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Formula to Prevent Smut

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...it cut to dry, always piling it up. Never depend upon a solution that has stood for some time, never try to strengthen an solution by adding more formaldehyde, as the effect may be very serious. Always mix the amount of solution necessary for the present need. Grain should be treated as soon as it is sown at a time when immediate germination will refuse formaldehyde is not effective if the grain is sown into ground and lies there some before germination. The mixing of the solution should be done with the utmost care as an excess of the constituent, especially formaldehyde, destroys germination. The first thought it would appear that to sprinkle in this manner would be tedious, but it is the quickest and easiest way to grain.

**Attorney Not a Candidate**  
...it is but a short time before the announcement of candidates for various offices at the primaries will have to be made and knowing that the candidacy of some parties for the office of District Attorney depends upon whether or not I again desire to be a candidate I deem it but fair to such candidates and any others, to deny my candidacy for nomination at the primaries.

...making this announcement, it is not out of place to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to those who have given me their loyal support and words of encouragement during the time I have performed the duties of the District Attorney, which at times have been somewhat arduous, and I trust my successor, whoever he may be, will enjoy this pleasant association and co-operation to the same full extent as it has been given me.  
Fred W. Wilson.

**Prohibition Convention**  
...prohibition county convention of Crook county will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing six delegates to the State Convention at Portland, February 29; the selection of a County Central committee and such other business as may come before them. Men and women are eligible as delegates. L. Carr, field secretary of the "Out to Win" movement will be present and address the convention. Let the first prohibition county convention in Crook county be a success. Come for the reason together.  
Harmon Cook,  
County Chairman.

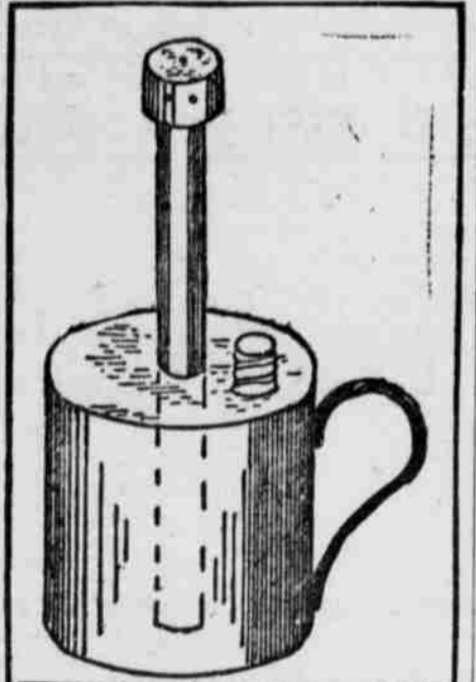
**Notice to Taxpayers**  
...at the request of the County Board you are hereby notified that a meeting will be held in Prineville, Oregon, for the purpose of raising the question of a bond for Crook County to aid in the construction of good roads. The meeting will be held at the House at 10 o'clock A. M. earnestly requested that a delegation of the county be present at this meeting.  
Warren Brown,  
County Clerk.

**Farm and Garden**

IT FINDS MANY USES.

**Handy Homemade Torch Which Any Farmer Can Construct.**

The Iowa Homestead says the homemade torch herewith illustrated or one similar in construction should find a place on every farm. To make the torch secure a stout can that will hold a pint or more, preferably an old oil can with a handle, drill a hole in the center and place a short piece of one-fourth inch iron pipe in the hole as shown. It should extend to within half an inch of the bottom of the can and project above the top about three or four inches. Place a cap on the top end and drill several very small holes in same. There should be about five holes, with one in the top of the can. Make the holes one thirty-second or one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter. Fill the pipe with candle wicking and fasten tightly in place. It should be soldered. Fill can about four-fifths full of gasoline and light same by heating the top of can and



HANDY HOMEMADE TORCH.

pipe with a small blaze. If the weather is not too cold this can be done with matches. The heat forms a gas in the can which forces itself up through the wicking and when lighted makes a strong light and very hot blaze.

This can be used for many things on the farm. It is sure death to all insect life in the poultry house. Go over all cracks with the blaze and the eggs and birds will be killed as well as the insects. It makes a good light and will withstand a strong breeze. A tap or nut that cannot be otherwise removed will at once come off on being heated with the torch. In short, anything that requires a small and safe heat can be heated or burned with this torch. It is perfectly safe and cannot explode.

The average amount expended to eradicate and control weeds on 129 Wisconsin farms reported amounted to \$43, while the total tax on these farms was only \$74. The weeds thus were costing the farmer half the amount of his taxes.

**SAVE YOUR TREES.**

**Prevent Killing by Cold by Taking Precautions in Time.**

It is commonly supposed that if trees are given a sufficiently moist soil during their growing period their winter condition in this respect is a matter of little importance. As a matter of fact, trees are giving off moisture at all seasons of the year, though to a much less extent, of course, in cold weather. During the warm, sunny days in winter there is considerable loss of moisture through the twigs, and, except in very severe weather, the roots are able to furnish this loss, though the soil about them is frozen. The ability to do this is naturally less if the soil be dry or frozen very hard. In that case the loss of moisture results in a more or less complete drying up of the tissues of the plant, and this often results in the death of the tree.

What is known as root killing may in some instances be due to the immature or unripe condition of the plant when winter begins, but in most cases root killing follows dry seasons.

If the soil has been kept moist by cultivation or mulching the trees are safe, but if the soil is dry it should be thoroughly wet before freezing and then mulched with old straw, chaff or stable manure to prevent drying out. The mulch delays freezing, and this in itself is an important item, as it is the long continued frozen state of woody plants that injures them to a fatal degree. A moist soil kept in an unfrozen condition as long as possible is the surest means of preventing winter killing of trees.—American Agriculturist.

**Get Ready For the Cold Snaps.**  
Late fall is a good time to clean up and overhaul hotbeds and cold frames and prepare soil for bedding. Soil or compost to be used for this purpose should be covered to have it in good condition when needed in February and March. Overhauling and repairing hotbed sash and making crossbars for hotbeds and cold frames are good jobs for stormy days.

**Special Sale Winter Goods**

On account of the extreme mild winter season we are overstocked with heavy wearing apparel and must make room for SPRING GOODS, hence this great sacrifice sale. Every article listed below has been radically reduced regardless of the cost and this will truly be an opportune time for you to buy winter goods. "Strike the Iron When it is Hot." Do not wait until such bargains are all gone; but come inside and look them over. "Seeing is believing." Note the following items and bring this list with you. This sale is subject to cash purchasers only. Special prices will not prevail on your charge accounts.

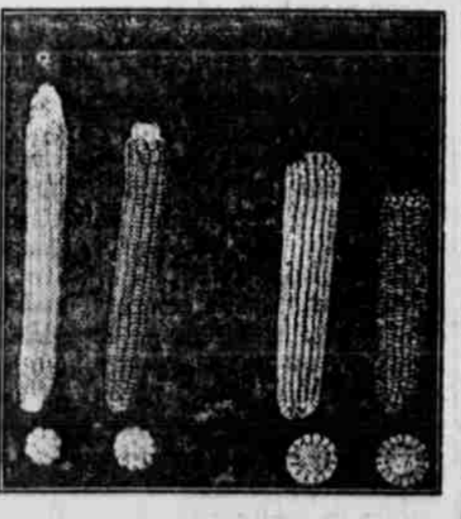
<b>Sheep Lined Coats</b> Brown duck with heavy sheep lining. \$5.00 goods now <b>\$4.00</b>	<b>Brown Corduroy Coats</b> Blanket lined, heavy storm collar. \$3.75 grade now <b>\$2.50</b>	<b>Men's 3-buckle Rubbers</b> Suitable for German socks or felt boots. \$2.75 grade now <b>\$2.25</b>	<b>Men's Low Cut Pacs</b> Suitable for felt boot wear. \$2.50 grade now <b>\$1.75</b>
<b>Fur Lined Coats</b> Corduroy Coats with heavy Astrachan storm collar. \$5.50 grade now <b>\$4.00</b>	<b>Wool Mackinaws</b> Colors brown, gray and navy. \$4.75 grade now <b>\$3.25</b>	<b>Men's 4-buckle Railroads</b> Heavy rolled edges; best quality cloth tops. \$3.25 grade now <b>\$2.75</b>	<b>Ladies 3-buckle Overshoes</b> \$2.50 grade now <b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Moleskin Coats</b> Heavy moleskin lining, brown fur storm collars. \$5.00 grade now <b>\$3.75</b>	<b>Gray Mackinaws</b> Three dozen extra good quality \$3.50 grade now <b>\$2.00</b>	<b>Men's Wool Overshirts</b> A job lot, broken lines, odd sizes, assorted colors, \$3.00 grades now <b>\$1.50</b>	<b>Ladies 2-buckle Gaiters</b> \$1.85 grade now <b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Leather Lined Coats</b> Reversible Corduroy rainproof and storm collar. \$8.50 grade now <b>\$5.50</b>	<b>Mens Dress Overcoats</b> 25 Tweed, Kersey, elton ann Cravenetto overcoats, latest 1911 models, plain and convertible collars. These will be sold at rock bottom prices.	<b>Men's Lace Pacs</b> Best grade rubber, heavy rolled edges. \$3.50 grade now <b>\$3.00</b>	<b>Men's Felt Boots</b> Brown and gray colors, just the thing for cold feet. \$1.25 grade now <b>75c</b>
<b>Sheep Lined Coats</b> Brown Corduroy coats, sheep lined, knit neck, knit wristlets. \$8.50 grade now <b>\$5.75</b>	<b>Men's Dress Overcoats</b> 25 Tweed, Kersey, elton ann Cravenetto overcoats, latest 1911 models, plain and convertible collars. These will be sold at rock bottom prices.	<b>Ladies Long Coats</b> 36 cloth and wool serge winter coats, everyone of them are this season's latest models, colors and designs. They must be sold. No reasonable offer will be refused.	<b>Men's 2-buckle Arctics</b> \$2.50 grade now <b>\$2.00</b>

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**FOR-FORAGE OR ENSILAGE.**

Canadian Experience With Corn Also Applicable to the United States.

Corn for forage or ensilage can be grown to advantage in almost all parts of Canada at present occupied by farmers or stockmen. Results have been satisfactory in every case where efforts have been made to grow it, but this has very often been due to wrong cultural methods practiced or unsuitable varieties grown rather than



VARIETIES OF CORN SUITABLE FOR ENSILAGE

Flint varieties: Dent varieties: North Dakota White White Cap Yellow (white). Dent (white). Compton's Early Selected Leaming (yellow). (yellow).

[From bulletin, department of agriculture, Canada.]

to adverse climatic peculiarities, according to a bulletin issued by the Canadian department of agriculture.

The reasons for growing or making an attempt to grow this forage crop wherever live stock are kept in any numbers are numerous and cogent. A few of them follow:

As a plant capable of yielding a large amount of valuable forage under a great variety of soil and climatic conditions corn is without an equal.

When properly preserved, whether as ensilage or dried, it can be used as material to render other less palatable roughage more acceptable to farm animals.

When properly grown and well preserved as ensilage it is the equal of or superior to roots in feeding value and palatability. It can, however, generally speaking, be more cheaply grown and more easily preserved than roots.

The labor of growing an acre of corn is of a character much more agreeable to perform and much less arduous than that of growing an acre of roots of any description.

Corn, being a cultivated or hoed crop, serves well to clean the land—that is, free it from weeds, so fitting it for grain growing and putting it into shape to seed down to grass or hay.

Corn is a gross feeder and may be depended upon to make good use of a never so abundant supply of plant food. It is for this reason particularly well adapted to occupy that place in the rotation where humifying vegetable matter and a fairly liberal supply of barnyard manure unite to supply large quantities of plant food suitable for root, leaf and stem growth rather than for seed production.

The growing of corn on a fair proportion of the arable land on the farm will permit of keeping more cattle and so increase the revenue as well as augment the manure supply so essential to the maintenance of soil fertility.

Corn when preserved as ensilage can be stored much more cheaply in much less space than any other roughage. In addition, stored in this way it will keep indefinitely and is always ready to feed.

**Sulzer's New Story.**  
Congressman Sulzer of New York has stopped telling after dinner stories. The New York congressman and J. Adam Bede, the Minnesota wit, were speakers at a banquet in Washington not long ago. Bede held the floor for an hour and told some amusing yarns. When Mr. Sulzer arose he shook his Henry Clays at the guests and started out to win the humor Marathon himself.

"I will first tell you a story that Adam never heard," he began and then launched into the recital of an anecdote so aged that everybody in the audience could call it by its front name. Mr. Sulzer hadn't progressed very far when Representative Stanley of Kentucky reared up and in a hoarse whisper, heard all over the room, said: "Why, Bill, Adam invented that story."

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