

## F E B R U A R Y.

This is the month when the farmer finds most leisure ; but much can be done about the buildings, and in laying plans for the future, besides the necessary attention at all times bestowed upon the stock of all descriptions. Care should be taken to prepare machines, implements and tools against the spring—so that not a moment may be lost when the working season comes round. Due ventilation should be preserved in the feeding-houses, as this is of great importance towards preserving the health of the stock :—cattle should be kept under shelter, and warm bedding supplied to them in plenty—as this will actually ensure a saving in fodder. Care must be taken to guard the cellerage against frost. Select and store away seed of all kinds, making exchanges with others holding approved varieties when necessary. Give cows about to calf an ample supply of food, and plenty of room besides. Prepare and draw cedar for fencing. Give warm food and shedding to your hogs. Feed cut hay and carrots, if you should have them, to your horses, and take care to protect them against cold. Many valuable horses at this season, through carelessness, contract incurable diseases. Feed grain and roots to your sheep in lambs, and keep them in separate warm and sheltered pens. House your poultry in warm situations, giving animal food to keep up a supply of eggs during the season. Lime and pounded oyster shells, or bones should be supplied to enable them the more perfectly to form the shell. Cart out your manures to the portion of ground on which it is to be used, placing it in large heaps, and on an eligible and well selected spot ; but, if under cover, it may be left untouched until the latest practicable moment. Your whole stock of machines, implements, tools, waggons, carts, harness, should be thoroughly examined, repairs effected, and, if possible all should be done within a work shop on the premises, to save waste of time in repairing to the carpenters, &c. More time is sometimes spent in journeying to smiths or carpenters, than in repairing the damage at home.

In the garden but little can be done, with the exception of preparing materials for making hot beds, attending to cold frames, collecting manures, repairing tools, &c., but everything should be done to facilitate the progress of operations in the coming busy season. Much space is often lost for want of arrangement. Your kitchen garden should be mapped out carefully, and every bed and plot marked off for the different kinds of vegetables to be grown upon it, so that there may be no hesitation or delay when the spring opens. Collect bean poles and peabrush, now that the swamps are accessible, admit air to the cold frames on