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REMARKABLE DAYS.

- 1 All Fool's Day.
- 2 PALM SUNDAY.
- 3 Richmond Va. occupied by U. S. forces, 1865.
- 4 Oliver Goldsmith, d. 1774.
- 5 Princess Victoria of Hesse, b. 1863.
- 6 George Dowey, executed, 1869.
- 7 D'Arcy McGee shot, 1868.
- 9 EASTER SUNDAY.
- 10 Easter Monday.
- 11 Peace of Utrecht.
- 12 Princess Frederica of Prussia, b. 1866.
- 13 Fort Sumter surrendered to Confederates, 1861.
- 14 Assassination of Pres. Lincoln, 1865, d. on 15th.
- 15 Sir J. Ross, navigator, b. 1800.
- 16 1st SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 17 Benj. Franklin, d. 1790.
- 18 Sir Francis Baring, b. 1740.
- 19 Byron, d. 1824.
- 20 Louis Napoleon, b. 1818.
- 21 Bishop Heber, b. 1783.
- 22 Duke of Sussex, d. 1843.
- 23 2d SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 24 Cromwell, b. 1599.
- 25 St. Mark.—Princess Alice, b. 1843.
- 26 David Hume, b. 1711.
- 27 Gen. Napier defeats Theodore of Abyssinia, 1868.
- 28 Dr. Wallick, d. 1854.
- 29 Dr. Lardner, d. 1859.
- 30 3d SUNDAY IN LENT.

THE increase of flocks and herds usually take place this month, and great care should be taken that none suffer; brood mares, if worked should be driven with caution, never over work or put to their speed; light work will not hurt them, even before the plow and harrow; if not worked, take them out every day for a walk or drive. Cows with calf should not be confined too much in the stable; on dry days leave them out where they can take exercise and not be interfered with by quarrelsome cattle. Cows soon to calve should be placed every night in well littered stalls; if the bags become hard and feverish, it is sometimes necessary to draw the milk and rub and wash the bag

with warm water; use the same treatment after calving if necessary; for the purpose of increasing the secretion of milk, give succulent food, oats and bran; steaming the fodder is also very beneficial; never compel a cow to drink water with ice floating in it. Ewes near yearning should be separated from the rest of the flock, and each one provided with dry comfortable quarters, and an extra allowance of roots, peas or beans supplied. Sows that will farrow this month must be supplied with clean, warm sleeping apartments, having a strip fastened around about a foot from the floor, to prevent her lying on the little ones or crowding them against the sides of the pen; feed raw roots before and after farrowing.

Look out for mulleins, thistles, teasels and other biennial weeds that will mature their seed coming season. Cut them off a couple of inches below the surface with a sharp hoe, that the water may enter the roots and destroy them. Removing weeds is one of the most profitable occupations on a farm. How much better crops could be raised if no weed was allowed to go to seed; pasture fields and fence rows are overlooked, and the consequence is that a crop of seed is produced every year sufficient to stock the whole farm.

If you have not procured all necessary seed, do so without delay. It would be best if every farmer would raise his own seed, but as few will give proper attention to the subject, it may be best, as a general thing, to purchase from reliable seedsmen. Do not plant anything doubtful, if you have seeds that are not first rate, you had better feed them to the chickens; shrivelled and imperfect seed may germinate, but they cannot produce strong, vigorous shoots nor perfect grains, and by planting them you only subject yourself to an extra risk of getting a full crop.

April showers bring May flowers.

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