

## POETRY.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

I leave from out my two last books,  
The afternoon was mild, the air  
A coolness by, and a soft track  
With which I chafe.

Gaby drives maily through the track,  
With all enclosures mild;

The dirty child comes with a rub,

And clamber up the hill.

He is now decked with carous eyes.

On all his efforts rale:

But now he's landed high and dry,

They bind with various pain.

The driver turns and plies the lash,  
The child falls in the drift,

And the pudden, the knuckle-bash,

I think cannot be hurt.

He turns away that roared boy,

He's anything but gay,

His little friends then jump for joy,

And go on with their play.

I think he's bound dependably—

"Ah, such is life!" I guess,

A man meets little sympathy

While struggling for success.

And when the back of Fortune's C—

He's ditched, you always find

How ready all best friends are

To follow, "Whip behind."

## AGRICULTURAL.

Keeping old Sheep.

The American Stock Journal has the following suggestions and timely advice. The capacity of each animal to consume food, the market value of the food it will consume during the winter, and the probable value of the animal after it has been wintered, should be taken into account in determining what stock he will winter, by every farmer. Thousands of animals, however, are fed at a loss, the farmer wasting his substance upon them for want of a little calculation. The Journal says:

About one-half of the farmers who keep sheep manage to have a lot of old ram-droves even very fall, to sell at a trifling price for skins or die during the winter. This is bad economy, it may be the heat, and should not be tolerated, and by a little timely forethought might be greatly remedied or entirely avoided. Now is the time to attend to this matter. Look over your flock and select out all such as do not seem to be doing right, and put them by themselves on as good pasture as can be afforded, and when it begins to fall or has been specified by the early frost, give a little grain, no matter what sort—and by degrees increase it, so that by the time winter sets in they will be in good condition for winter feeding, and if regularly castrated for, will be fit for the butcher by early spring.

Sheep should never be kept until they lose their teeth; a very little observation and practice will enable any person to tell when they are by the front teeth, and for the benefit of those not posted in this art, we will give a description of the teeth at the different stages of their growth and decline, so that all may know, as we once heard of a person who went to buy a flock of sheep, pronounced them all "too fat" from the fact of having no teeth in their upper jaw. Perhaps he had learned before this that they never had.

A full-grown sheep has thirty-two teeth—eight incisors in the lower front jaw and six molars in each side in the upper and lower jaws. The lamb at birth has two incisors passing through the gums. When about a month old, it has eight comparatively short, narrow ones. At about a year old, sometimes a little more, the central of "lamb teeth" are shed and replaced by two broad teeth. The lamb teeth continue to be shed annually and replaced by broad teeth, until the sheep has eight incisors of second growth, when it is full mouthing, which is at the age of four years.

All six years old and factors generally begin to diminish in breadth and lose their fan-like shape. At seven years become long and narrow, stand about perpendicular with respect to each other, and have lost their round, cavigous edge, and so continue to "diminish" until about the age of ten years, they become loose and begin to drop out. A strong ram's head is steady, it can be fatted, but it is not good pasture to keep them until they become too old, as it has a tendency to run down the flock and give it a rickish appearance. Therefore every farmer should look carefully over his flock every fall, and select out such as cannot be kept longer with profit.

How to Burn Coal.—Never fill a stove more than half or two-thirds full of coal, even in the coldest weather. When the fire is low, never shake the grate to dislodge the ashes, but add from ten to fifteen small lumps of coal, and adjust the draft open. When these are heated through, and somewhat ignited, add the amount necessary for a new fire, but do not disturb the ashes yet. Let the draft be open half an hour. Now shake out the ashes. The coal will be readily ignited and will keep the stove at a high heat from six to twelve hours, according to the coldness of the weather. In very cold weather, after the fire is made, add coal every hour.

A good joke is told of a little six-year-old boy, who, having disobeyed his father, was about to incur the penalty of a switching. The father deliberately prepared a rod, while his son stood a silent silent spectator.

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