

THE AMERICAN FARMER.

A homely Ballad borrowed and altered from
the "Old English Farmer"

Here's a health to the farmer who tilleth the
land,
Made the best and the wisest on earth, by his
hand,
You may roam the wide world, but there's
nought to be seen
That can rival the American farmer I ween,
Derry down, down,
Down derry, down.

What life is so sweet? he's up with the sun,
He hears the day's music so sweetly begun
By robin and swallow and lark and cuckoo,
And sees the green lawn besprinkled with dew.
Derry down, &c.

While sluggards in cities, 'mid tumult and strife,
Lose all the best part of this quick fading life,
He breathes the free air at morning's first ray,
And lives twice as long as they do, each day.
Derry down, &c.

He rules every station from castle to cot,
By the high and the lowly he's never forgot,
The poor and the rich man together agree
That without him their lives most wretched
would be.

Derry down, &c.

Look around you—what treasures his riches
unfold,
His granaries filled with those sheaves of bright
gold,
His pens and his pasture all breathing with life,
And his home far away from all passion and
strife.

Derry down, &c.

Then a health to the farmer who lives on the
land,
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Disease in the Stomach of Cattle.—Mr. J. DEVEREUX, of Raleigh, North Carolina, wishes some information in regard to a disease by which he lately lost a valuable Devon bull, *Apost mortem* examination showed the third stomach or manfolds, "crowded with food until it was as hard as a pressed cotton-bale." In relation to diseases of this organ, Mr. Youatt says—"It will always be proper to bleed, in order to diminish any existing fever, or to prevent the occurrence of that which continued disease of this important stomach would be likely to produce. To this should follow a dose of physic, in order to evacuate the intestines beyond the place of obstruction, and by its action on

them, possibly to recall this viscus also to the discharge of its healthy function. The Epsom salts, with half the usual quantity of ginger, will form the best purgative; and it should be administered either by means of a small horn, or the pipe of the stomach-pump introduced half way down the gullet, and the liquid very slowly pumped in. By this cautious method of proceeding, the pillars on the œsophagean canal will probably not be forced open, and the liquid will flow on through the passage still partially open at the bottom of the manuplus, and thence into the abomasum."—*Alb. Cult.*

BORROWING.

"The borrower is a servant to the lender."—
Prov. 22. 7.

Whilst every man who borrow's much, feels the truth of this adage, how many still persist in the practice of borrowing. Why, I know several farmers who are doing business on a right large scale, who borrow the plough which breaks their fallow—the harrow which levels it—the bag which conveys their seed wheat to the field—the cradle which cuts the crop—the waggon which hauls it to the barn—the wheat-fan which cleans it, and then again the wagon which takes it to market. While the borrower is therefore, in some sense, servant to the lender, Solomon might have added that he is a most "unprofitable servant." For whilst he lays himself under daily and heavy obligations to the lender, which may well be likened to a state of bondage, he distresses, incommodes and injures the lender to such a degree that it is sometimes hard to tell which will come to poverty soonest. A good farmer will not only provide himself with all the necessary implements of his business, but will try to keep them at all times in good order and in their proper places. You will see his ploughs and harrows and wagons and carts and cradles and mowing scythes and axes and hoes, and all the rest snugly housed and sheltered whenever not in actual use, so that whenever the time comes for using them, there they are, easy to find and in good condition. If he is a free lender, and is annoyed with borrowing neighbours, his plough, when he wants it, is at neighbour Dolittle's—his harrow at neighbour Scratchall's—his wagon not yet returned from neighbour Longkeep's—often he