

## FARMERS' COLUMN.

## Night on the Farm.

Now all clucked home to their feather beds  
Are the velvety chicks of the downy heads,  
In the old Dutch style with the beds above  
All under the wings of hovering love,  
With a few chinked in, as plump as wrens,  
Around the edge of the ruffed hens!

With nose on the grass the dog keeps guard,  
With long-drawn breaths in the old farm-yard  
The cattle stand on the scattered straw,  
And cease the swing of the under jaw.

The cat's eyes shine in the current bush,  
Dew on the grass and stars in the bush,  
And over the marsh the lightning-bug  
Is swinging his lamp to the bull-frog's chug.  
And the slender chaps in the greenish tights,  
They jingle and thrill the slight-bells nights,  
That shapes with the padded feet prowl round,  
And the crescent moon has run aroud,  
And the inky beetles blot the night!  
And everywhere the billows fair  
Are printed with the heads of tumbled hair  
Time walks the house with a clock-tick tread  
Without and within the farm's abed!

A VALUABLE RECIPE.—The *Journal of Chemistry* publishes a recipe for the destruction of insects, which, if it be one half as efficacious as it is claimed to be, will prove invaluable. Hot alum-water is a recent suggestion as an insecticide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, chinch bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest our houses. Take two pounds of alum and dissolve it in three or four quarts of boiling water; let it stand on the fire till the alum disappears; then apply it with a brush, while nearly boiling hot, to every joint and crevice in your closets, bedsteads, pantry shelves and the like. Brush crevices in the floor of the skirting, or mop boards, if you expect they harbor vermin.

CABBAGE FOR STOCK.—There is more nutritive value in cabbage, and more profit in feeding it, than most farmers are aware of. Having repeatedly raised this crop for a series of years, and under various conditions, we are convinced that it will yield more good fodder on an acre—that is, more nutritive value—than any other crop, unless it be Indian corn. When feed to cows in milk, it blended with a moderate amount of other feed it produces an unusual flow of milk of unsurpassed quality. Cabbage requires no machine to cut them, and no process of steaming or cooking. They are easily grown, and preferred, by many who have given them a fair trial, to any variety of roots. If more are raised than required for feeding, the balance can nearly always be sold at a good profit, the larger and coarser leaves being reserved for stock at the time of pulling. Another advantage of this feed is the proportion of nitrogen contained in it which gives superior value to the manure. When harvested they should be cut off three inches below the head, which can be done rapidly and easily by the use of large pruning shears.—*Exchange*.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO CHEESE MAKERS AND DEALERS.—Many of the suggestions which were recently made in regard to butter, says the *New York Grocer*, will apply with equal force to cheese. The same care in the management of the cows and the handling of the milk is necessary in both cases. But in cheese making our aim should be to keep the cream from separating from the milk. The trouble is to keep milk from tainting or prematurely souring. The importance of getting it to the factory in good condition is better understood each succeeding year. We recently visited the factory of one of our most intelligent factormen, Dr. L. S. Wights, of Whitesboro, N.Y., and found that, to secure this end, he has issued the following rules for the observance of his patrons of 1876.

1. The milk must be kept scrupulously clean in every respect.

2. No milk to be brought to the factory from cows whose calves have not been dropped at least three days.

3. Both night and morning's milk to be aired with a Bussy aerator, or by some other method equally good.

4. When brought but once a day, the night's milk must be well cooled as soon as milked.

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6. No bloody milk, or milk from diseased or feverish cows is to be sent to the factory.

7. Relates or drawing cheese to the depot by patrons.]

8. Any known violations of the Senate law, by either patron or manufacturer, will receive the full penalty.

Feed for Cows.—The *Practical Farmer* says: "It is well settled, in the opinion of all our best dairy-men, that bran greatly promotes the milk secretions in cows, and it is fed almost universally, about equally mixed with corn meal is the usual proportion. This mixture seems to promote both quantity and quality of milk. [Not by all, for we know of several dairymen who ignore bran.] Hungarian grass is found for mitch cows to be superior to the usual run of hay. The last year or two Hungarian grass has looked up wonderfully in the estimation of our dairy farmers, and a very large scope of land will be sowed with it this coming season. [Many repudiate Hungarian grass as less valuable than fodder corn.] It matures for cutting in about 60 days, and produces 2 to 4 tons per acre—the latter, of course, on good soils. Three pecks to the acre is the usual allowance of seed. Beets are also growing in favor as feed for cattle. A recent writer says warmly stabled milch cows fed liberally with beets keep up a flow of milk in winter nearly equal to the grass-fed cows in June. Careful experiment has shown that 34 tons of beets contains, in nutrient, an amount equal to one of the best timothy hay. An acre of the best meadow land, under proper till, will produce 4 tons of hay. An acre of land that will produce this amount of hay, if properly cultivated, will yield 60 tons of beets—2,000 bushels. The difference in the care, cultivation and gathering of the crops will be about \$10. The beet crop costing that much more per acre than the hay, but we get 20 times, in quantity, more beets than hay, while the hay is only 32 times more valuable—saying nothing of the extra health-giving and milk-producing qualities of the beets. The maximum yield of both crops is here taken, but the proportion will hold good when smaller quantities are produced, except on swampy grass land not suitable for best crops."

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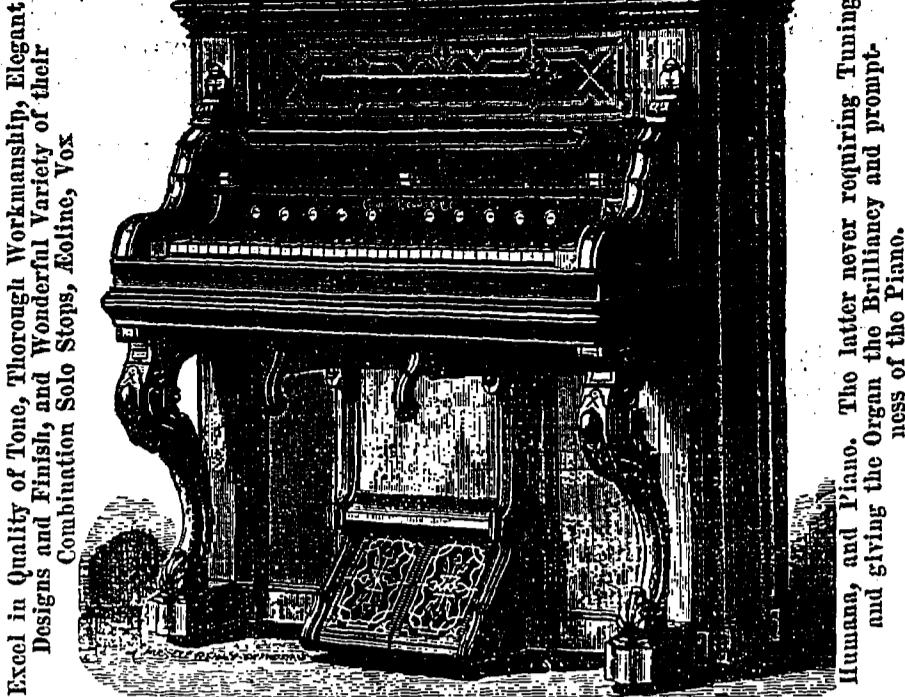
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