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Paradise Row Stoke Newington 27 of 8 month 1835

Esteemed Friend

Thomas Cotton jun^r

Inclosed is the extract from a letter of the
 Relative Francis Cotton on the subject of the death of the
 Cows in Australia. The symptoms described are exactly
 those exhibited by my own Cows. many of whom died in
 the same way ~~two~~ or three years ago. my opinion decidedly
 is that they died of poison. from some noxious plant
 among the grass. which grows in damp marshy places
 I strongly suspect it to be a small fungus. in one instance
 a fine healthy cow was fed with grass cut from a low damp place
 she was taken in the course of a few hours with all the symptoms
 described in the inclosed paper. the mucous membrane of
 the stomach peeled off. I lost more than a hundred pounds
 worth of cows in this way. but none that were fed upon the
 soaking system. upon Lucern Clover green Rye &c &c. I herewith
 send a copy of my Colonies at Home which I hope thou
 wilt send over also Poor Rates. Macready & Martin Doyle
 I wish they would cultivate some Land upon my plan
 and send me an account of the results. means should
 be used in the Cow house for saving all the urine - it is most
 excellent for fluid manure - will Indian Corn ripen in
 Australia

I don't wonder at the Pigs dying who were fed on the poisoned
 Cow - a man who skinned one of my Cows that died in this way
 had a wound on his thumb. and died in ^{his mouth} 3 or 4 days
 I remain thy sincere friend Wm Allen