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HINTS FOR THE SEASON.

The advent of Spring is welcomed by all classes of people, and brings with it to the farmer an incessant round of activity and care. The vigours of winter have now passed away, and the daily increasing solar action is awakening up the vegetable kingdom from its long winter sleep, and even animals experience the influence of renewed vital power. Let not the farmer, however, suppose that in regard to his domestic animals the spring time brings no anxiety or care; for it often happens in this climate that early spring is the most trying and critical period of the whole year. The stock of provender too frequently becomes all but exhausted, and great difficulty is consequently experienced in sustaining cattle in a thriving condition before the pastures are ready to receive them.—Horses require more generous feeding as their work increases; and greater attention should be paid to grooming, cleanliness, and regular supplies of food, consisting, as much as possible, of a mixed character. A few carrots, turnips or mangels given daily to a horse, at this season especially, will be found to have a very beneficial influence on his general condition, and greatly aid his power of enduring the extra toil to which he is now subjected. A little extra attention to these matters will very much tend to facilitate farm operations at this busy period, and will likewise preserve the health and increase the strength of this noble and useful animal. Roots will also be found equally beneficial to other classes of his stock. They not only

impart a large amount of nutritious ingredients to the animal, by which ordinary waste is restored, and growth promoted; but they operate beneficially in producing a healthy action of the stomach, and in purifying the blood. Cows, either before or after calving, when kept in the byre, are greatly benefitted by a small daily supply of roots, and the remark will also apply to young stock that are too commonly destined to live, or rather sometimes starve, on inferior hay or straw, only suited for litter. Sheep will now require much attention, especially ewes that have lambed or are about to do so. Protection from wet or cold, particularly during the night, is still requisite; but great care should be shown to sheep in allowing sufficient room for exercise and plenty of fresh air. In the coldest weather sheep will suffer, and the foundation of fatal disease be laid, by keeping them in too close a situation. Happy that farmer who has a supply of well kept roots at this season of the year. A little linseed or oil cake also will be found of inestimable advantage; and it would be well for every farmer to grow a small plot of flax, if only for the seed to help his stock fairly through the winter. By making timely preparation in reference to these matters, the ordinary hay and straw will be greatly assisted and improved for feeding purposes.

The prudent farmer will be in readiness to put the plough into operation as soon as the frost is out, and the ground sufficiently dry. Not a day should be lost in our short seasons in preparing the seed bed, that sowing may commence at