

Michigan Argus.

Working Cattle and Horses.

The question is often asked, why do not farmers use cattle more for farm work, since they are kept at so much less expense than horses? The reason is, they are not more cheaply fed...

From this it will be seen that, although the horse consumes much more time in taking his food than the ox, when once taken the animal is ready to labor until this sustenance is assimilated and the force given by it consumed...

The horse, on the other hand, when at work is fed on concentrated food, oats and corn, with what hay may be necessary for a divisor of this food...

If, however, cattle are fed liberally with meal or other concentrated food, they will be found to do nearly as much work one day with another...

How to Treat Fruit-Trees. In considering the growth of organisms, the action of the alkalies is to be looked upon as scarcely less important than that of air and water...

To Preserve the Eyesight. It is a scientific truth, though not widely known, that to preserve all the powers of the eye to a good old age, the eye should always be rubbed toward the nose...

The explanation is that in rubbing the eye from the nose outward the tendency is to flatten the ball of the eye, and as the cornea or front part of the eye bows inward...

They tell a queer story about the doctors in a certain Texas town, who all went last summer to attend a medical convention. They were absent about two months, and on their return found all their patients had recovered...

Black Silks!

There are few farmers who enter upon any particular kind of work with the necessary and essential necessary to complete success. There are still fewer who ever surround themselves with all they consider necessary to the perfect care of their farms...

Another consideration of the first necessity is an abundance of water. If cut the area required to go long distances for water, or if they are irregularly supplied from wells, the want is immediately seen in the shrinking of milk...

Another essential point to be remembered is that cows should be guarded against storms at night in barns, and so guarded at all times, during the fall and winter. If these points have been neglected, it will be of no use for the dairyman to expect profit...

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