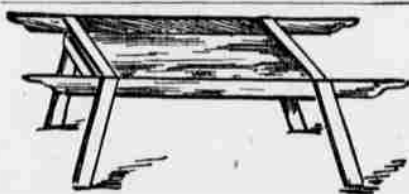




Home-Made Husking Table.

It is not an easy task to handle a shock of corn and get it into a position where the corn may be husked readily and with the least expense of labor. The illustration shows a table which may be readily made of cheap lumber, and which will materially lighten the labor of corn husking. The table may be made of material an inch thick and three inches wide.

The top of the table is ten feet long and three feet wide. End pieces are arranged so that they may be used for handles, and the legs, which are two feet and three inches long, are bolted to the side pieces so they will swing. In using the table swing the legs to the sides and lay the table flat on to



HOME-MADE HUSKING TABLE.

the ground. Push the shock of corn over on the table, have a man take hold of either end by the handles, and the legs will drop down and the shock is easily raised and in a position where it may be easily handled. The cost of the table is small and its use will save both time and strength.—Indianapolis News.

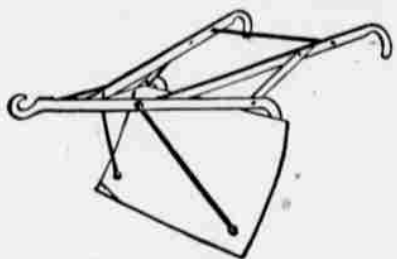
Grubs in Sheep.

An authority on sheep says that grubs in sheep are as natural as hair on the tail of a horse, and the best way to care for them is to let them alone. Sheep raisers whose animals have been troubled with grubs in the head will not agree with this method, perhaps, but there is no doubt but what there is too much unskilled treatment of sheep for this pest, and much of the treatment is cruel in the extreme. There is no doubt but what good care and proper feed makes the sheep strong enough to resist the attacks of grubs, and unless the case is very bad little attention should be paid to grubs.

There is no way of getting the pest out of the flock entirely. If one has a bad case in the flock and the animal is valuable it will pay to put it in the hands of a skilled veterinarian for treatment. Do not use the often advised method of running wires up the nostrils of the animals in a vain endeavor to pierce the grubs.

Scraper for Irrigated Land.

In preparing land for irrigation by the check system the "ridger" in crossing the first ridges when making the cross ridges breaks down the first, and the corners are therefore imperfect. For repairing these corners and filling gaps in the ridges the jump scraper or horse scraper is used. This is the work of the blacksmith. The beams are 1/4 by 1 1/2 inches and 30 inches long from the draft ring to the bend downward. The shovel is of No. 16 sheet iron 24 inches long by 18 inches deep. The handles are those used on any cultivator. The beams are bent to stand 6 inches forward of a square placed on



THE JUMP SCRAPER.

top of the beams. The braces are of 3/4-inch round iron. The shovel is slightly cupped to make it hold more earth.—Denver Field and Farm.

Chemically "Preserved Milk."

Speaking of the use of formalin and boracic acid as milk preservatives, a daily paper remarks: "The milkman who knowingly deals in chemically preserved milk is a secret assassin of infants, and it is the sacred duty of public health officers to send him to the penitentiary." The dairyman who doctors his milk before he sends it to the milkman is equally criminal. City milk often gets a double dose, being "preserved" at both ends of the line.

Angoras and Sheep.

It would be well if the prominent writers on the subject of the Angora were to give more attention to pointing out the distinct differences between the sheep and the goat. They should urge the farmer with plenty of browsing to secure the Angora and thus secure economical underbrushing, but for the one who has nothing but pasture and could use the sheep to a greater advantage such farmers should not in our estimation be advised to attempt to raise Angoras.—Drovers' Journal.

Berry Culture.

The best growers of bush fruits make it a practice to carry their fields no longer than six to nine years. After this time they are plowed up, new fields being set in the meantime to keep the crop going. There are various reasons why a bed of raspberries or blackberries deteriorates after a certain number of years. The plants become weakened with age, they are attacked by insects or disease, and they do not produce young fruiting wood with anything like their pristine vigor. Further than that, the soil becomes exhausted more or less of elements of fertility. Rotation of crops is favorable to success in all lines of agriculture, and not less so with fruit crops than with others. We therefore suggest, as being very strongly indicated by the symptoms, that it will be best for you to set a new field of blackberries at once, and to plow up the old one as soon as the new one comes into bearing. In setting a new field, we would insist upon fresh plants from some good nursery or from some grower who makes a specialty of growing plants. It is very poor practice and poor economy to take plants from an old field. In case the old field is infected with disease, it is a fatal mistake.—Country Gentleman.

Profit in Chicory.

The cultivation of chicory in this country as a commercial fertilizer is rapidly increasing, though confined largely to sections of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maine and Nebraska. The yield per acre is said to be from six to ten tons, but with good culture as much as fifteen tons may be grown. The average price is \$6 to \$8 per ton, and the cost of growing ranges from \$30 to \$45 per acre. It is stated that under normal conditions the profit from chicory is somewhat greater than from corn or wheat. Its cultivation is similar to that required for beets, and the same may be said also as to harvesting. The roots are taken to the factory, and when washed are cut into pieces about one-half inch in diameter and roasted. Chicory has a value as a forage crop due to its ability to produce well upon almost barren soil, but when fed in considerable quantities to milk cows it imparts a bitter flavor to the milk. Swine will eat the root and thrive on it, and both the roots and leaves may be fed to horses.—American Cultivator.

Water Barrel Cart.

A subscriber asks for a plan for water barrel cart to run by hand. One can be made of an old cultivator if the wheels are high enough to invert the axle-tree and keep it off the ground, having the curve of the axle-tree made to hold the barrel. I have what suits me better. It is a buggy axle-tree, two planter wheels and a wagon tongue. A small platform over the axle-tree carries the barrel. Another convenience pleases me more than the cart. Have made brush dams in a ditch crossing my pastures; set barrel in the ground and my horses, cows and hogs can help themselves to water without spilling it for each other.—C. I. Botsford, in Iowa Homestead.

Small Silos.

Dairymen with five or six cows may profitably build a silo. It has been found that to silo a corn field adds about \$10 per acre to its value, after paying for the extra work, as compared with dry curing. Hence anyone who raises an acre or two for feeding would have a silo, which will also come handy to save a second crop of clover, soy beans, peas and fodder crops difficult to be made into hay.

Ensilage Carriers.

The carrier which conveys the ensilage to the silo is a great consumer of power, and for a very tall silo must be driven faster than is good for the running gear. For that reason and also for convenience in feeding, it is better to have the top not more than 20 feet above the ground. For small silos 4 feet below ground and 16 to 20 feet above is quite satisfactory and convenient.

Green Stuff for Poultry.

Cabbages make one of the best supplies for early winter. The soft heads are useless for market, but make good hen food. Kale, rape, beet leaves are good, also beets. Sweet apples are suitable, but sour ones in too large quantities have a bad effect. Second-crop clover hay chopped and mixed with dough is the best winter substitute.

A Natural Bug Killer.

The Trinidad Botanical Department proposes a unique plan for the extermination of the destructive roaches which prey upon orchards. It recommends the plentiful use of pitcher plants as a sort of floral watch dog. This peculiar flower possesses the property of capturing and killing insects which venture into its enticing urn-shaped blossoms in search of the seductive bit of honey dew which may be found there.

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ONLY A COPPER.

When a ruling passion gets tyrannical, it is time for it in turn to be overruled. Lippincott's Magazine says that a pompous old gentleman in a New York railway station was buying his ticket for Chicago, when he dropped a cent. "Didn't you lose some of your change?" asked the ticket agent.

"Yes, it was only a copper, but—" He adjusted his glasses and bent over in search of the missing coin. One or two of the bystanders joined him. "How much did you drop?" asked one.

"Oh, only a copper; still—" He bent lower, and peered under a seat.

"Curious how money will disappear," he said. "Of course a copper is only a trifle— Excuse me, sir, may I trouble you to move your satchels? Possibly the coin may have rolled behind them. It was only—" "I think it rolled under that seat over there," called a man near by.

"Oh it did? Thank you." He dropped on his knees and peered under the seat. His glasses fell off, and he readjusted them, struck a match, burrowed under the seat, and then rose to his feet, wiped the dust from his trousers, and said to a lady:

"Excuse me, madam, but I think the coin may have rolled in this direction. Would you take the trouble to rise? It was only a copper, but—" The woman changed her seat and he resumed his peering. Then a man said:

"I don't think it rolled in this direction. Isn't that it over there against the baseboard?" "Ah, perhaps it is! I'll see. No, this is just a brass button. Of course a copper is the merest trifle, but—" He pulled out his watch, glanced at it and then at the clock on the wall. Then he hurried to the window and asked the ticket seller, "When did you say that train went to Chicago?"

"Four-fifteen, sir. Went just a moment ago."

"It did? Then I'm left, and all on account of— Still, a copper's a copper. It isn't very much, but—" And he began to search for it gain.

CONCEIT OF THE SOMALI.

His Good Opinions of Himself Are the Subject of His Songs.

Perhaps the most remarkable characteristic of the natives of Somaliland is their unbounded, preposterous conceit. Englishmen who know their language have been appalled by it. When watering his camel or his horse the Somali encourages the animal to drink by chanting to it in a monotone. It is at such moments of extemporary effusion that the man shines in all his glory. The subject matter may be the experiences of the day's march, the virtues of the animal beside him, the charms of his latest wife, or his own prowess in some bloodless tribal raid. By great good fortune the following literal translation of one of these chants or songs came into my possession, and I insert it without any comment:

"Will you see a man? Then behold me! I am a Somali, as perfect in size and form as Adam was after God had breathed into him his immortal soul. Look how beautiful my curly hair is, and how majestic I look when wrapped from head to foot in my snow-white or jungle-colored robe, although there be sometimes only one pie (a small piece of money) tied to it. My house is the desert, and I am born a free man. Free as the wind! I know neither king nor master. I am as Adam was, my own master and king. In the jungle I tend my camels and sheep; my only labor is to watch them feed. In my kitchen, my wife, my dear slave, does all the manual work, while tending my offspring, and woe to her if she forgets to prepare my evening meal. The Jedral (whip) shall then have its turn to make her remember for next day. In such a state is any man happier than I?" —Golden Penny.

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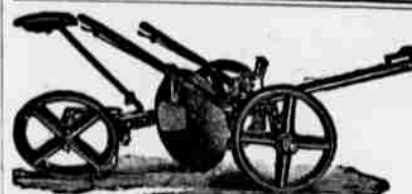
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