

COLTS AND CALVES.

Some of the Advantages of Having Them Come in the Fall.

For growing stock grass is recognized as one of the cheapest and best of feeds. Not that it is in all cases a complete food, but during the growing season it can be used to good advantage as a principal food.

Calves and colts, in the first few months of their existence, must depend almost, if not wholly, upon milk. It matters little during this time to them, at least, whether their dams are pastured upon grass or fed hay and grain in the stable, provided the quantity and quality are such as to enable them to furnish a full supply of milk.

One of the principal advantages in having the colts and calves come in the fall rather than in the spring is that, by the time they are ready to wean in the spring, the grass will have made a sufficient growth to furnish considerable food, and they will be able to make their first six months' growth, after weaning, upon grass rather than upon dry hay or fodder and grain.

So far as possible all the stock on the farm should be kept in a good thrifty condition, and if this is done the cost of feeding is but little, if any, more during the winter, whether a large or a small quantity of milk is supplied.

With the brood mares it is usually expected that enough work can be done by them to pay at least for their keep, and yet it is an item to get this work at a time when it can be used to the best advantage.

BEGINNING OF A BOTTLE.

Processes Employed in the Manufacture of Glass-Ware.

The process begins with the gatherer. His blowpipe is a tube of wrought iron, five or six feet long, and of lighter weight than the pipe used in blowing window glass. He dips the end of his pipe into the molten contents of the pot, and brings out a mass of red-hot plastic glass.

The partly fashioned bit of glassware is now introduced into the mold which one of the "shop" boys has already opened to receive it. For convenience in working, the mold is placed on a somewhat lower level than that on which the blower stands. It is made of cast iron, and is commonly formed in two pieces. One of these is stationary, while the other opens outward, its motion being controlled by a foot lever.

"How things have gone on and improved since I was a boy!" exclaimed the old gent, as he laid down his pen and blotted his letter. "For instance, it wasn't thirty years ago that no one had any particular way of spelling 'shugar.' Now everybody spells it just as I always said it ought to be spelt."

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

-Voice from the Cage—"The saloon," he solemnly drawled, "is the house that Jagg built."—Buffalo Courier.

-Have you really signed as pitcher on the nine?" she asked, breathlessly. "I have," he answered. "Then I am awers," she replied.—Puck.

-Mrs. Bloodgood—"What! not an open fire-place nor a stove in the whole house? How does your father warm his slippers, Willie?" Willie (zuefully)—"Warms 'em on me, ma'am."—Burlington Free Press.

-Coming from the Theater.—Wife (to husband)—"I enjoyed the play ever so much. It is an excellent piece of dramatic work—a ripe production, I think." "Yes, a mellow drama."—Arkansas Traveler.

-Miss Laphretta Cumberland (seating herself at the melodeon)—"Jennie, come heah, please." Jennie—"What fo'--to tu'n the leaves?" "No; I want ye to lif up de keys when dey stick down."—Harper's Bazar.

-Must Go by Rule.—Chief—"Have you got any clews?" Subordinate—"No, but I've caught the criminal." Chief—"Well, you must go out and get a few clews. It will never do to break established rules, you know."—Terre Haute Express.

-She Knew What She Wanted.—Old lady—"I'd like to buy some plasters young feller." Drug Clerk—"Yes, ma'am; porous?" Old Lady—"Do you s'pose I want to ketch my death o' cold? Let's see your winter styles."—Judge.

-Curious—"You've seen the new reversible coat?" Curious—"No, what is it like?" Curious—"A combination overcoat and house coat." Curious—"Ah, I see. After you have worn it out you wear it in!"—Clothes and Furnisher.

-"Susie," said Willie to his sister, "what are Blackfeet Indians?" "What are what?" "Blackfeet Indians." "I don't know, I'm sure," said Susie, "what the expression can mean, unless those wicked traders have been selling the poor Indians some of the hosiery that is warranted not to fade."—Merchant Traveler.

-Old Mrs. Smiley—"Next time I get took down sick, my dear, I wish ye wouldn't have that there young sprig of a doctor come to attend me. I don't go much on young doctors, no how." Mr. Smiley—"Well, Maria, who would you like to have me call?" Mrs. S.—"I've kinder took a notion to the doctor around the corner. I dunno much about him, but I see he's got a sign out 'Veterinary Surgeon,' and I think he must be a man of experience."—America.

WHERE TOYS ARE MADE.

The Productions of Germany, Switzerland and Holland.

Wooden carved toys are chiefly made in Germany and Switzerland, the cheaper kinds in the neighborhood of Nuremberg and the better qualities at Sonneburg, in Thuringia, from which latter place about twenty-four million articles, valued at £800,000, are annually exported.

Clay marbles also come exclusively from Saxony, being made of a clay not found elsewhere. The better qualities come from Holland, where they are made from fragments of alabaster and other stones.

A great toy fair is annually held at Leipzig, when more than six thousand merchants exhibit their goods in every available inch of space, even in the garrets of the six-storied houses. Marburg, in Hessen, is chiefly occupied with the manufacture of musical toys, while Biberach, in Wurtemberg, is noted for substantial metal articles, such as carriages, locomotives, furniture, etc.

When Drunkenness Was a Virtue.

The reign of George III of England was the most openly dissolute period in the history of Great Britain. State officials who had acquired reputations for drunkenness were then the most popular. It was then that gout attained its highest degree of perfection. A man who did not wear a split shoe was only under protest admitted into the circles of polite society.

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