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## FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—Since the 15th of May, 2,000 cattle have been shipped from Montreal to England.

—The loss of cattle in Southern Utah, during the past winter, is reported as very heavy.

—A swarm of locusts, nine miles wide, has settled in Texas, Mexico, destroying all herbage.

—Of the entire number of cattle in America, it is estimated that 75 per cent. are scrubs or natives.

—Underdraining increases the fertility, friability, warmth, dryness and moisture of heavy soils.

—There are 10,000 cattle and 1,200 horses, or about 12,000 head of stock, in Fort McLeod District.

—A feed of potatoes occasionally is recommended by those who have tried it for horses that are worked hard.

—The number of oxen in Vermont has decreased from 49,000 head in 1850 to 19,000 head at present.

—Think carefully, plow deeply, manure liberally, and cultivate thoroughly; and you will gather largely.

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—There is complaint in some localities in Maine, that the mortality among sheep, some farmers losing nearly half their flocks.

—Books and papers are essential to a complete home, and in the farmer's home, some of those should be devoted to agricultural subjects.

—Farm implements, when occasionally brushed over with crude petroleum, will last longer and be protected from changes of weather when exposed.

—It is bad economy, as well as unfair, to purchase all the labor-saving machinery for the farm, and neglect to supply the wife with such as will lighten her labors.

—In 1883, California produced 2,660,000 pounds of dried fruits, besides 135,000 tons of raisins, 20 pounds to the box, 700,000 pounds of almonds, and 500,000 pounds of walnuts.

—Veterinarians assert that several men in the New England States have lost their lives by glanders, caught by coming in too close contact with diseased horses after the disease had reached the malignant stage.

—At the New York State sheep-shearing, the heaviest fleece was a two-year-old ram's fleece, weighing 28 pounds 12 ounces. The heaviest ewe fleece was that of a four-year-old, weighing 22 pounds 9 ounces.

—A society has been instituted in Ireland with the object of defending the practice of disorning cattle. The Secretary claims that 80,000 head of cattle are annually disorned in that country. It would be better to raise the polled breeds.

—Fresh vegetables and fruits are quoted in Winnipeg, as follows: Tomatoes 35c. per lb., lettuce \$1.00 per dozen, asparagus 25c. per bunch, cucumbers 20c. apiece, rhubarb 20c. per lb., beans 30c. to 35c. per lb., cabbage 35c. to 40c. apiece, radishes 60c. per dozen.

—The Percheron Horse Company, located on the South Platte, Kiowa and Box Elder Rivers in Colorado, and which has a range covering 500,000 acres of land, has now over 3,000 brood mares, the most of which are high grade Percherons, and part are full blood.

—The attempt to cultivate the tea plant in the United States has finally collapsed. The appropriation for the purpose is exhausted, and surplus plants are scattered to the four points of the compass. About \$25,000 have been expended in this enterprise.

—Official statistics give the number of horses now in the United States at 11,169,983 head, against 10,888,111 head last year, an increase of 281,872 head. The number of mules in the country is now estimated at 1,914,126 head, which is but about 17 per cent. of the number of horses.

—An Easter egg was made by a Parisian house for a present to a very wealthy Spanish lady at a cost of \$4,000. It was formed of white enamel, on the inside was engraved the gospel for Easter day, and by some ingenious mechanism a little bird lodged in this dainty cage, sang twelve airs from many popular operas.

—South America is destined to be the next great beef-producing region of the world. It is estimated that in two years from now the number of cattle in the Argentine Confederation will number 28,000,000, against 13,000,000 in 1877. The enormous increase in the number of cattle has brought down the price so, that good fat steers are selling at \$6 to \$8.

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