

stock, and if we had artists who would give exact pictures of them, we should be proud to have them as illustrations for this Journal, and give their owners the full credit of possessing such superior stock. From whatever drawing or originals illustrations are taken, none should ever appear in an Agricultural periodical, unless they are representations of perfect animals of the species or variety to which they belong. There is no use in illustrations of imperfect animals, we can see them in the fields every day. The principle benefit of illustrations is to show those who may not have an opportunity of inspecting them personally, what sort of animals are most approved of at Great Exhibitions when the best of every species and variety are brought together in fair competition. We shall take care that our pictures of live stock shall not be any discredit to the character of this Journal.

It is of great importance that Farm-yards, and buildings should be judiciously and conveniently arranged. The attendance on live stock, and every work to be executed about the buildings, can be done with much greater ease and facility, when the buildings are upon a proper plan, than when they are scattered about without order or arrangement, and perhaps the latter mode of building would cost more than a perfect plan would do. They should, if possible, be formed in a square to afford shelter to the live stock when out, shelter to the buildings, and better covering to the manure. In this country where there is so much snow in winter, it gives a great deal of trouble to have the buildings scattered about, both the manure and land is wasted, and it has a very slovenly appearance. When there is a well arranged square, with buildings in proportion to the requirements for them, (but not to exceed this) the snow can be easily taken from the yard occasionally, and not allowed to be too much mixed up with the manure or be an annoyance to the stock. Over-building should be carefully avoided, and it would be better to forego some barn room,

and stack some of the hay and grain in a stack-yard, than have numerous buildings that require a large outlay to keep them in good repair. Where stone or brick can be had at a moderate price, (or when the farmer could make sun-dried brick that would answer well) they should be preferred for building to making use of wood, particularly if the farmer's means will admit of the additional outlay that might be incurred, though we have some doubts that there would be any additional outlay required. Stones are frequently to be had conveniently, and where they are not, farmers might unite together and make either burned or sun-dried brick at a very cheap rate. We have seen good houses built of sun-dried brick in Upper Canada, and by having a stone course for the foundation, we are certain they would answer well in Lower Canada. They would be warmer, more lasting, and look better if whitewashed, than wood. It is the opinion of some parties that there is less danger from fire where the farm buildings are not connected, than where they are so. This may be true in some cases, but we have seen scattered buildings, that we conceive to be much more dangerous for fire, than if they were regularly connected. Where proper care is observed and glass lamps made use of, there is not much danger of fire, and at all events, no farmer should have his establishment uninsured, when he can have it effected at moderate rates by country Mutual Insurance offices. Before erecting farm buildings, for those who have the means, it would be well to obtain a plan from a competent person, and to take time to consider it well. The expense of having a plan, will be much more than compensated for, though it might not be exactly followed. When the plan is before us, we may see defects, and make corrections that we might not perceive if we had not the plan. A competent person will give the true principles of buildings, that unprofessional men do not understand unless very rarely, though the latter may make useful improvements upon them. The most substantial, best arranged, and