any hard and fast rules as to the disposition of this matter. The privy, the cesspool, the dry-earth closet and occasionally the water-closet, are found on the farms according to the ideas and financial condition of the farmer. We can only say that too much care cannot be taken in this regard. Have the privy, cesspool, earth or water-closet, as the case may be, as far removed from the source of water supply as possible, and see that the well or spring is fixed so as to prevent contamination.—[The Farmer, St. Paul.

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