

## LIVE STOCK GLEANINGS.

In Missouri they have a new hog disease, known as the "black tooth," the cure is to remove the black teeth as soon as the hogs show symptoms of languor or pain.

A number of Percheron and Norman horses have recently been taken to California. The *Williamette Farmer* thinks this breed a valuable one for California farmers.

A gentleman of leisure who devoted a shining hour to watching "the little busy bee," states that during that time she visited no less than 582 clover heads.

It is reported that the hog cholera is making sad havoc among the porcines of Clark county, Iowa. Asa Fleming has lost thirty, Captain Carter about forty, William Padgett about eighty, and others a less number.

Mr. Wallcott, a prominent New York breeder of cattle, maintains that breeding from young stock is a prolific source of abortion in cows; and that a yearling bull is unfit for breeding, and should be discarded altogether.

A Kentucky paper says:—There were 21,016 sheep killed by dogs in this State, valued at \$59,-

352. Sheep killed in 1870, 20,714, valued at \$57,-855; Shelby being the heaviest loser in 1869, having lost 1,027 by this means, and 583 in 1870.

Senator Zachariah Chandler of Michigan, has purchased of a gentleman in Maryland the celebrated imported Percheron stallion, "Mark Antony." He is said to be the best draft stallion in America. He is sixteen hands high; weighs 1,800 pounds; color dapple gray. It is claimed that this horse can walk five miles an hour with a load of two tons. He sired 120 colts the past year, every one of which was the color of the sire, the best evidence of purity of blood. He is to be kept on the farm of Senator Chandler, just north of Lansing.

The Cattle Commissioners of New York and several of the New England States recently met in Albany to consider what measures should be adopted to prevent the spread of the cattle disease, which has broken out in various sections. A disinfecting solution, composed of ten pounds of copperas, sixty gallons of water, and one half-gallon of thirty per cent carbolic acid, was recommended for use daily in cattle yards. The Legislatures are memorialized to authorize the Commissioners to take prompt and efficient measures to prevent the spread of all such diseases; and farmers' clubs, &c., were asked to aid in carrying out preventive movements.



## The Garden.

## THE PORTULACCA.

Among the hardy annuals, there is perhaps no more general favorite than the Portulacca. Only single when first grown. It is now both single and double. The blooms are large, brilliant, salver-shaped, and of various colors, e. g. purple, crimson, yellow, white, striped, &c. This plant is perfectly hardy, and will reproduce itself

from self-sown seed. It delights in a warm situation and sandy soil. Few low-growing plants can be compared with this for abundance of blossoms and showiness of colours. The Portulacca is excellent for a bed on the lawn which should be full and rounding toward the centre. It is also very beautiful in ribbon beds. The seed should be sown either in the hot bed, or early in the open ground, so as to get a long continuance of blooms.