

CARE OF LIVE STOCK.

WHY SO MANY HIDES ARE WORTH LESS FOR LEATHER.

The Northwestern Hide and Fur company of Minneapolis have made some suggestions about skinning animal carcasses that will be of use in our readers. It cannot be too strongly impressed on the readers of live stock that every year, not infrequently in an animal's skin value may be lost from the valuable oil which it contains. This loss, often, cuts from a goat or sheep, scratches or scars of the skin the price of the hide down in a rapidly descending scale.

The live animal has been subjected to cruel treatment the skin is in many cases so injured as to be practically worthless.

FIG. 1.
The Northwestern Hide and Fur company.

Fig. 1 shows the position of the animal, and the dotted lines show the position of the hide. It is a skillfully skinned, and for a full, an U-shaped hide, not properly taken off, and hung on a fence, exposed to sun, wind and rain, and worthless, except for glue. In skinning the knife should run down to the armpit, then follow to the point of the breast, then across the neck, then down to the ear, and so on. Do not cut the throat crossing stick it as same would a hole. Split the hide on the head exactly in the center, take out the horns and tail bone the tail goes with the hide, but not the horns.

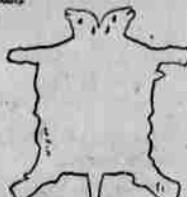


FIG. 2.
No one should attempt to skin a bear without a sharp skinning knife, because he will pay for several knives if it fails to try to do without a good knife. In skinning keep the knife close to the hide and draw tightly with the left hand on the hide, so that the knife will not be liable to cut and scar the hide. Folds weighing from fifty to sixty pounds per an even salt, larger and smaller in proportion; rub it on even, let it spread and make it hard, then lay it on the hide, roll it up, lay it on the head, and roll it back, tail, or roll them up in bundles. Hides treated thus, if not damaged by cuts, will bring the highest prices. To get best prices for hides never dry them.



FIG. 3.
The same instructions hold good in skinning for animals, such as the bear, boar, wolf, racoon, and badger; only they should be tacked up and dried without salt. Milk, fat, smoke and some others should be used to bring best prices. The cleaner you get them from meat the better.

Points of Interest.

An Illinois farmer very properly objects to the term "breaking cattle." That is the last thing that any man should never mean anything more than educating the animals to do certain kinds of work that will increase their value and usefulness. We do not want to break down the cattle's spirit at all, but merely to direct it, and this can best be done by making the fresh young creatures know that you are his friend.

The biggest of all animals known to the world from the beginning of time to the present day was the "Mammoth." It went on all fours, and the vertebrae composing its backbone were hollow—more shells in fact—filled with warm air from the lungs. Just as it was with the skeletons of some birds to-day. Undoubtedly it lived in the sea, probably in the Arctic Ocean, far enough to cover its back. It fed upon the vegetation along shore, and its back was long and sinewy.—Interview in Washington Star.

Mrs. Langley's Practices.

One of the most marvellous phenomena belongs to Mrs. Langley. It is a silver bracelet which she wears at winter level in which the stonings and potates were brought on the table in delicate royalty. It was found tarnished and dark in an old shop in Dublin, bought for a small sum, cleaned and polished, and now this bracelet is filled with a fat, blue veins emulsion, in which are stuck little and big, black and white, and of all sizes and sharpnesses.—London Daily Mail.

A Girl's Way of Walking.

The pretty girl is as soft as possible in her walk as the soft, made man. She goes like one on paradise—softly, too, with a paces—grace—putting one tiny, well-shod foot in front of the other, as much that you and I may see it as that it may thereby help her some eighteen inches upon her way. And it is possible enough that by that she may be as daintily and soft as any creature in the entire old, holy, tender, and like the may strive rather to escape notice with a nod more care to be the cynosure of all men's eyes.—All the Year Round.

With the ancients the parrot was not a bird to be revered, so far as can be learned. It is not depicted on any of the sacred scenes or statues that tell the strange stories of the religions of the nations of old; nor had it ever been found mentioned in the tombs of Egypt. Most likely the ancients thought it an uncanny bird, and also a dangerous one, with its habit of repeating what it heard.

RELIKS OF CLAY.

Also of Washington, D. C., Boston and the Duchess of Devonshire.

Early in February, 1891, an art and loan exhibition was opened in the parlors in Lexington, Ky., for the benefit of the Protestant Orphans of that city.

The exhibition was one of the most remarkable of its kind ever given in Lexington.

Among other articles in the

House Clay cabinet were a scroll of

ivory, ivory and silver containing re-

lations on the death of Mr. Clay, a

solid gold amphora, various coral re-

set with diamonds, jeweled knee buck-

les, stones, glass, cut from one

of Caesar's hands, a brooch, solid gold

Venetian candlesticks presented by Francis

Henry Clay when secretary of state.

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