

FARMER GRAY UNBOSOMS HIMSELF.

I have been thinkin', Betsy Jane, about this here N. P. And I've been tryin' to calculate what it has done for me...

horses. They spent their days in currying and fusing over their horses, and before starting for the night always visited their stables to see that all was tight...

BETSY J'S REPLY.

Now, I've been thinking, like yourself, my gentle Mr. Gray, of this N. P., which you abuse, and this is what I say...

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EFFECT OF SULPHUR ON FOWLS.—When sulphur is given to fowls in excess it is apt to cause weakness of the limbs, which may be the result of rheumatism. The result is caused by the effect of the sulphur, which produces excessive perspiration from the skin, and it the fowls suffer a chill from cold weather when in this condition rheumatism or stiffness of the joints may be caused. Sulphur should be given sparingly to any animal, and never in cold or damp weather.

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BOO SPRAIN.—Windgalls and bog spavin do not cause lameness, on the contrary the cause of the lameness is the cause of the so-called spavin. The puffy swellings commonly called by these names are the outward semblance of an inward disease, which is an inflammation of the tendons of the hind leg from the hock downward. The inflammation causes an effusion of the synovial fluid which lubricates the tendons in their sheathes, and this effused fluid gathers in these soft puffy swellings. The primary cause is sprain or over exertion of the tendons. The proper treatment is to allow the heat by cold water and then apply powerful liniment or even blisters to the parts. The horse must rest meanwhile. When the pain disappears the puff may remain, but there is no lameness until renewed work brings on another attack. This disease is an unsoundness.

THE FARM AS A NURSERY OF MEN.

At a farmer's club meeting which we once attended, the host of the evening, a merchant as well as a farmer, in relating his experience in stock raising, said: "The stock in which I take the most pride is my flock of fine boys. I find a farm a grand place for training them. In the city I had nothing for them to do, and their energies found vent in quarrels with each other, and in all manner of mischief, but with laud around me there is occupation for all hands, and their brains are now as active in nursing chickens, feeding calves, and caring for horses as they formerly were in teasing each other and tearing the hwee to pieces. What troubled me in the city was that my children could not be trained to habits of industry. Here on the farm I hope to make men of my boys." There was much truth in the remarks of the merchant farmer. It should be the aim of every tiller of the soil, not so much to raise premium Jerseys and Southdowns, as to make men of their boys. We have known farmers who seemed to take much more care of the flock in the barns than of that in their

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Physical development, however, is not all that is wanted in true manhood. "Mind is the measure of a man," and there is truth as well as poetry in the expression. It is very commonly thought that the farm is a poor place for the development of mental strength, but we contend that it is unequalled for giving young minds a good start. No doubt the excitements of city life, the larger opportunities and inducements for enterprise which cities furnish, and, more than all, the sharp-pointed wit which comes from contact of mind with mind, tend to bring out all the powers of a man more than the isolation of a farm, but the latter, after all, is just the place to give the boy a good start, as is proved from the fact that most of our great men were born and bred in the country, and only went to the city after they had been nurtured to toil and habits of industry, and had acquired some strength of character and discipline of mind. President Buckham, of Vermont University, while urging the farmers of that State to make it their main object to raise a crop of men, said: "Ages of experience have shown that intellectual as well as physical vigor thrives only in contact with the soil." The city boy calls the country boy dull, because the latter does not know some of the customs and artificial rules of the city, but the country boy knows much the most about nature. The city youngster comes into the country and appears spruce and courtly in the house, but take him out to the barn, and he mounts a horse awkwardly on the wrong side and can't distinguish a goose from a blackhead, so that his country cousin is struck with astonishment at his ignorance. All the operations of the farm demand thought, and call out the exercise of judgment. Fortunate is the boy whose early mental discipline was acquired in the farmer's family.—N. Y. Times.

WHY THE PLANTS DO NOT FLOWER.—In general, house-plants are killed with kindness and rarely by neglect. The principal mischief is over-watering. A good soaking once a week is sufficient, and if this is done on one special day there will be no danger of several persons doing this service, lest one may have forgotten it, and to be on the safe side. Over-watering causes the leaves to become yellow and to drop; the blossoms either fall off or become abortive, and there may be a rank growth of leaves and no flowers; this latter effect may be due to excessive richness of soil. Usually the finest flowers are borne by plants which make but a moderate growth. Flowering may be forced by the use of a teaspoonful of ammonia water in a quart of the water given to the plants, or a pinch of saltpetre dissolved in it. The air of the room should be often freshened by opening the windows on a fine sunny day, and exposing the plants to the sun or a strong reflected light.

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