

WINTER WORK FOR FARMERS.

During the winter months a large portion of our Farmers content themselves with doing little else beyond procuring and fitting for use the annual supply of fire wood.

This is soon done, as also the fencing and building material; posts, rails stakes, poles, and logs, so as to be in readiness for spring work. He should also procure what may be necessary for the various purposes of the garden, cedar poles in preference to birch and alder for beans and peas.

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See that the *Cattle* are well tended. If so they will look as well as when first taken from grass. They will soon come to know the rustling and cutting of the hay and straw, the chopping of the roots, and the dash of the meal into the trough. They demand our constant attention during this inclement season, and theirs is no bad index of the character of the owner. Well fed stock alone can be profitable. The *Barn* should be kept neat in every respect—the cattle should be supplied with abundance of clean litter, and the place should be kept warm and comfortable, but well ventilated—all cracks and crevices should be carefully closed up. The cellar should be tight so as to prevent cold draughts coming up from below. Give the *Horses* a moderate supply of roots, and they will reward you by the sleekness of their appearance, and let them be covered with a blanket, or rug of somekind when they come in sweating from work. Provide *Sheep* with comfortable litter and abundant food. Hogs will repay attention, you will do well to keep them warm, and good feeding will not be thrown away upon them. Give *Poultry* food composed of boiled potatoes, and other roots mashed and mixed with meal; small corn and dressings of oats, barley, Indian Corn, scraps from the kitchen, with pounded shells of any kind to supply the matter for forming the egg shell. Give roots abundantly to all stock as you can spare them, and, despite the expense in the cultivation, if you make one years trial, you will take care never again to want them, the improvement and condition of your stock even surprising yourself—if these auxiliaries be but economically used. There is great waste in burning *Green wood*, besides the discomfort. The swamps are now frozen, and the maple may be cut and drawn home. See that the wood-house is well and timeously stored. Examine your *Stock of Tools*. Mark what is wanting and needs repair. Watch your neighbours to see if there is anything new worth providing in this direction. If you can possibly afford it, you will never loose by purchasing any truly valuable labour saving machine, whether a Straw Cutter, a Pulping Machine, a Cooking apparatus on a cheap and good principle, a potatoe digger, a corn Husker, a horse Rake, or an improved and valuable implement of any kind, provided you really require and can turn it to full and immediate use. Trim your grape vines if you should have any, as, with this season, the wound will sere over better than if neglected to February or March. This is the time for laying out your plans for the year. Set about it without delay, Plan deliberately—act steadily thereupon—and you will find that order and system will ensure profit and independence. This is the time for *marketing* a portion of your produce. Carry hay and grain, when weather is too severe for vegetables, should you have a convenient market. If