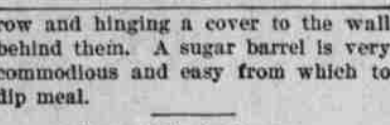


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because its first cost is less. But the coal fire is not always reliable, and the heat cannot be regulated so as to preserve an even temperature. Sooner or later pipes with hot water will be used, and in this way the hothouses can be saved from either extreme. Too many forget that in growing vegetables in winter under glass an excess of heat may prove as serious an evil as a frost, as it is harder to recover from.

Extemporized Grain Bins.

It is no small job and requires not a little lumber to make a grain bin for the stables, having four compartments. The cut shows an easy way of securing the same accommodations. Four empty sugar barrels are set in a row and secured by a few narrow strips of board. A cover is hinged either to the wall or to this framework and the bin with four compartments is complete. It may even be made by setting the four barrels in a



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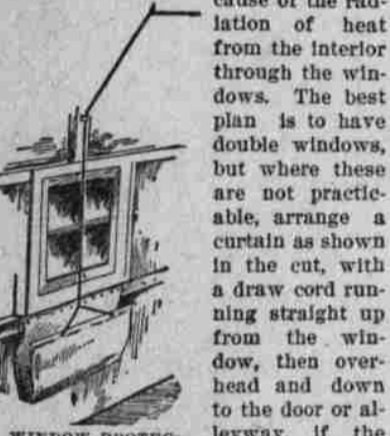
row and hinging a cover to the wall behind them. A sugar barrel is very commodious and easy from which to dip meal.

Suggestion to Buyers.

The obligations of the advertiser of live stock to his prospective patrons are well understood. He must be honest in describing his stock, prompt and courteous in his correspondence, and faithful in carrying out his part of a contract with a distant customer. The breeder who neglects such things as these cannot meet with success, no matter what advantages he may seem to have in other respects. But the other party to this business, the inquirer or prospective buyer, is also under obligations. He should know what he wants, carefully describe it, and having secured a price on it from the breeder promptly accept or reject it. Where catalogues are sent and prices do not suit no further correspondence, of course, is necessary. But when a breeder quotes a price by letter he should have a prompt answer, and it should be just as prompt if the offer is rejected as it would have been if accepted.—Stockman and Farmer.

To Keep the Heat In.

Many poultry houses become exceedingly cold on winter nights because of the radiation of heat from the interior through the windows. The best plan is to have double windows, but where these are not practicable, arrange a curtain as shown in the cut, with a draw cord running straight up from the window, then overhead and down to the door or alleyway, if the house has one. It is then an easy matter to pull the cord tight on going the rounds at night, dropping it in the morning. This is an inexpensive arrangement and will greatly aid in keeping fowls warm.



WINDOW PROTECTION.

Shrunken Wheat for Poultry.

There is probably no better nor cheaper food for fowls than shrunken wheat. It is better for them than the plump grain, as it contains all the gluten and mineral nutrient that the plump grain does, the difference being that the latter has more starch which poultry has no use for except to make fat. Shrunken wheat free from weed seeds ought to be the main feed for laying hens. It makes condensed nutrient almost equal to the fresh bone which should be used as its supplement, and which serves not only as food, but to help digest whatever else besides itself is in the fowl's gizzard.

Soil Inoculation.

The Alabama Experiment Station has made tests in soil inoculation, and it is announced that the dust blown from a field over another will fit the land for a leguminous crop if such a crop was grown on the field from which the dust came. The result is a confirmation of the theory of German scientists that bacteria from certain crops may be bottled for transportation with a view of inoculating soils, and thus adapting them to the crops desired, but which previously could not be grown to perfection on the land.

Setting a Hedge.

In setting arbor vitae for a hedge let them be small, and set them about two or three feet apart. Keep them well headed and trimmed low until the bottom is well filled, or they will never look well afterward. If kept free from grass and occasionally manured there is no reason why they should not last a lifetime.

Heat for Hothouses.

The old-fashioned coal furnace with fine is now out of date for cheap and safe production of heat for hothouses. It is almost always used by beginners,

Economy in Hog Killing.

For those who have but one or two or even three hogs to kill, it is far cheaper to take these where a larger number are to be slaughtered, and where there are all conveniences, than to kill the hogs at home. Heating the water and getting ready generally take a good deal of time. When this is done the work of killing and dressing requires comparatively little time. It is far better for farmers to co-operate in this work. Every farmer who has only a few hogs to kill can have this job done for him much cheaper as well as more easily than he can do it for himself.

Worrying the Cow.

A rough, quick-tempered man should never be tolerated around the cow stable. The cow loves quietude. Any disturbance which excites her lessens, if it does not stop, the secretion and flow of milk. It is very easy for an employe, by kicking and beating a cow just before or while he is milking, to lessen her milk flow by one-half. This is called "holding up" the milk. It is really a prevention of milk secretion, and the milk thus lost does not come down at any subsequent milking.

Corn Cobs for Kindling.

Corn cobs are often used for kindling fires. But while they light easily, the cob being solid does not create a draught of air and the fire soon goes out. Finely split kindling is much better, as it gives more heat, and thus sets fire to the heavier wood. But if dipped in kerosene and placed under the wood, the cob will furnish heat enough to light dry wood in large pieces without using any other kindling. It is the only way in which kerosene oil can be used with safety in lighting fires.

Double Walls for Warmth.

In building for warmth it should never be forgotten that tight double walls, enclosing a dead air space, are much better than a solid wall of any material. These are equally useful to keep out cold in winter and the excessive heats of summer. Air is one of the poorest conductors known, and when it is confined so that no current affects it, there is greater uniformity of temperature than can be secured by any other method.

Timber Grown in Europe.

Valuable as is land in France, Germany and other portions of Europe, timber is grown on portions of each farm in some localities or in large tracts by the governments. It is known that the growth of timber is beneficial to agriculture, in tempering the atmosphere and regulating moisture, and the lesson taught by Europe, with her centuries of enterprise, should not be overlooked in this country.

When Apples Are Best.

There is a particular time in the ripening of every fruit when it is at its best for eating and that with some varieties is very short. So when you eat an apple that is highly praised for its flavor do not lose confidence in human testimony if you do not find it all that it has been cracked up to be. There is great difference, too, in apples of the same variety grown in different localities.

Dispose of Surplus Stock.

Though food is cheap for feeding stock, it is never worth while to winter what even after keeping is sure to be worth little more in spring than in fall. The young growing stock make a positive gain in size and weight. If any other stock does not do this, see to it that it produces something to pay its way, or else dispose of it at once for the best price to be had.

Marketing Honey.

At a German bee convention a large dealer of Berlin advised that beekeepers should dispense as far as possible with the services of middlemen, dealing directly with the consumer, sell to customers at home, at the market of the next town and in groceries. For retail small glasses are preferable, holding one-third, one-half, two-thirds and one pound each, with elegant labels.

The Cow Pea.

The National Stockman says: "Just why the cow pea is not more widely grown is hard to see, for it certainly is one of the most valuable leguminous plants that we have for restoring the fertility of the soil. And as a money crop they are not to be despised, as the seed is generally as high as beans."

Beardless Barley.

Beardless barley is not a new variety, being grown to a limited extent in the East, and rather common on the Pacific coast, where it is used for producing hay. The fact that this barley has long been grown and has as yet made little headway seems to indicate that its yield is in no way remarkable.

World's Largest Creamery.

The creamery at St. Albans, Vt., is said to be the largest in the world. The milk of 12,000 cows is converted into butter daily. About 10,000 pounds of butter are made every day.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

The wheat traders are at sea and are watching three things closely, as they have a directly opposite bearing on future prices. One is the Argentine prospects. The others, the cash demand and Leiter's position on the cash wheat that he holds. From the news Saturday from Argentine, London and Paris, the prospects are that there will be a good exportable surplus in that country. A direct cable from Rosario to parties in the trade here from one of the best posted men on the Argentine situation estimated the exportable surplus at 46,000,000 bushels, or about two months' supplies for the leading consuming countries of Europe. A number of characters have been made in London to load wheat in Argentine and freights have advanced sharply. Arrangements have been made to ship \$7,500,000 in gold from London to Argentine; also \$250,000 from France. The Argentine wheat will be available in the latter part of March, as it takes about six weeks for freight steamers to make the trip. Argentine offerings in European markets had a depressing effect, European buyers using it as a club to break prices in this country. On the weak spots they bought liberally, export purchases for the week aggregating nearly 2,000,000 bushels. So long as the Argentine prospects remain good, it will be used as the bearish factor. St. Louis traders in close touch with the foreign situation have been selling May and July on a liberal scale. The latter is about 10c under May. Were they to start to cover the difference might be reduced, as no one but the bears have been selling the new crop futures. The situation in regard to supplies in Europe and Africa is not strikingly bullish, stocks January 1 being 71,620,000 bushels, or 7,585,000 bushels less than last year, which is about one week's supplies. The increase during December was 1,120,000 bushels, while for the same month in 1896 the decrease was 10,000,000 bushels. In the United States and Canada the stocks, compiled by the Daily Trade Bulletin, aggregate 85,359,000 bushels. The decrease in December was only 626,000 bushels, a striking contrast with the reduction of 7,712,000 bushels in December, 1896. The net increase in the world's available supply during December was 494,000 bushels, while for the same time in 1896 there was a reduction of 17,712,000 bushels. The world's available is 157,000,000 bushels, as compared with 184,618,000 bushels January 1, 1896.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70c; Valley and Bluestem, 72c@73c per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$3.75; graham, \$3.30; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 35c@36c; choice gray, 33c@34c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millettiff—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$19. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—15c@18c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 55c@60c; fair to good, 45c@50c; dairy, 40c@50c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 12c@13c; Young America, 12c@13c; California, 9c@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.75@3.00 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$6.50@6.00; ducks, \$4.50@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10c@11c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 45c@55c per sack; sweets, \$1.25 per cental. Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@2.00 per sack. Hops—5c@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4c@6c. Wool—Valley, 14c@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7c@8c; mohair, 20c@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.50; dressed mutton, 6c@8c; spring lambs, 5c@6c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 4c@5c per pound. Veal—Large, 4c@5c; small, 5c@6c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 30c; ranch, 16c@18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 13c; California, 9c@10c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 22c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c@8c; cows, 5c@6c; mutton sheep, 8c; pork, 6c; veal, small, 7c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5c@6c; salmon, 3c; salmon trout, 10c; flounders and sole, 3c@4c; ling cod, 4c@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2c@3c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 40c@90c per box; pears, 25c@75c per box; oranges, \$2.25@2.50 per box.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11c@13c; Oregon, 12c@14c; Northern 7c@8c per pound. Hops—12c@16c per pound. Millettiff—Middlings, \$22@24; California bran, \$18.50@19.50 per ton. Onions—New red, 70c@80c; do new silverskin, \$2.25@2.50 per cental. Eggs—Store, 20c@22c; ranch, 23c@25c; Eastern, 15c@19c; duck, 16c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 11c@12c; fair to good, 7c@8c per pound.

ALTERNATIVE TO ANNEXATION

We Must Take Hawaii or Leave It to Some Other Nation.

But why, some are asking, is it necessary to annex Hawaii outright to this country? Why not leave it as it is, an independent nation, with which we have favorable treaties, and in whose harbors our commerce can have all desired facilities without the grave responsibilities of actual ownership? This country and Hawaii have been getting on together well for three-quarters of a century; why disturb those relations? Why not leave things as they are? The answer supplies itself, promptly and convincingly, says the New York Tribune. We cannot leave things as they are, because they will not stay as they are. Even now they are not as they have been. Five years ago the old Hawaiian government broke down. It had become utterly corrupt, and collapsed through its own rottenness. The islands were saved from savage anarchy only by the prompt action of a handful of men, mostly of United States origin, who organized a provisional government and appealed to the United States for help in the form of annexation. The help being denied, they undertook the desperate task of maintaining the government they had founded, in the face of overwhelming odds of foes both without and within. Thus far they have managed to hold their ground; but it is perfectly evident they cannot do so permanently. There must be a radical change in affairs, and it must come soon. What is that change to be? Certainly there can be no restoration of the old monarchy, with its corruption and oppression and its chopping-machine, which her majesty was so eager to apply to the necks of all who differed from her views of policy. Neither can the islands be given up to the masses of the kanakas. However traceable these may be and however well they may make progress toward civilization under proper guidance, they are manifestly unfit for self-government. There can be no more ghastly mockery than to inveigh against the "half-breed" republics of South and Central America, and the negro republic of another such in Cuba, and at the same time to favor the creation of the kanaka republic in the Sandwich islands. No. To keep these islands fit for use as a port of call for Pacific commerce, to say nothing of protecting the capital already invested there and developing the resources of one of the most productive regions on the face of the globe, it is absolutely necessary that some outside power should exercise authority there. Well, then, why should not the various powers that are interested in Pacific commerce, and, therefore, in the right administration of Hawaiian affairs, unite in exercising sufficient moral and material influence upon the islands to insure a just and stable government and to keep them forever neutral, if not independent? Why, that would mean exactly such an entangling alliance as it is the traditional policy of this country to avoid. We have already specifically refused to make such an arrangement with Great Britain and France over these very islands, as well as over Cuba. We were persuaded to make such an arrangement with Great Britain and Germany over Samoa, and have got little from it but vexation of spirit. There can be no serious consideration of repeating that experiment in the case of Hawaii, where, instead of being in a triple league, we should have to be in a partnership of at least five. Why, it would be as well to seek entrance into the dreib and at once and have done with it. Then, as a final resort, why not establish a protectorate over the islands? That would keep all other nations from interfering with them, and would give the Hawaiian government the moral support of the United States, which ought to insure its stability. Why not try that? It is curious to hear such a proposition as this made by those who doubt the constitutionality of annexation. If there is no warrant for annexation, there is assuredly none, either in the constitution or elsewhere, for a protectorate. Such an arrangement would be absolutely foreign to the spirit and practice of this government—always excepting the case of Samoa, which may be taken as a "horrible example" to warn us against its repetition. So far as merely moral protectorate or "sphere of influence" is concerned, that has been exercised over Hawaii for the last 75 years, and has now reached the end of its usefulness. This country has been warning all others to keep their hands off the islands, as they are desired to come under the proprietorship of the United States. The time has now come either to fulfill that destiny or to abandon it. The government of Hawaii—the only government there is in the islands, the one which all the world recognizes as legal—declares that it does not want that system to continue longer. It wants the United States either to annex the islands itself or relinquish all claim to them, as at least three others are ready and anxious to do so. That, then, is the case in a nutshell. This country must either take them or leave them alone. It can no longer play the part of the dog in the manger. Hawaii means to be annexed to some other nation. It offers itself first to this one. If this one does not take it, and take it now, it will offer itself to another, which will take it, and thus gain an advantage over us in the commerce of the Pacific, which we can never hope to overcome. The choice is now before the Washington government. It must be made at once, and forever.

THE FULLNESS THEREOF.

Among the discomforts of life and the fullness thereof, reaching to every family, there is that which can so easily mitigate or entirely cure, the wonder is why we endure and suffer so much. From big pains to little aches, which are the wear and tear of the physical structure of man, there are always remedies good, better and best. The choice should always be for the best, the surest and the cheapest. In chronic or acute suffering with rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica or lumbago, or with the minor ailments of sprains and bruises, or of soreness and stiffness, the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil and the fullness thereof in so many complete and perfect cures make it stand out as the best remedy for pain. Why then should we stand on the order of going for it and not get at once? In numberless cases the aggravations of discomforts and pains are from delay. Why should we suffer?

THE CUBAN SCARE.

Poe has immortalized the raven, Whittier the robin and Longfellow the snow bird that sung to the monk Felix.

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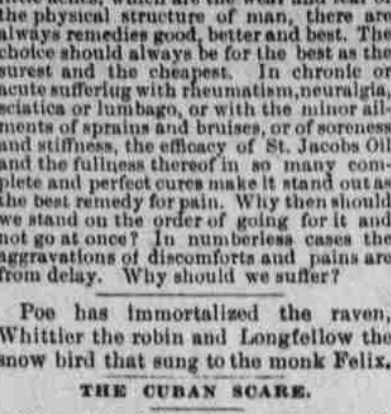
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