#### November 29, 1899.

## MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

# at The Farm. at

#### Feeding Weeds to Stock. The statement has been made that the stanchest advocates of commercial fertilizers are farmers, and of stable manures the market gardeners. This may be con-

sidered a bit broad, but there is much truth in it, and the reason is plain. The market gardener, with his limited soil area, must raise more than one crop on the same square foot of soil each season to make his business profitable. Years of experience have taught him that by using stable manures, with a clover crop for his soil during the winter, to be ploughed his soil during the winter, to be ploughed under in the early spring, he gets the most satisfactory results. This, provided al-ways that he keeps the ground well culti-vated, for, bear in mind, a weed means the loss of some soil vitally needed for his plants. The farmer, handling larger areas in heavier crops, will not or does not take time and trouble to cultivate the soil as it should be cultivated and hence is pear it should be cultivated, and hence is perfectly willing to use commercial fertilizers if he can afford to buy them, for they contain no weed seeds.

It is a mistake for both farmer and market gardener to pin their faith wholly to stable manures or commercial fertilizers, for the best results are obtained by proper combinations of the two. The farmer is largely to blame for the weeds on his farm. Instead of making a pasture of mainple valuable grasses, he usually devotes some portion of the farm to pasture that is near-ly valueless. Then he permits his animals to browse along the roadside and eat weeds whenever and wherever they can get them, counting this just so much gained in food, when in reality it is just so much lost, in that it does the animal no special good and fills the manure with the seeds of noxious weeds that later are distributed over the farm. Then there is the too common practice of feeding weeds to the hogs, with the same result of scat-tering over the farm in the manure, to worry and sweat over next summer. Have clean pastures, dig out or cut down all weeds and burn them. During the sum-mer use the cultivator faithfully, feed to speck only good, coarse fodder and grains, use the manure in proper combinations with commercial fertilizers, and one will have reduced farming to a point where, coupled with good judgment in operating, it will be profitable .-- (Indianapolis News.

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\$73. To keep her in a dry lot the year round as we do the hens, it will cost at least \$30 to keep her one year. This will leave us a net profit of \$38, invested in a \$40 cow, one year.

Now. let's invest \$40 in hens, comm onës, worth 25 cents each, and we have in a year and eggs are worth one cent each, or \$1.50 gross income for each hen kept. The cos' to keep one year for each hen in a dry pen being 50 cents, leaves us a net profit of \$1 yearly on each hen kept, or \$160 net on our \$40 worth of hens, against \$38 profit on the \$40 cow.

-It ought not to take long for one to de-cide in which way to bend his efforts, if the above figures tell the truth, and they are about my experience. Seventeen acres is not much pasture for cows, espec-ially when set to young fruit trees, but it is lots of pasture for hens.—(E. W. Geer in Farmers' Advocate.

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### Farm and Garden Queries.

D. B. W., Hillsboro County, N. H says : A young horse has been somewhat Tame occasionally for two months in one Tame occasionally for two months in one forefoot. No defect has been found until recently, when a slight enlargement was discovered of the pastern, but not extend-ing up to the fetlock joint. What is the rem.dy, and would it be advisable to use the animal occasionally in light work? Answer: Your diagnosis leads at once to the conclusion that the trouble is ring-bone, and examination and treatment by a skilled veterinarian is advised.

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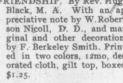
From the News, Truro, N. S. Mr. Robert Wright, of Alton, Colchester Co., N. S., is now one of the bardiest and hardest working farmers in this section. But Mr. Wright was not always bleased with perfect health; as a matter of fact for aome fifteen years he was a martyr to what appeared to be an incurable trouble. In conversation lately with a News report-er, Mr. Wright said:--''I am indeed grateful that the trouble which bothered me for so many vears is gone, and I am

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