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Agriculture.

For the "Agriculturist." Sir, - In your King's County correspondent's letter of the 24th ult., there occurred a mistake, which I have corrected in this issue. For horses standing idle, a bushel of oats is as good as a bushel of corn, both raw; if the oats were boiled, or well scalded, it will make a difference.

and taste. His study table is covered with journals and periodicals; his shelves filled with books by the best authors, and his conversation proves that he is familiar with the state of agriculture at home and abroad, and well versed in the general topics of the day.

BLIND STAGGERS AND POISONOUS GRASSES. The National Live Stock Journal has a very interesting and instructive article on the above subject, of which we give the principal portion.

THE CROP OF 1878. The farmer who holds over his crop loses storage, shrinkage and interest, as well as any actual deterioration which may take place in the value of the crop.

SLAUGHTERING SWINE. When a farmer has to do a necessary cruel thing he ought to do it expeditiously, and inflicting as small an amount of pain as possible.

THE USE OF PLASTER. There is scarcely a farmer who does not know how useful is a dressing of plaster of gypsum to land bearing clover.

BEST SHEEP FOR FARMERS. The Kentucky Live Stock Record, in speaking of the best breeds of sheep for farmers, says: - The best sheep for the farmer to keep are those that yield the heaviest fleeces and the greatest number of pounds of meat.

THE FARMER'S LIFE. A not yet exploded idea of a farmer is that he is a man who stands upon the old ways—who is adverse to all new fangled notions—who is content to go on as his forefathers went before him—who takes little interest in the affairs of the great world outside him.

From that time it was the rule on that farm to make a change of male birds each year, and none of our neighbors afterwards equipped us in the number of chicks raised or eggs marketed.

FARMER'S BOYS.—How easy it is for farmers' boys to earn their own pocket money if they are not afraid of work! The parents must not afford to do it for them.

CURE FOR WOOL ENZYM.—A correspondent of the Landwirth writes to that journal on the great losses experienced among his sheep for years past, owing to their habit of eating wool.

NEW CATTLE DISEASE.—A correspondent writing from Bucksport says a new disease has appeared among his cattle. One calf was taken with ulcerated sores on his gums, eating so fast that in forty-eight hours he died.

MAINE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—The fall term of the State College at Orono has commenced, with the Freshman class numbering 46. The college farm is producing larger crops than ever before, and there are a large number of experiments under way in spite of the hard times.

VALVE OF POLTRY IN THE UNITED STATES.—The statement that the value of the annual product of poultry in this country is greater than that of hay, corn, cotton, or wheat, is absurd. Any person who has a moderate acquaintance with what is going on about him, can make a pretty near estimate of the value of the poultry product.