

and appeared to fatten faster. He omitted the coal a few days and they commenced rooting; he gave it again and they ceased to root. He supposes that the coal corrects the morbid fluid in the stomach which incites them to root deep in search of fresh earth. Hogs in summer should at all times have water in which they can wallow, and they will encrust themselves with a coating of mud, so as to prevent their being troubled with vermin.

*Weaning Lambs, &c.*—The weaning of lambs should be effected about July, or when the lambs are from six weeks to two months old. At this age they should be taken from the ewes, and have the best of pasture during the first fortnight; by the end of which time they will be so much accustomed to living on grass that they may be turned into a poorer pasture. It is important that the lambs when weaning should have a good bite of fresh grass, otherwise their growth will receive a check which no subsequent management can overcome. Where they have grazed with their dams so long as five or six weeks little hindrance to their growth will be sustained by the separation. The ewes should be removed to such distant pastures or other places as that their bleating may not be heard by the lambs. There is, however, one caution to be attended to in turning lambs into a rich pasture, which is to let them be in some degree satisfied with food, previously, that they may not be surfeited or hoven or swollen. On weaning the lambs, it may be necessary to milk their dams several times, in order to relieve their udders, which otherwise sometimes become swollen and painful.

The worst woolled lambs, bad coloured ones, and those that are very small, should be made over to the butcher, and need not be weaned. It is recommended, however, not to kill or sell, for killing any lambs till they are about six months old, at which time their fleece becomes valuable.

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