

Farm and Garden.

Irregular feeding of stock produces inferior meat. If the animal is fed to satiety one day and starved the next, it will not produce a streak of fat and a streak of lean as the Irishman hoped to do with his pig.

The largest farm in the world is probably that of Samuel Mackay of New South Wales. It has over 700 acres in cultivation and comprises 5,000,000 acres and has been nearly all reclaimed from the desert.

Farming, says an agricultural exchange, is something more than staying on a farm. It is something more than sowing hay and potatoes and bulky crops.

That you will keep a worthless dog. That you will be kinder to your wife, family and acquaintances. That you will be a better farmer than ever before.

That you will never plant corn on ground not properly prepared. That you will begin work at the earliest possible seasonable moment.

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Resolutions for the New Year.

Go out behind thy barn, roll up your sleeves, tuck your trousers into your boots, and looking over your left shoulder at the poultry-house, resolve—

That you won't go in debt. That you won't keep a worthless dog. That you will be kinder to your wife, family and acquaintances.

That you will be a better farmer than ever before. That you will live better this year than in the past.

That you will keep accounts. That you will know what your family expenses are.

That you will know what each crop costs, and what it brings in. That you will be economical, but not penurious.

That you will take an interest in the public schools and the education of your children.

That you won't pasture the highways, or allow your neighbor to do so if you can help yourself.

That you will let the boys and girls have games, go to parties, have a horse to ride, and a carriage to ride in, if you can possibly afford it.

That you won't go off to your work swearing when the minister comes to call and then sit in the shade three hours to be flattered by the man that gets you to put your name to what appears to be a simple contract for the agency of a sickle-grinder, but which happens to be a promissory note for two hundred dollars.

That you will keep your tools in the dry when not in use. That you will clean the spade and hoe when done using them.

That you will oil the harness twice a year. That you will plant only the best varieties and use only the best implements.

That you will plant less and cultivate more. That you will never plant corn on ground not properly prepared.

That you will begin work at the earliest possible seasonable moment. That you will cultivate your corn at least four times.

That you will prize the compost heap as the apple of your eye, and not allow it to burn its heart out or the rain to wash it away.

That you will keep the weeds in the fence corners cut down like the profits from bad farming.

That when you are called out to work on the roads you will go willingly and labor as becomes an honest man.

That you won't plant a tree and then let it die for lack of attention. That you will let the rabbits and deer graze the young orchard trees.

That you won't neglect to manure the orchards as you do other crops. That you will grab out a tree as soon as it dies and put another in its place the next spring or fall.

That you will put the ash around the orchard trees. That you will never plant another tree on land not underdrained, if it needs draining.

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shelter, and then wonder why she does not give milk.

That you will have good fowls pasture for your hogs. That you will not raise cocks-burrs to spoil the wool of the sheep or the manes of the horses.

That you won't force the swine to drink of tadpoles and mud. That you will have an early garden.

That you will eat more vegetables and pay fewer doctor's bills. That you will not allow the manure to accumulate in the poultry house during winter, but mix it with soil, sand or cinders in a shallow pile.

That you will keep a chick-n-proof fence around the garden and yard. That you will have a beautiful home.

—Rural New Yorker. A young man who sat upon a black piece of iron in a blacksmith shop and unconsciously sprang seven feet in the air, with a wild shriek of despair, says he don't think much of the hot springs as a health resort.

—Two farmers saw a couple of ducks on a street in Troy, when one exclaimed: "Gosh! what things we see when we don't have 'em!"

—Last Christmas Eve Mrs. J.—went up stairs to see if the children had hung their stockings for Santa Claus, and found that little Fred had pinned his up in a prominent place, with a little slip of paper attached, containing this suggestive sentence: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

—The mate of a ship, at the critical moment of a storm, shouted out, "Let go the topsail halyards!" "I ain't a touchin' 'em, sir," was the reply of a newly-shipped sailor.

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