

The Farm.
THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.
The idea is prevalent among a certain class of farmers that it will not pay to purchase thorough-bred stock, for the reason that the value of such stock being far above that of common animals, there is no adequate profit in the investment. There are two serious mistakes made in taking this view. The one is that the cost of thorough-bred stock is excessive, and that an immense profit is made by the breeders selling animals at exorbitant prices; the other is that they do not pay to improve their common stock by crossing pure-bred stock upon them, and that unless there is a large capital available, with fine stables and costly attendance, the condition of these animals so deteriorates that they no longer possess any superiority over any other stock. Now, while year by year the value of the choicest specimens of the favorite breeds, either of horses, cattle, sheep, or swine, gradually increases, on the other hand, fair average animals, in which the blood of the choicest is intermingled, are gradually decreasing in price. The great demand for the best of everything now existing, and the competition of a large, increased number of breeders desiring to purchase the best, tend to cause their increasing price, but the very same same stock to dispose of tends to operate in the contrary direction with the average class of stock. It is now possible to purchase full-blood stock of good strains for very reasonable prices—not more than twice or three times as much as for good native stock. We constantly see reports of sales of full and cowboys of Jersey, Shire, Devon, or short-horned breeds at from \$100 up to \$500. These prices are certainly within the means of a vast majority of farmers. If not, now is the time, when co-operation and combination is the fashion, to make this business one of joint effort. As to the second point, it is not necessary to point out the enormous value of the product of thorough-bred stock to show that the investment is a profitable one. In addition it might be shown that the profit is not confined to the thorough-bred alone, but that the first cross partakes so much of the better qualities of its high-bred parent that the advantage is immense, even at so early a period of improvement. A pair of Jersey or Shire will produce double the amount that an average native dairy will, or can. In a dairy of twenty-five cows, one pure-bred bull, at a cost of \$500, will produce twenty-five better calves every two years. The value of these calves is doubled from the moment of their birth on account of their parentage. Any one who can afford to buy a Jersey or Shire bull, instead of a difference of \$625 yearly is shown to the credit of the investment. In beef stock a larger margin than this even can be shown, for not only is a greater amount of flesh produced for the same quantity of feed consumed, but the market price of a grade steer is higher for the whole weight of the animal than that of a native. Generally the benefit accruing is equal to a return of the value of a pure-bred bull in the third year, and every year afterward, on the beef side, in addition to the increased value of the heifers as breeding stock. The same is true of sheep, hogs, and poultry, and were our stock thus improved each year, our industry would be so profitable that the census of 1880 would show the value of our live stock to be double at least that of the stock enumerated in the previous one of 1870.

FEEDING FOWLS.
The best standard soft food is ground oats, if procurable; barley meal will make an excellent food, and if mixed occasionally with potatoes well washed, turnips, beet or mangold-wurzel, so much the better, this food should be given only in the morning, and then warm, especially in the winter season. Duckweed as a grain is excellent food, and when fowls get accustomed to it, eat it readily, so is good barley and oats; peas, beans, and Indian corn may also be supplied, but as already mentioned, to supply only such wastes of the body as these materials are capable of. Spiced food is frequently recommended by poultry writers; some advocate the giving of raw onions at least two or three times a week, with a root supply and in pepper in their food; others advocate the use of condiments, all of which are largely made up of stimulants of various kinds. There is no doubt all kinds of spiced food materially tend to hasten maturity, whether it be to the chicken, the pullet, or the hen that they are supplied. Chickens which thus fed will come into the world in large size and lay earlier, commencing at about four months old, and hens will be stimulated to winter and early spring laying, but breeders will do well to bear in mind that the continuance of stimulating foods beyond a reasonable time will result prejudicially to both old and young fowls. It cannot be denied, however, that when judiciously and moderately given, used at certain times only, such food is highly beneficial. If given to chickens when fledging, it greatly assists in this, to them, exhausting process; and when given to drooping fowls has marked effect, quickly restoring them to their former healthy condition. It is a good thing, too, to give stimulating food to old fowls in cold or wet weather, and when moulting, and to hens that do not lay in due time in early spring; but in any case when the desired effect is produced, spiced food should be discontinued and the usual plain food be again restored. In old birds, if given too frequently or continued beyond the time already mentioned, it produces indigestion, and in pullets stunted growth. In the care of chickens of all the larger breeds, the longer maturity can be postponed the larger the birds are likely to be, and no matter what may be said to the contrary, the same feeding which produces forced and rapid growth during the very early period of chickenhood, will, if necessary, continued beyond, result in stunted, feeble, and precocious adults—large size and early maturity cannot be had in the same bird, and they are incompatible. For many purposes then it is well to have stimulating food always on hand, or the means by which it may be prepared at a moment's notice. The following condiment mixture was obtained from the highest local dealer. Take a pound of high quality white ground black pepper two ounces; ground ginger half pound, and brown sugar one pound; mix together and add to usual food in sufficient quantity to cause a slightly sweet and hot taste. When prepared it should be kept in a well corked bottle, ready for use when required. The profit of the poultry yard is dependent upon the proper feeding of fowls; inattention in this

respect leads to more than half the disappointments and loss to poultry breeders, and tends to produce disgust in the minds of others. Food must be given regularly and in moderation, not too frequently, nor yet too much at a time; in this consists one of the great secrets of a profitable and successful poultry breeding.

Canada Farmer.

LEACHED ASHES.
S. W. Johnson, in his report on the Secretary's Agricultural Report of Connecticut, says about leached ashes, after analyzing a number of specimens, that the following are the conclusions he has come to:
1. Leached ashes generally contain less than one per cent of potash.
2. They contain a large proportion (not less than thirty-five per cent) of water.
3. They contain considerable sand or soil and unburned coal, six to fifteen per cent, when not intentionally or largely adulterated.
4. The chief fertilizing element in leached ashes is carbonate of lime.
5. The figures above given, for carbonate of lime, are the percentages of this substance which are present, on the assumption that all the lime occurred in combination with carbonic acid. This is indeed true, a very small portion of the lime existing as phosphate of silicate, but practically we may assume that leached ashes contain forty to fifty per cent of carbonate of lime.
6. Leached ashes have an average content of little more than one per cent phosphoric acid, and three to four per cent of magnesia.
7. They contain no nitrates, but the carbonate of lime in them favors the development of nitrates when they are incorporated in the soil, especially in conjunction with animal manures.
8. The price of leached ashes was 26 cents a bushel. A writer in the Country Gentleman states that a ton of leached ashes contains 35 truck bushels; this would make the truck bushel equal to 57 pounds. The heaped bushel would weigh, therefore, 71 pounds. At 25 cents a bushel, the cost would be about 1-3 of a cent per pound, or 25 cents per hundred pounds, equal to \$7 per ton.
9. The fertilizing value of 100 pounds of leached ashes lies exclusively in the 20 or 30 pounds of lime, 1-2 of magnesia, 1-12 of phosphoric acid, and 1 or 2 pounds of potash, which they contain.
10. These materials may be procured in other forms, as follows: 35 pounds of fresh burned oyster-shell, or stone lime, will furnish the lime; 15 pounds of any superphosphate will supply the phosphoric acid. The magnesia and the potash together may be obtained in 40 pounds of German potash salts, and there will then be 4 or 5 pounds of extra.
11. If the lime be slacked with water in a large barrel, and partially dissolved, the resulting mass will contain not only all the fertilizing elements of 100 pounds of leached ashes, and more, but these elements will be in such a state of fine division as to render the mixture, in all respects, equal to the ashes themselves.
12. From these data any one can readily calculate the cost of leached ashes substitute, in his own locality. It must not be forgotten that a mixture made of caustic (fresh burned) lime should be allowed to become mild by exposure to the air, or its peculiar effects on the soil should be anticipated and provided for.

FOREST CULTURE IN SWEDEN.—The forest land in Sweden numbers 30,000,000 acres, or about three-fourths of the entire surface of the country. Government exercises authority over 5,000,000 acres, which territory is divided into six districts, with a forest inspector and six foresters or masters for each district. Forest regulations were issued by the Swedish Government as early as 1647, previous to which private owners were required by law to plant and protect from cattle two timber trees for every one cut. In 1836 the Government established the Royal Forest Institute, which is located at Stockholm. The course of study at this institute occupies two years, tuition being free, and the graduates are designed for positions in connection with the administration of forestry laws in the different districts of the country. Besides this institute there are six forest schools, chiefly supported by the Government, located in each of the different divisions into which the forest lands of the Government are divided. In 1877, 21,850 pupils in the country or "folk" schools of the country also received instruction in horticulture and tree-planting. Great attention is given to the cultivation of the oak, larch, beech, and pine; and in 1850 the chief direction of the Forest Institution said that if forest growing was properly attended to in the country its export of timber would return a greater revenue than the export of iron—which is everywhere acknowledged to be of superior quality. To show the minuteness of the legislative enactments, it may be mentioned that trees on Government lands which are to be felled, are divided into twelve classes, of which the following are a part: Trees for masts, for beams, for larger timber, for fire wood, and for wind-fallen trees for various purposes, trees that have been damaged by fire, &c., even down to the trees used for the production of tar, charcoal, and potash, are all regulated in the legislative enactments.

TIMBERMAN'S GAZETTE.
HOTS IN HORSES.—In the Popular Science Monthly there is a short article relative to the power of endurance manifested by the larvae of some insects, and among them of the botfly. It mentions a case where a piece of the stomach of a dead horse which was covered with hot-worms was spread on a board, and spirits of turpentine was poured on the worms, yet after an hour not one was detached from the flesh. Then while oil was poured on them, when they all got their hold, and died almost immediately. Hence the inference that while oil should be used to detach the worms from the living horse when attacked by bots.

USE OF SCALDUM.—Three years ago I was troubled with these hem-fits (we call them hem-fitters here) in countless numbers, so that they drove my sitting hens off the nests. I went for them with kerosene oil, white-wash, etc., until I cleaned them out. I then commenced using alcohol-lime and sulphur freely, in all my nests, for both layers and sitters, renewing it occasionally, and have never been troubled with them, or any other insects in the nests since. I therefore consider it a perfect remedy for the evil.

Cor. Poultry World.

MIXTURE FOR STOCK.—Equal parts of salt, lime and fine wood ashes well mixed together, and given in table-spoonful doses two or three times a week, will be found beneficial to cattle, horses, mules and swine. Sheep should have wood ashes mixed with lime and water, is necessary for stock of every sort.

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