

HOME AND FARM.

HORSE FEED, (continued).—Mares and colts should be turned out to grass as soon as it is fit, because grass contains a large percentage of albuminoids, and it is a good ration in itself; but if some grain can be added, so much the better.

I remember reading of a man who wintered his colts on straw and roots. This is certainly a cheap kind of food, and, in times of great scarcity, would answer the purpose; but it is very weak in muscle producing elements. Grain would greatly improve this food, and it would be economy to feed it. When the colts are to be weaned, skimmed milk is one of the best things that can be given. It is in a liquid state, and, therefore, very easy to digest, and it contains what colts need at that time; and oft-times farmers have skimmed milk that could be easily spared for that purpose. Ground oats, with about one-fifth part of corn-meal and a pint of oil-cake, might be given in addition to the milk. The rations given depend to a great extent on the size, kind and general get-up of horses. Some are hard keepers, and require more food; others are easy to keep, and require less. One must increase or decrease the rations accordingly. The following table, taken from Prof. Stewart's work on "Feeding Animals," may be of use in showing the composition of our commonest food in Ontario:—

	Albuminoids.	Carbo-hydrates.	Fat.
Meadow hay, medium	5.4 p.c	41.0 p.c,	1.0 p.c
Clover " "	7.0	38.1	1.2
Oat straw.....	1.4	40.1	0.6
Wheat straw.....	.8	35.6	0.4
Oats.....	9.0	43.3	4.7
Peas.....	20.2	54.4	1.7
Corn (Western).....	7.5	67.3	3.1
Barley.....	8.0	58.9	1.7
Wheat-bran.....	10.0	48.5	3.1
Gr. oil-cake.....	27.8	33.9	2.1
Turpins.....	1.1	6.1	0.1
Carrots.....	1.4	12.5	0.2

It will be seen that the table gives the per cent. of albumoids, or muscle-producing elements; carbo-hydrates, or what is breathed out by animals and what sustains heat in them; and fat.

This noble animal, the horse, is man's best and most useful friend. He eases man's burdens patiently, willingly and kindly; and in return man should always treat him kindly, which is an important factor, feed him judiciously, handle him intelligently and tend him carefully.

We are in receipt of the *Seed Manual* of D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont., to the promised issue of which we referred in this column of THE CRITIC of the 18th Jan.:—It is a handsome and profusely illustrated pamphlet volume of 130 pages. Messrs Ferry's large establishments seem to be on a par with those of any seeds merchants in the States, their headquarters being at Detroit, that at Windsor being a branch.

A very good article on poultry raising in *Massey's Illustrated*, (The Massey Press, Toronto, 50 cents per annum;) a paper we strongly recommended in our issue of 15th ult., concludes thus, "in shipping poultry to market send it dressed." We are not quite sure how the writer would define dressing, but we know what our own idea of it is, and it is by no means that of the average Nova Scotian farmer and his wife. The uncouth looking state in which poultry comes into the Halifax market is a discredit to our farmers. It is, we believe, generally drawn, but dressing, which we take to consist of neat, symmetrical and ornamental trussing, is almost unknown. We remember a period when the savages who then called themselves farmers in Ontario habitually threw away the hearts, livers and kidneys of sheep, pigs, and calves, and know of no use or desire for the delicate sweetbread of the latter. The Nova Scotian farmer of to-day is in advance of this state, but his presentation of his poultry for the market is still utterly uncivilized. What does he do with the livers and gizzards of fowls? Throw them away, we suppose; perhaps in the interest of fair play, that we one may be so far favored above his or her fellows at the dinner or luncheon table as to get what is known in civilization as the "liverwing." But he might remember—or learn if he does not know—that many people prefer the gizzard even to the liver, and that a fowl is not really presentable at table unless the liver is trussed under one wing and the gizzard under the other.

OUR COSY CORNER.

A combing-towel, for a lady to throw over her shoulders while combing her hair, is a towel doubled so as to form a sort of a yoke, with a deep border and fringe across the front and back. The front is cut open up the middle, an opening for the neck is shaped out, and broad plents are laid to fit over the shoulders. A frill of torchon, linen or crocheted lace is run around the neck. The fronts and back are then decorated with letters or designs in outline stitch, in embroidery cotton—red, pink, blue, brown or black, according to the color in the border. Such a towel, recently displayed, had a deep blue border. In deep blue upon one front was embroidered a brush, on the other a comb, while on the back was the motto, "A Woman's Crowning Glory is Her Hair."

"Catogan," a word of mysterious signification, is looming on the fashionable horizon. Strictly speaking the French word "Catogan" means a club, and the serious importance of this fact may be estimated when we report the latest intelligence that the hair is worn high over the brow in Paris and arranged at the back in a "Catogan."

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