The Farmer's Column.

☞This column is edited by one of our Caroline farmers of considerable experience.

Winter Farming.

BY THE EDITOR.

Many of our Caroline farmers seem to think that because they cannot plough and sow in the Winter, therefore there is little to be done, at this season, in the way of farming. The Winter fuel is to be provided, and the stock attended to; and whatever time is not employed, is generally spent in riding about, chatting with neighbors at public places, or dozing in the chimney corners.

Now, while social intercourse is pleasant, and not altogether unprofitable; and, while we may be justifiable, in relaxing, at this time, somewhat of the strain upon our physical energis required at busier seasons, the Winter is not a time for agricultural indolence.

There are scores of little things that may be attended to in Winter, for which we shall be able to find no time in Spring or Summer. The fences are to be put in order:—planks and pickets to be nailed on, where they are off. Gates are to be made and repaired, and properly hung. Harness, both plow and wagon, are to be mended, oiled and prepared for effective use in the Spring. And farming utensils, are to be put in condition to be ready for action when wanted.

But if there were nothing of this kind to be done, the time can be better employed than in the manner indicated in the beginning of this article. The days of hap-hazard farming are passed away; and the farmer who does not read good agricultural works, and study the common sciences applicable to intelligent farming, will inevitably get behind the times. The "American Agriculturist," published in New York by Orange Judd, Esqr., is a first class paper, containing many valuable hints on the subject of farming, and is well worth five times its cost to any man who cultivates ten acres of land. There are various other agricultural papers, some of which are published in our own State, which are valuable to the farmer.

Now what I wish to say, is that our farmers ought to spend, at least a part of the leisure afforded by Winter, in such reading as will minister to their better acquaintance with principles and facts which are indispensable to intelligent, successful farming. Study the chemical analysis of your soil, that you may better know how to supply its defects. Study the chemical compound of the manure you raise on the farm and of the fertilizers that are for sale that you may better know in what manner and in what quantities to apply them. Study the matter of the adaptation of crop and their cultivation and rotation to your particular kinds of soil, that you may cultivate that which will best pay, and be least hurtful to your land.

An ignorant farmer once asked his more intelligent and successful neighbor what kind of manure he used upon his crops? The significant reply:—"*Brains.*" His superior *brain work* accounted for his superior crops. And so it is at all times and everywhere. The man who puts most *brains*, in the form of careful thought and reading into his business, will be likely to be most successful. God gives spring time and harvest—the early and the latter rain; but it is no reflection upon His providence to say in the language of the old Roman adage;—"The Gods most help them, who most help themselves."

Greasing Wagons.

This is of more importance than many wagon owners imagine. The following, from an unknown source, is valuable information on the subject, which we trust will be duly heeded:—

"Few people are aware that they do wagons and carriages more injury by greasing too plentifully than in any other way. A well made wheel will endure common wear from ten to twenty-five years, if care is taken to use the right kind and proper amount of grease; but if this matter is not attended to, they will be used up in five or six years. Lard should never be used on a wagon for it will penetrate the hub, and work its way out around the tenons of the spokes, and spoil the wheel. Tallow is the best lubricator for wood axle-trees, and castor oil for iron. Just grease enough should be applied to the spindle of a wagon to give it a light coating; this is better than more, for the surplus put on will work out at the end, and be forced by the shoulder-bands and nut washer into the hub around the outside of the boxes. To oil an iron axletree, first wipe the spindle clean with a cloth wet with spirits of turpentine, and then apply a few drops of castor oil near the shoulder and end. One teaspoonful is sufficient for the whole."

We would add, that for journals on which there is a heavy pressure, it is a good plan to mix with the oil some lamp-black or common soot; powdered plumbago or black lead is also employed for the same purpose.—*Ex.*

INFLUENCE OF THE MOON.—Young plants like human babies, must have plenty of rest. If they shoot up from the seed in the waning of the moon, they enjoy the repose of the long, dark nights; if in the growing moon, their young life, over stimulated by the light, perishes or suffers deterioration more or less.

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