

PLACE FOR SEED CORN

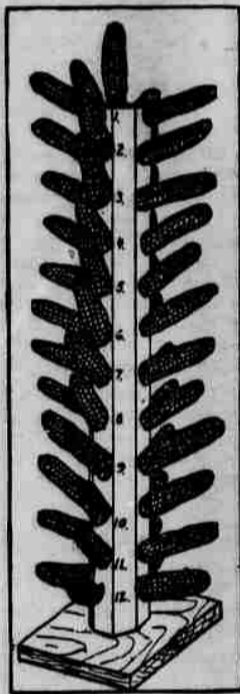
One of Most Important Factors in Increasing Yield.

Three Necessary Conditions for Storing—Air Circulation to Carry Off Moisture, Even Temperature and Early Selection.

After time has been spent selecting seed corn, it would be folly to store it in a place where it would not keep. Freshly gathered seed corn should not be left in piles in a warm room, or on the floor. It will either sprout, mold or do both. Always store seed corn where there is a good circulation of air, so it will dry out quickly. Never leave it in boxes, in piles, on the porch or in the barn. It should be taken care of at once.

There are only three necessary conditions for storing seed corn; and, if these are followed, one may be reasonably sure that 95 per cent or more of his corn will germinate, provided it was properly matured. First, there must be a good circulation of air about each ear, to carry away the surplus moisture. Second, a temperature must be maintained above freezing until the seed is thoroughly dry. Third, seed corn must be selected early enough so that it may have plenty of time to dry before cold weather.

Many devices, easily and cheaply built, are now in use whereby circulation of air can be secured around each ear of corn. Four very desirable methods of storing seed corn on the farm are here suggested. A frame of



Seed Corn Tree—Very Good Device on Which to Store Seed Corn.

2x4s may be built, about four feet square. Braces should be nailed on each end, to make the frame stand upright. After this has been done, stretch chicken-wire over both sides, nailing it securely; using care to make the meshes on both sides to correspond. In each mesh can be placed an ear, no two ears touching. In case chicken-netting is not available, nail boards over the frame, drive ten-penny finishing nails through the boards from each side, and jab the ears on the nails, butt first. The nails should slant up slightly.

Birds Spread Hog Cholera.

Buzzards, crows and other birds are active agents in the spread of hog cholera. They visit any place where there is carrion or offal of any sort and they have thus been known to transport hog cholera germs for long distances. All hogs, therefore, that die should be burned or deeply buried.

Women Triumph in Kansas.

Out in Kansas where they strive to please, the women ought to have small cause for complaint if it is possible to deprive the sex of that inalienable right.

Here are some of the things a woman of the Sunflower state may legally do:

Can take back her maiden name after her husband is dead, without any legal process or legislative act.

Can keep her own name when she is married.

Can persuade her husband to take her name and give up his family name if she does not like it.

Can keep her maiden name and her husband can keep his.

Can retain her maiden name for business transactions and use her husband's name for social affairs.

If wife does not like either her own or husband's family name they can change to a name that does suit.

A woman can wear men's clothing without any restriction except that she must not pose as a man.

She can vote at every election.

She can hold any office in the state and run for congress.

As Kansas probably puts it, a woman there can do almost anything a man can. That's so. The men's clothing provision even permits her to scratch a match as some men do. Only thing she seems debarred from is "posing as a man," which is impossible, of course, for most of them, at least.

Bishop in a Bad Fix.

The well beloved bishop of a certain southern state is so absent-minded that his family is always apprehensive for his welfare when he is away from home.

Not long ago, while making a journey by rail, the bishop was unable to find his ticket when the conductor asked for it.

"Never mind, bishop," said the conductor, who knew him well, "I'll get it on my second round."

However, when the conductor passed through the car again the ticket was still missing.

"Oh, well, bishop, it will be all right if you never find it," the conductor assured him.

"No, it won't, my friend," contradicted the bishop. "I've got to find that ticket. I want to know where I'm going."

He Could Wield an Ax.

The skill of the old Maine shipbuilders in the use of the **ads** and **broadax** was wonderful. One old time yarn is of a carpenter who applied very drunk at a shipyard for employment. In order to have a little fun with him the foreman set him to give a proof of his skill by hewing out a wooden bolt with no chopping block but a stone. The carpenter accomplished his difficult task without marring the keen edge of the broadax and showed the foreman a neatly made bolt. Then he brought the ax down with a terrific blow that shattered its edge upon the stone. "I can hew fust rate on your chopping block," he hiccupped, "but I'll be blamed if I can make the ax stick in it when I git through." The story runs that the foreman lost no time in employing such a workman.

Last Longer.

"Are you a chess player?" a landlord asked a prospective tenant. "I much prefer to have my houses occupied by chess players."

"No, I am not a chess player, and I can't account for such a singular preference," replied the would-be tenant.

"It is simple enough," said the landlord. "Chess players move so seldom, and rarely, without great deliberation!"

A Reminder.

Dobson—What does Blifkin remind you of?

Hobson—Well, every time I meet Blifkin he reminds me of a little debt I've owed him for over a year.—Chicago Herald.

In the Swim.

"I was surprised to hear that the Juggins were divorced."

"It's only a bluff, just to be in style. They are going to remarry as soon as the scandal blows over."

Enthusiasm.

"I had a wonderful drive yesterday," said the motor bug.

"What'd you use, the wood or the iron?" asked the golf bug.

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Judges' Wigs.

The wig is only worn by English barristers to give them a stern, judicial appearance, and no one can say that it fails in this respect. The custom was originated by a French judge in the seventeenth century when, happening to don a marquis' wig one day, he found it gave him such a stern and dignified appearance that he decided to get one for himself and wear it at all times in court. This he did, and the result was so satisfactory from a legal point of view that not only the judges, but barristers also, took up the custom throughout Europe.—London Graphic.

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Satisfactory Correspondence.

"Your husband sends you very few letters?"

"That's all right. He sends me his pay envelope every week."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Tibetan penal code is curious. Murder is punished with a fine varying according to the importance of the slain, theft by a fine of seven to one hundred times the value of the article stolen. Here, again, the fine depends on the social importance of the person from whom the theft has been committed. The harbinger of a thief is looked upon as a worse criminal than the thief himself. Ordeals by fire and by boiling water are still used as proofs of innocence or guilt, exactly as was the custom in Europe in the middle ages. And if the lamas never inflict death they are adepts at torture.

His Mild Request.

"My dear," he began mildly.

"Well," she snapped.

"I don't mind your borrowing my Panama hat. But when you return it please remove the veil and the hatpins. I don't care to wear such equipment downtown again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Exercise is the chief source of improvement in all our faculties.—Blair.

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