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SOME of the remarkable judgments given by the horse judges at the Toronto Exhibition are defended on the ground that the animals were "unsound." That is to say, horses otherwise entitled by appearance, action, and quality, to a first prize, have only received a second or third. Now, this is all wrong. An unsound animal has no right to any prize. The judges, having reason to suspect unsoundness, should call in the association's veterinary surgeon, and govern themselves by his decision. If unsound, they should be ordered out of the ring, whether they are otherwise qualified or not.

THE amount of good that this country has reaped through importations of live-stock made into it, is beyond all estimate. It has not only been the source whence our live-stock trade in fat cattle and sheep with Great Britain has emanated, but it has laid the foundations of that expanding and remunerative trade in live-stock with the United States. Yet here, too, a word of caution is necessary to importers and purchasers from these, for this trade, as all others, has often been wounded in the house of its friends. Importers have sometimes bought inferior stock because they could get it cheap, and palmed it off on the

unsuspecting who knew no better, with the final result that men were led to say the importing business was all a fraud. They failed to distinguish between what was wheat and what was chaff, and brought evil alike upon the innocent and the guilty. The moral here is plain. Leave the inferior stock of Britain at home. Their butchers can turn it to better account than ours. Convince the people of that island that we must have only what is good and they will be all the more ready to provide it for us, and will respect us all the more for the sagacity thus shown. Our breeders do not want to buy an inferior class of imported stock, and our farmers should not do so. With the worthless class of emigrants, leave such stuff beyond the sea.

THE waste of sources of fertility on the farm is simply enormous. Men will give their assent to the wisdom of caring for these and of hoarding them with even a miser's solicitude, and yet they do it not. They ask editors to give them papers on the care of liquid manure, and the best means of utilizing it, while they at the same time open ditches from the barn-yard to the streamlet that runs away in front of it. It reminds one of a company who ask their minister for a sermon on temperance, while all the time they indulge in their ever-recurring carousals. The most hopeless of all transgressors are those who know their duty and yet they do it not, and likewise the most hopeless of all farmers are those who ask for more light while they do not try to make the most of the light which they already enjoy. The leakages of the manurial resources of the farm, like the waters of many a stream, are perennial in their flow. They sap away the fountains of its strength more surely than the increasing tubercles do that of the consumptive. They abound in the vicinity of the barnyard, but we find them in the ashery, usually a wilderness of dump heaps, and in the vaults of the cess-pool, and all around the kennel, and while all this goes on in an endless succession, individuals who can prevent this waste are grumbling about the drouth or the excessive wet, the growing poverty of the soil and the hardness of the times.

THE fall exhibitions are now over for the season, and whether successful or the opposite, the various contestants must be content until the time of showing comes again. That many of them have been managed well on the whole, will not be questioned, but that their management may be improved upon in some respects is equally sure. The method of receiving entries up to too late a date is one of the besetting sins of exhibition boards, due, doubtless, to over-anxiety to secure all the exhibits possible. The methods resorted to, sometimes with a view to draw the populace, is another, and the sham that is usually made of exhibiting the prize animals in the ring is another. We might go on and on in this strain. Now what we have to suggest is, that our exhibition officials in Canada should hold a parliament soon after the close of the exhibition season, while yet suffering from the lance-points which an unfeeling public have used so freely upon them during the time of the show campaign, and take council together as to whether they might not do even better in some particulars. It is thus that our cheese dairymen have been enabled to perfect so much excellent machinery as they possess in their adopted methods, and still they feel that for them there are heights beyond. The work of the International Fair Association is in this line, but the lesser conventions, sending up their delegates and their undetermined questions to this high court, could not fail to result in good.

A FEW more days of mist and sunshine, and the mellow light of Indian summer days is off to the land of the far away for another whole year. Let not the quiet and beauty of those fairy-land autumnal days lull us into a sense of false security, as though sterner days were not at hand. If any weather boards are loose upon the stables or panes of glass in the windows are broken, in the name of humanity nail on the former and put in the latter. If roots are yet unpulled, rise earlier than the birds and toil later than the feeding flocks in the pastures until they are safe. Pile scattered limbs high in the bush plot, and give more than a passing thought to the cleansing of the ditches that may be encumbered. Gather up the boards that you wish to work up in winter, and lay them away safely under cover, and see to it that the cellar is made frost proof before driven to this duty by the discovery of loss through inattention to it. Keep the horses to a pretty good step that they may plough their acre in the field and a good deal more, and gather up material for absorbents into a safe, dry place. Mend every broken stall, put every pump in order, and lay every tool and implement in its place. When all this is done, and everything else that is needful about the farm, in preparing for winter, relax your energies and rest upon your oars, but not a moment sooner, for the fleecy legions that have already bent the boughs and whitened the pines of Labrador, are on their way, and the tune played to the advancing march is that of a double quick.

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