

But to give the animals daily out-of door exercise, regardless of the weather, is auro prevention. Talking with a farmer who makes a specialty of breeding and feeding grade and full-blood draft-horses, he said that after losing three promising young ones with the new disease, or something like it, he had adopted the inviolable rule to take them out at least six hours each day, regardless of the weather, during the winter and spring season. In doing so, he felt safe in feeding unlimited corn and oats, and giving them unlimited exercise also. I asked how about cold rains accompanied by sleet, the hardest of all weather on stock. He said, in reply, that it made little difference, if horses were once used to exposure. At any rate, he felt his high-fed stock was safer exposed to a sleet-storm than standing in a stable without exercise."

It is clear to Mr. Johnson's mind that farmers, especially of the West, will have to reform their present dangerous practice of high feeding, and he seeks to impress the important fact by the following reminder: "The constitutional strength and vital force of the hog has been so lowered by the feeding of corn to excess, that it has become the easy prey of almost every common disease known to domesticated animals. Neat stock has not suffered so much, but if the losses from local and epidemic abortion and the black-leg in young blooded cattle were made public by the sufferers, the impression would be that high-bred and high-fed cattle were threatened with the fate of the Berkshires and Poland-Chinas." Apropos of the above, a *Tribune* reader says he knows certain "hearty" people who would do well to apply its obvious lesson in the interest of their own abused stomachs. He declares they are "digging their untimely graves with their teeth," and apoplexy or Bright's disease will claim them for its own, unless they begin soon to practise temperance at table.—*Tribune*.

WINTERING CELERY.—A smart Michigan farmer describes how he successfully winters celery. He packed it away the last of November as follows:—Grasping the stems in both hands, in such a way as to prevent injury to them, I boat the earth as clean as I could from the roots. Then after all defective stems had been plucked off, the plants were placed upright in bottomless boxes (old bee hives) as compactly as possible. Next, about two-thirds of the foliage was cut off, through fear that the celery was so very densely packed that it would suffocate and rot. Then, having inserted the nozzle of a tin funnel here and there through the tops of the remaining foliage, sifted quicksand, such as used for making mortar, was poured into the funnel till all the interstices between the stems were filled up to the foliage. The boxes were on the earth floor of a dimly lighted and cool cellar, where a little frost sometimes entered. Earth was banked up around the boxes three or four inches; a pailful or two of water were poured on to the sand in the boxes, and the operation was repeated every ten or fifteen days. It was three months before the plants blanched and were in nice condition. The hearts were solid by March 15, when they were sold. At the time of digging, the small plants were "healed in" in a dark room or some cellar against sloping earth. First, a tier of plants was laid as closely as possible; then a layer of mellow earth sloping for a second tier of plants, and so on, earth and plants alternately. We used these in the family till May. Some of them were wet once or twice with water, and those commenced rotting first. The beating of the earth off the roots allows the packing of three or four times as many in the same space as with the earth left on, and the second experiment proves that a lighted cellar is not necessary. If the plants could be kept cold nearly down to the freezing point we probably could have celery till June or July.

FOR NOVEMBER.—Every furrow-turned in autumn on suitable land is valuable time saved when it is worth so much. Some soils will pack under the influence of rains and frosts; light soils will sometimes wash, but loamy, marly, level ground may well be plowed. Ridge plowing of clayey lands, turning two furrows together, exposes the clods to the ameliorating influence of the frost, dries the ground in the spring, so that a fortnight is often saved in getting in oats, barley, potatoes or flax.

Young trees in windy places may have a mound of earth drawn up to their trunks to stiffen them, or they may be staked. A mound of earth a foot high will keep away mice.

Trap or shoot rabbits; they are fat and good at this season.

Make cider in cool weather.

Ewes bred this month have lambs in April.

Cover strawberry beds with straw or cornstalks.

Plants taken up from the beds and borders, as well as those that have been out in pots all summer, when taken indoors should not be at once exposed to fire heat. Keep them in a cool room for a while, opening the windows every mild day.—*American Agriculturist*.

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