

FOLDING SHEEP—ANIMALIZED MANURES.—The folding of sheep, though not much practiced with us, is very general in some countries, and is attended with many advantages. The system is best adapted to light, sandy lands, and to places of difficult access to the manure carts. The fold is usually made with netting or light scantling, so arranged as to be easily taken apart. The form is square. The sheep are driven in every night, and the fold is removed when the ground occupied by it is sufficiently manured. Among animal manures, we may mention flesh, blood, bones, horn, proudrette, etc., as all being exceedingly valuable. When a horse, cow, or a sheep dies upon the farm, it should never be left to taint the air by its decay. It should be covered with mild lime, and then a heap of earth thrown over it of some eight or ten times its own bulk. The earth becomes saturated with the fertilizing gases, and furnishes a load or two of manure well worth the trouble of making. Bones have been known and used as a manure for a long time past; and on the lighter soils, to which they are adapted, they constitute the most valuable auxiliary fertilizing substance that has yet been discovered. The bones are reduced, in a proper machine, to the size of half an inch, and strewed upon the land, at the rate of twenty bushels to the acre. The effect on favorable soils is great and lasting; and they succeed best on all light lands, on limestone soils, and on the lighter loams. On all wet lands, whether clays, damp loams, or moist gravels, they do not pay. The interference from this is, that bones are best suited for dry seasons and climates.—*Skinner's Elements of Agriculture.*

THE FAMILY ALTAR.—"Family prayer," says Cecil, "may be made a vast engine of power to the whole domestic circle. It says there is a God, and inspires a reverence for his character. It proclaims a life to come, and points to the spirit land. It fixes the idea of responsibility in the mind, while it diffuses sympathy through the soul. It furnishes a judicious parent with an opportunity of glancing at faults, where direct admonition might be inexpedient. It greatly conduces to the maintenance of family government and order, while its spiritual advantages are invaluable."

Phillips, the "annihilator man," should make an exhibition of himself. The genius who "sold" Barnum would outdraw "the great American tragedian."