

Manure Sheds.—There can no longer be any doubt that the constant and free exposure of manure to atmospheric phenomena, greatly lessens its value, and that by providing a protection for it, while in the yards, or before its removal to the fields, the farmer would save sufficient to remunerate him *amply* for the expense which a structure calculated fully to subserve this important end would involve. The manure shed should be constructed on the side of the barn occupied by the "tie-up," and immediately adjoining the latter, as such a location will enable the owner to deposit the excrement within it every morning, and without even a momentary exposure to the sun or air. The back of the shed, should be so constructed as to admit the team,—to effect which the entire side should be hung on hinges in such a way that it may be elevated, and so kept while the contents are being removed.

A building, answering every purpose, which will last for years, may be erected for a small sum; yet we do not advise any one to spend half or two-thirds the amount requisite for the construction of a first rate fabric, in putting together a cheap one, which will but partly subserve the intended purpose, and be ready for repairs or to fall almost as soon as it is done. Whatever a farmer attempts, he should endeavor to perform thoroughly, and in the most perfect manner, the nature of the business and his resources will admit. Exposing manure in the open yards, without even the protection of a stratum of dirt, or loam, is bad policy, viewed in its most favorable aspect. It is something of which no farmer will ever be guilty, and a practice no one can habitually indulge without inconvenience and great loss.

The Nettle.—The Nettle is generally considered by farmers and gardeners as a useless and troublesome weed; but it needs little argument to prove that the most common gifts of Providence are often the most useful to mankind. The common stinging nettle is one of the best medicines which is produced in the vegetable kingdom, and its medicinal qualities ought to be more generally known and appreciated. In the form of a simple weak infusion, taken in the quantity of a pint a day, it acts as an alterative and deobstruent in impurities of the blood. A strong decoction taken in the same quantity proves an admirable strengthener in general or partial relaxation. Applied as a fomentation or poultice, it relieves swellings and abates inflammations, and the expressed juice, taken in spoonfuls as the exigency of the case may require, in internal bleedings, is the most powerful styptic known. We may add that its leaves, when boiled, are converted into a tender, healthy, and nourishing aliment, grateful to the palate. And yet there are few plants whose appearance is viewed by the farmer with more disgust than the stinging nettle.

Foul Air.—When a well, vault, or drain has been inclosed a considerable time, in order to disperse and rectify the suffocating air, at first opening, throw down six or more pails of water, and after waiting fifteen or twenty minutes, any one may venture down with safety; the like method should be observed in sinking new wells, especially if the work has been discontinued for any length of time.

Book-Keeping

one book, in which each individual account is entered with a bold hand at the top, and the name on the left-hand side of the right-hand page. The page is divided into six spaces, the first for the day of the month, the second for the price, in pence, the third for the person with any thing, the date, name of the thing, the left-hand or Dr. page, the right-hand or Cr. page of his account, and the amount you sell J. B. Thompson for, and on the 15th of March, you sell him 2d of March, you sell him the 12th of April, the 1st of May, ten shillings, on the same day he pays you, on pages thirty-four

Swine design

on light food, with lowed to breed but coarse, and none for that purpose. The she generally goes time a comfortable severe weather, she avoided, and no care for restlessness is be fed sparingly or inclined to eat her Pigs may be weaned the sow, 1 or 2 months at this time particular

Those designed for and provided with this will hasten the better and are less have a running store of vermin in apartments, one should be the lowest be drained, and should be fed through removed. If the charcoal twice a day to disorders of the ver pasture to run