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A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay upon *The Advantages of Maintaining Township Exhibitions*. [On account of the many exhibitions the time for receiving this essay has been extended to the 15th November.]

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "*How Many Successive Crops of Green Fodder can be Raised in one Season.*" The essay must comprise the most suitable crops for both light and heavy soils, yield to be expected, and method of cultivating, and must be handed in before the 15th of December next.

The Farmer's Hand-Book for 1884.

Seeing the necessity and utility of farmers having a convenient Hand Book properly prepared in which they can enter the daily transactions of the farm, the purchase and sale of their products and requirements, and a register of their stock, we have prepared a book that we believe will be of very great convenience and advantage to them, and will be a source of pleasure and profit to every one who uses it, and an article that will pay its cost an hundred fold. The price of the Hand Book will be placed at only 25 cts., and every one of our subscribers may have one sent to them when they send for the renewal of their paper to this office. If they are not entirely satisfied with it, they may return it within one week and have their money refunded, less the cost of postage. This book enables any farmer to keep a correct record of his farm operations

I am very much pleased with the ADVOCATE, and am persuaded that every thoughtful farmer would be profited by reading it. J. W., Newport Landing, Nova Scotia.

By the Way.

Build an ice-house and be ready. Never suffer your stock to suffer. It is well to save your own seeds. Provide good fuel for ye gudewife. Only careful help to care for stock. Sell or fatten poor, scrub animals. Is your cellar warm, yet ventilated? Now put the implements under cover. Have water in the yard for your stock. Time to begin feeding stock regularly. Miss no Farmers' Club meeting this season. Where sawdust is used for bedding the manure is considered as very good for celery.

A light sprinkling of lime upon potatoes when stored is an excellent preventative of rot.

After cleaning and oiling harness apply gum tragacanth, and it will be as bright as new.

Keep hens quiet and well fed if you wish to fatten them, but make them scratch for their living if you desire eggs.

To make cloth waterproof apply a strong solution of soap to the wrong side of the cloth, and when dry wash the other side with a solution of alum.

When grooming a horse give as much care to the feet and legs as to the rest of the body. Horses should not be allowed to stand in filth and dampness.

It is even more necessary to keep sheep dry under foot by a sufficiency of litter than to protect them by roofing. They should never stand or lie in mud or water.

Tin vessels so worn that the iron is exposed are not fit for use in the dairy, and should be discarded. Sour cream will be unpleasantly affected by remaining in contact with the iron.

Early Beef.

The most extensive cattle-feeder of Illinois, Mr. Gillett, says it takes an immense capital to carry steers until three years old, before being properly fitted for the shambles; and for one, he has now done with it. He will dispose of his present three-year-olds this fall, and never rear another lot to this age. Hereafter he intends to keep his calves fat as they grow up. He will induce them to eat oats and grass before weaning, so that they cannot fall away in flesh when taken from suckling the cows. He will continue the oats and hay in winter until they can digest corn well, and then give them plenty of that. By this system of feeding he can bring his high grade Shorthorn steers up to 1,500 pounds at twenty to twenty-eight months old. Young cattle take on flesh and fatten much faster previous to attaining the age of two years than at any subsequent period. In consequence of this there is considerable profit in pushing them up with plenty of feed thus far, rather than allow less feeding, and keep them on till three years old. Beeves of 1,200 to 1,500 pounds weight are now preferred, both in the American and English markets, to those older, for their meat is found to be more tender, juicy and savory than that of older and heavier cattle.—[A. B. Allen, in New York Tribune.

I like your paper very much. It is just what every farmer ought to have. K. TALBOT, Georgeville, P. Q.