

Stock.

STOCK NOTES

A mixture of several kinds of grain for feeding stock is always better than one kind alone.

Bring the sheep up at night and give each a meal of oats. If pasture becomes short allow cut straw and hay.

One of our sheep breeders, says the Indiana Farmer, who tried the recommendation of a pint of sweet milk with an egg stirred in it, says it cured the scouring in every case in his flock.

The small Yorkshire is an excellent breed of hogs for crossing on common stock. They are white in color, mature very early, and make a large proportion of pork for the amount of food provided them.

Professor Sanborn, of Missouri, says that the corn-fodder wasted by allowing the corn to stand in the hill until it is as dry as parchment is enough to nearly winter the stock.

Secure early, before fall rains, or winter snows begin, a bountiful supply of dry straw to be used about and under the stock at night.

During the dry season a large supply of fine road dirt should be stored away for winter use as an absorbent. It is excellent in the stalls and also in the manure heap.

It is a curious fact that with the two millions of sheep in Colorado the State does not produce the mutton its people consume. Thousands are brought in from New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Much is being said these days about the "pink eye" distemper in horses. We read to-day that the great running horse Beaconfield, now in the East, has been suffering with the "pink eye," which has probably destroyed his prospects on the turf for this season.

Any sheep man who will reduce his full blooded Merino flock to a medium grade by judicious crossing with Shropshires or South Downs will be wise; so will he who has a scrub flock, if he purchases a good Leicester or Shropshire ram.

Kicking Cows.

Mrs. F. C. Curtis, of Wisconsin, writes to the Prairie Farmer regarding kicking cows as follows:

"The best and most effective cure for a kicking cow is the butcher." I hold that we should make the best we can of all the cows we have, by a more generous feeding and kinder care—feeding so well that the beef cows will be transformed into beef. In the meantime let us endeavor to improve one breed of cows for the special purposes for which we designed them.

anger and brutal treatment is the result. Could the milker apply his strength in some easy practical manner, so as to compel the cow to stand in a proper position while being milked, there would be no cause for anger on the part of the milker; hence no brutal treatment would necessarily result.

The plan here given will be a sure corrective of most cases of kickers and steppers, but when it is not, put the cord around the ham-string, passing it over the top of the stanchion, and if necessary, in extreme cases, draw the foot off the floor.

Intelligence in Feeding Horses. The question of economy in feeding horses and other working animals is not very well understood by farmers generally. Street-car companies, livery-stable owners, and others working large numbers of horses, have got feeding down to a practical basis, which comes very near to being scientific.

Texas stock interests are in the transition state from the range system to that of the stock farm. If the trail troubles had not come up, and this change been permitted to come gradually, our stock men would have escaped many of the troubles that now beset them.

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