

not, be exercising your judgement, you can consume them profitably on the spot in feeding your stock.

### FEBRUARY.

This is the Farmers leisure month. Lay your plans for the coming season, so that you may be ready to act without loss of time or hesitation. See that you have an ample supply of wood split and prepared for the year. *Repair your Buildings* where required, and consider any new arrangements or improvements, and proceed with their prudent adoption. Keep your *cattle* warm, well littered, and fully fed as far as your means will permit of, for you will in this best ensure a profit for stock. Guard against accidents from frost in many ways—all well known to the Farmer. Prepare and store away *seed corns*. Watch attentively, and be liberal to your *cows* about to *calve*. Complete your supplies of wood for all purposes, if not attended to last month. Keep horses well littered, and well fed with warm food, if procurable, with cut hay and carrots, and guard against the effects of cold as recommended last month. Pay great attention to *cows* which are to about *calve*. Keep *Hogs* well bedded, with plenty of cooked food. See that *Fowls* are well sheltered, and fed as recommended for last month, and you will be well repaid by their sustained condition, and a plentiful supply of eggs. Cart out manure to the field, placing in large heaps, so as to prevent loss by washing. But unless to facilitate spring work where absolutely necessary, it is better to remain under cover till the last practicable moment. Prepare *seeds* of all kinds for the incoming season. Prepare implements and tools as directed, last month—providing new ones where absolutely necessary—but not to gratify whim or fancy.

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### EXPERIENCE WITH MUCK.

In the summer of 1855, I had an upland lot, preparing for wheat or rye, and having no funds to spare for the purchase of guano, bone dust, &c., I concluded to try what could be done at home. With a team and man, we commenced drawing muck from a pond, and, in four days, had one hundred loads on two acres of ground. The ground was again plowed, thus mixing the muck, and on the 15th of September was sown with wheat. It was harvested the following July, and when threshed and exhibited at the County Agricultural Fair, received the premium for being the best wheat exhibited. The next season the plot was sown with oats, and such a crop was never raised on the *old homestead*, and all without any other manure. This season we have put *eight hundred* loads on five acres, sown to wheat and rye, and expect to be able to give you and the farming community as good a report, if not better, from the crops next summer. In addition to the above, on the first lot, we this summer cut, per acre, three tons of as good timothy hay as was ever housed, and up to this present writing, the feed is good, and cows easily fill themselves from it daily. Let every farmer, who can, try an acre with muck, and he certainly will be repaid four-fold.—*American Agriculturist*.

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### THE POTATO DISEASE.

The Royal Agricultural Society has awarded a purse to Dr. Lang, of Ipplepen, for a paper on the Potato, its cultivation, production and disease. The conclusions at which he arrives are :