Winter Occupations

The wide awake farmer does not spend the comparatively leisure time of winter in dleness; it is a good time to indulge in social intercourse for which the hard work of the summer season gives little opportun-ity. The sleighing makes it easy to get around and visit the neighboring farms and enjoy a chat with their owners and compare mathods of working.

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If there is one thing more than another lacking in the life of the farmer, it is the lack of opportunity for frequent social intercourse with others, but, for this very reason, when opportunities do occur, they are enjoyed with keener zest and more sincere good feeling than is often found in towns.

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The winter also affords good opportunity for the repairing of farm implements and machines and making new ones. Also for laying out plans of work for spring and get-ing together the needful materials.

Seedsmen and dealers in fertilizers will always fill orders at this season of the year from their best stock and with less risk of with the season of the year from their best stock and with less risk of

Effect of Feed on Butter Product.
At a recent wertern dairymen's convention, says an American paper, the effect of feed on the quality of milk was being discussed. One gentleman, to illustrate his points, referred to a cow, owned, said he, somewhere in Wisconsin, that had formed an appetite for hops and her owner was feeding them to her, and she was giving lager beer instead of milk. Another gentleman told of a Holstein cow which he once owned. She was bought on the recommenowned. She was bought on the recommendation of a gentleman who said she would eat all the time, anything and everything, and would produce just what she was fed to produce. One day his dog, Jacob, had gone after the cows and stopped to dig for a little while at a woodchuck hole, and old Holstein, on her feeding march towards the milking stable, came across the dog's tail sticking out of that woodchuck's hole and she ate the tail and the dog and had gotten the chuck's hole about half caten up when owned. She was bought on the recommen the chuck's hole about half caten up when he found her. Well, this was sufficient proof that she would eat anything; and proof that she would eat anything; and when the cream was churned from the milk she gave after this dog-and-woodchuck's-hole-ration the owner found he had one-third bologna sausage, one-third limburger cheese and one-third butter.

The Best Table Fowls.

There is a demand for better table fowl than those now popular kinds which are thought desirable for their yellow skin. The light Brahma and the Plymonth Rock are good birds, living or dead. They lay large eggs of a popular dark color, thought to be better adapted for pastry on that account, and they make good broilers. But they are deficient in breast and have too much bone to suit the fastidious house-keeper. The yellow skin, too, is becoming unpopular, and the European taste for the clear bluish white skin and translucent flesh is taking the place of the former fashion. Besides, this is a world of change, and however good a thing may be, it in time becomes distasteful.

The Langshan has the right kind of flesh, but its eggs are small and far between as compared with those above mentioned. The English Dorking is the fowl that would fill the bill for the consumer, but it is not a hardy bird, and is given to sitting all through the warm weather. The Indian game is too leggy, and has other defects, and thus is not in the race for popularity in this respect. The French Creve-Coar and the Fleche are excellent, and for eggs and meat, old or young, are all that can be desired, and were they mentioned more The Best Table Fowls.

where the celebrated Requefort cheese is made. The tail of a kind of sheep in the Orient called the "broad-tailed" is as large as one-forth the dressed carcass in weight, and is regarded as a table delicacy. The tail is often so large that for its support a little cart is placed under it and fastened to the sheep. As an experiment, to see how the broad-tailed will thrive in America, a few have been imported into California from Kurdistan, Persia. Bells help to repel the sneaking dogs, which ere covards and faraid of detection. In view of the great losses farmers sustain on account of cauine ravages, it would be well if all our States lived up to as good a law as that of Massachussetts in 1648, which reads: "If any dogge shall kill any sheepe the owner shall either hang his degge fortiwith or pay double damage for ye sheepe. If ye degge hath been seen to course or bite any sheepe before, not being sette on, and his owner had notice thereof, then he shall both hang his dogge and pay for ye sheepe."

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tor the repairing of farm implements and machines and making new ones. Also for machines and making new ones. Also for the quality and pleasant kitchen of the farm house on the hill. Round whose door the running roses dewy cares of the span and dealers in fertilizers will always fill orders at this season of the year from their best stock and with less risk of mistakes than can be done in apring when there is always a rush of business.

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When her eager swains came wooing in the dreamy dusk of day,
Lot she scorned their sugared speeches, and she sent them both away.
Slowly, side by side, they left her, heavy-hearted at their fate,
Turning once to see her standing in the moon-Slimly sowned in white, she glimmered from the shadow of the trees,
Like a sister to the lilles that were crowding round her knees,
And 'twas thus the squire beheld her as he cantered gayly by,
And he threw a glance behind him with a dark and ardent eye.

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"Have you heard the news this morning?" all the maidens meeting said.
"How the squire of Marston Manor with our village belle will wed?
Bessie has a smile that dazzles, Bessie has a neck of milk.
She will drive a pair of ponies, she will dress in richest silk.
And among the ancient beeches she will dwell an splendid state.
Where the Marston lions crouching guard the ivide entrance gate."
But the bride before her mirror, with its knots of airy blue.
Whispered to her happy image, "Ah! the apple told me true!
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The English Design is through the word in the season of th

It has already been figured out that over, \$2,000,000 will be divided among the harness performers in 1893. This estimate is made without taking into consideration the numerous little meetings with no financial standing, but only those regarded as sound and perfectly able to fulfill their obligations.

Judging by the way in which the word whoa is used, not one man in ten knows how to apply it. The only way to use the word is to say "whoa" when you mean whoa, and to use some other word when something else is meant. It is a very common custom for men to yell "whoa" whenever they approach a horse, especially in Round her scarlet mouth the dimples played a game of hide and seek as she pared a shining apple, fair and rosy as her cheek.

"B will stand for Breat," she murmured. "N will surely mean it's Neal."
And for a breath she held suspended in the air the ruddy peel to be she flung it o'er her shoulder, and it curled upon the floor.

Then she bent above it, blushing—though no eye was there to see;
But the letter that it spelled her—it was neither None I know," said charming Bessie, "has a name at al like this.
But whene'er he comes a courting I will greet him with a kiss."

When her eager swains came wooing in the the said is a single see is mean. It is a very come ever they approach a horse, especially in the stable after dark. The custom arises from a desiret olar the orse know what is approaching, so that the horse won't kick. The object of speaking is a laudable one, but the method employed is deplorable, and is unwittingly the cause of much along and horse is continued, and not knowing what is meant, he does not obey. When a horse is standing still, and a man and a man and a like this.

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horse to think? He was taught at first that "whoa" meant for him to stop, but in this case he may come to the conclusion that the man is rattled, otherwise his horse intellect will be lost in speculation and wonder. Again, what will the horse think when he is trotting briskly and he hears the commanding "whoa" (meaning for him to slow up), and when he attempts to stop, to feel a touch of the whip if he does not stop whenever he hears it. The next time the command is given in earnest, perhaps, the command is given in earnest, perhaps but the horse isn't sure, and he keeps on looking around inquiringly, only to receive looking around inquiringly, only to receive a vigorous yank on the lines. Of the two

Now Parson's reading the Scripture, "Remember the Sabbath day—
In it thou shalt not do any work"—"Amen,"
the people say;
"Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy
cattle, thy ox, or thy ass"—
Don't seem to exempt the horses, ch? So we'll
let the lesson pass.

His voice was hushed, for the notes of song prose on the hallowed air—
"Praise God from whom all biessings flow"—
thanksgiving, praite, and prayer:
"Praise him all creatures here below"—man, beast, and bird and thing—
With the possible exception of the former's wife, who, having remained at home to prove the complete the provided by the complete the compl

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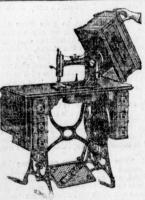
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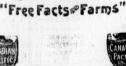




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