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One of the finest and most wholesome of food products—glucose—made from corn was almost completely thrown out of use some years ago by capitalists interested in other sweets. The press of the whole country was filled with denunciations of it and there are many people today who believe that glucose made from corn is rank poison and could not be hired to place in on their tables. Yet they use it every day. Millions use it and grow fat on it and it is in fact one of the cleanest, purest and most wholesome foods ever placed on any man's table. A dozen other examples of "good business" might be named without even a shadow of truth in the whole thing, which are having a tremendous effect on the food trade. Fruit that has been thoroughly sprayed with the arsenites has been analyzed by a dozen or more most reliable chemists and all give the same testimony. A man would have to eat a barrel of apples at one sitting to much harm. The arsenites are as innocuous as sugar. One who is interested in the whole thing, and who is interested in the health of the public, should read the reading public that the fruit is poisonous while the chemist tells only in some obscure report read only by a few that it is not.

One could get good pay for closing the Eastern markets to Western green fruits. All that is necessary to bring about this most disastrous state of affairs would be to ring the changes on our special tariff. It is as simple as ABC. Or a half dozen others of our injurious fruit tree pests that are as yet unknown in the orchards of the East. Yet our officials selected board of horticulture, in whose hands we have placed a great fund of money, have, in their ignorance of facts and the equities of trade, thrown down the gauntlet of war to our friends and customers. If this was all it might not amount to much, but it is not. There are tens of millions of dollars of dead loss to these men with no reasonable excuse for it whatsoever. There are several great and industrial nursery firms East who have built up enormous and special trade with this Coast. They now have on hand immense stocks of trees, grown especially for sale here and which are unsalable anywhere else. If they do not find sale for them here they will be a dead loss. One firm alone claims to have some six million trees in stock over three million fruit trees of our specialties, only adapted to Pacific Coast orchards. Another a million and a half, and so on down to the man with ten thousand. Under the present rules and regulations this great trade is ruined. And the worst part about it is that these Eastern men know beyond question that our boards can show no good reasons for any such exclusion laws and will lay it all to spite instead of ignorance, and will feel all the more like striking back.

It would be useless to preach to the average farmer and fruit grower about the money value in keeping everything around the place in a tidy, healthy condition. The farmer alone all other men is the man who never has—or at least who thinks he never has—any time for putting on frills about his home. Yet all should make an effort to do what they can in this line. There is nothing that will pay better in the long run, and give him more comfort and standing among his fellow men. Neatness, and even beauty, will add to one's comfort, and even bank account. The community will consider that if a man gives good care to his own holdings he is worthy of being trusted with public cares. The beautiful, neat, country home is the home of homes, where good citizens grow. The dilapidated, unpainted, gateless farm without fruits or flowers, beer barns and slungards of children are grown upon it.

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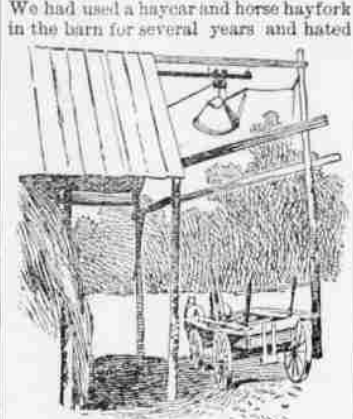


FIG. 1—A MICHIGAN HAY BARRACK. To go back to the old style of hand pitching. I drew several plans. The one that suited me best was speedily erected, and is shown in the illustration, Fig. 1. Only the end of the barrack was photographed, including the projecting truck over the place of unloading. A diagram or plan of this end is also given to show the frame and manner of erection. See Fig. 2.

The posts are all white oak, about ten inches in diameter at the base and from eighteen to twenty-eight feet long. These outside are sixteen feet high to the eaves and the ridge is twenty-four feet from the ground. The barrack is sixteen feet wide. It can be made of any length desired and one or more "bents" can be added to it at any time. It stands on nearly level ground and is located in a convenient position, back of the granary and toolhouse.

I laid out the foundation by setting stakes at each of the four outside corners, and then ran a line from stake to stake. This line was level and a hole two feet deep was dug at the lowest outside corner. All the other holes were measured from this level line. The posts were first placed in position on the ground with their lower ends (B, Fig. 2) over the two end holes. A 2 by 8 hand wail girt (C) sixteen feet long was spiked on two feet below the upper end of the posts. Temporary braces were then tacked across and each bent was raised by ropes and pulleys. Additional braces were nailed across after the posts had been brought into line and made plumb, and now the hardest job was at hand. Upon climbing to the top of the frame we found that not one of the ten outside posts was half an inch higher than the others. The 2 by 8 plates (D, E) were spiked on the outside of the posts, the upper edges being about nine inches below the tops. The rafters (E, F) were allowed to rest on the plates and were also spiked to the posts. Each pair of rafters was set up with the ridge spread two inches apart to receive the ridge board. In order to do this cleats were tacked on each pair before they were raised into position. After the rafters had been spiked on the posts they were braced to position and ribs nailed in between them to stiffen them and also to support the roof boards. The ridge board was next placed in position and extended to the pole at the right of the picture. The cleats were then knocked off and the rafters spiked to the ridge boards. The roof boards project three feet beyond the plates and the roof is

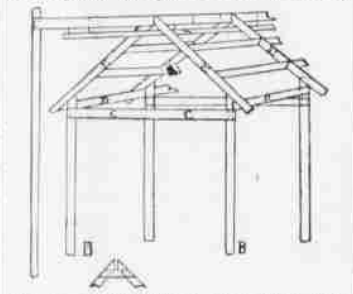


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