

Agricultural.

About Ice Houses. The practice of building ice houses below the surface of the ground has nearly passed away. The objections are the difficulty in providing perfect and efficient drainage, the heat conveyed to the walls from the conducting earth, and the additional expense; the only advantage is the greater facility in filling. Where the ice house can be set on a sloping bank all the advantages may be secured without the drawbacks. The drainage may be perfect, and the ice may be brought and easily placed within, from a wagon or sled, at the top or rear part of the building. The lower part is built with stone or hard burned brick, the upper with double walls filled with sawdust, or the upper portion may be single but double walls, provided the feet to be packed with ten inches or a foot of sawdust on each side. The only objection to this mode of building is, that the lower walls must be thicker than the upper, making a shoulder all around. This is obviated by making a structure of iron to correspond, or larger above than below. Or the whole may be built of wood if the lower part is protected against decay, by first filling the pores of the wood used for this part, thoroughly with crude petroleum, and then coating the surface with hot gas-tar. The petroleum renders the wood as durable as red cedar, and the hard coating of gas-tar keeps it there.

From many years of experience, we find it easier to manage an ice house with single than with double walls, because we can see distinctly that every part of the mass of ice is properly protected. Ten inches of well packed sawdust will protect it from melting without. (If sawdust cannot be had, eight or twenty inches of finely chopped straw will answer as well.) There are three essential requisites to be observed in every case, namely, surrounding the ice on every side with a perfect non-conductor, giving perfect drainage without admitting air, and allowing a free ventilation over the top packing. With those requisites provided the ice will keep without difficulty.

The easiest and simplest way to effect drainage is to place an even stratum of sawdust about ten inches thick, on a loose plank floor, through the crevices of which the water from the melting ice will freely pass. The sawdust should be thicker on the top, as it is more or less distributed or displaced in taking out ice, and there is danger of too thin covering being left in places, unless abundant material is provided.

In filling any ice-house, the interior dimensions should first be found, and the ice be then cut of such size as to leave the right degree of thickness for the packing.—Country Gentleman.

Humorous.

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"Would you insult me?" cried the dealer. "I have none but pure wines here! Get out of my place sir!"

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THE ADVANTAGE OF IT.—The day had been set, and the young man was happy. But his father failed in business, and he collected all the pink love letters, the lock of hair, the faded violet, etc., and started for her mansion. He was high-minded and honorable and felt in duty bound to release her from the engagement. Yet he grew faint as he was ushered into the parlor. Such love as his wouldn't stay crushed.

"George! dear George!" she exclaimed, as she entered the parlor and seized his hand. "Arabella, I am here to do my duty," he said, as he rose up.

"What's the matter?" she asked. "I haven't heard of my father's failure!" he inquired, his heart beating painfully.

"Why, yes, dear George, and what of it?" "Aren't you—won't you—that is!" "I'm glad of it—that's all!" she cried. "You are?"

"Of course I am! I was talking with father and he said if my father had failed for \$50,000 he'd make at least \$50,000 out of it, and of course, you'll get twice as much, as you counted on!"

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