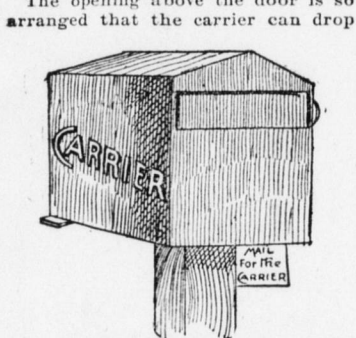




A RURAL MAIL BOX.

One of the Most Serviceable of the Many Now Being Introduced into the Service.

The accompanying drawing shows one of the newer mail boxes invented for use in the rural districts, where the same box is employed both for mail matter that is being delivered to the resident and for matter deposited by the latter for the carrier to take away.



RURAL MAIL BOX.

mail in there without unlocking the door, and thus save time. Then, like some other mail boxes, this one has a signal to attract the carrier's attention, in case mail for him to take away is inside.

WINDMILL SCARECROW.

It Will Interrupt the Work of Crows Even Where They Have Begun Their Depredations.

The only effectual scarecrow I ever found is a windmill. I formerly made them to jingle a bell as they turned, but later found that their motion alone is just as effective.

PITY THE POOR BOY.

When He Tries to Teach the Calf to Drink from a Pail Johnny Has Troubles of His Own.

The time of year recalls the dear, dead days beyond recall when the farmer's boy taught the calf to drink from a pail. The Britt (La.) Tribune refers feelingly to these strenuous moments in the life of our agricultural youth—moments that teach patience and kindly dealing with the dumb animals.

"Don't get excited; stand perfectly still, inspiring the calf to confidence by your coolness and sang froid. There is nothing equal to sang froid in the initial lesson, and without this attribute the pedagogue is sadly hampered.

CALVES IN ORCHARDS.

Where Young Animals of Any Kind Are Hitched to Trees the Latter Must Be Protected.

A calf may be hitched to the trees in an orchard, if a crate, like that shown in the cut, is used. It is hinged at one corner and opens at the other.

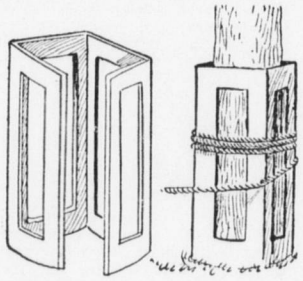


Fig. 1. Fig. 2. PROTECTION FOR TREES.

bottom of each side is rounded, so it will slip over the ground easily and revolve when the rope becomes wound about it. In this way the calf will not become "wound up" to the tree, as is often the case when the rope is tied directly to the tree.

The Mule Breeding Business.

We are of opinion that mule breeding has been too much neglected in the south and perhaps elsewhere. The mule is really the most useful draft animal on the farm and by far the most economical.

A Pair of Old Apple Trees.

Seymour Keyser, of Manheim, county, N. Y., has two old apple trees on his farm that are record-breakers. One of them is 12 feet in circumference. It is a Holland pippin and was brought from Holland in the latter part of the seventeenth century.

The Farmer who has a Milk Check

coming in every month will tell you that it is a great aid in producing sound and natural sleep, for it relieves the worry of how to meet the current expense bills for the household.

SAYS THERE'S SNOW ON MOON.

Prof. W. H. Pickering Returns from Jamaica with Results of Several Months' Observations.

Prof. W. H. Pickering, of the Harvard Observatory, who has been making astronomical observations in Jamaica, West Indies, for several months, has brought a series of photographs of the moon, which appear to establish the interesting fact that there is snow on the moon.

To secure the necessary details the surface of the moon was arbitrarily divided into 16 parts, and there are five pictures of each of the 16 parts. Arranged in series then all the prominence and depressions under five different angles of sunlight, and the astronomer may follow any chosen object of observation under as many conditions of light and shade.

What the snow is can as yet be only a matter of inference. It is most probably the snow of water. It appears that the presence of an atmosphere on the moon is accepted now among astronomers.

Mrs. DeStylé—"Of course, this new furniture you've bought is quite pretty, but it's so distressingly new. It lacks the fashionable marks of age and antiquity."

Where the Last Haul Lost. A Memphis traveler who has just returned from a Mississippi tour says he heard two farmers discussing the merits and demerits of the square bale gin as he was waiting for a train in a little village of the Bayou state.

"I like the square bale best," said the lankest specimen of the two, "but they tell me that one bale has to push the other out like a way a hay press works, and I don't think I want to carry my cotton to a gin of that kind long toward the end of the season."

"Why not?" queried the second. "Well, if I happen to be the last man my bale of cotton would have to stay in that consigned press till the next crop came on and the first load was ginned, so it could push my bale out of the contraption."

Proper Rate of Payment. "I would like," said the writer, "to prepare you a series of articles on 'How to Live on Ten Cents a Day.'"

"For a consideration, of course?" suggested the editor. "Oh, certainly."

"Why not?" queried the second. "Well, if I happen to be the last man my bale of cotton would have to stay in that consigned press till the next crop came on and the first load was ginned, so it could push my bale out of the contraption."

"Naturally."

"Well, in those circumstances I might take the articles at your own valuation."

"My own valuation?"

"Yes—the cost of a living, which you put at ten cents a day."—Chicago Post.

"This thing of bearing a title has some decided advantages." "In what way?" "Here's a newspaper report that an English duke has to pretend to be on good terms with his wife."—Indianapolis News.

Overestimating Him—"Paw," said little Willie Gettat, "give me ten cents to buy a story book with." "Ten cents?" asked the old gentleman. "Do you think I am Andy Carnegie?"—Baltimore American.

HUNKS OF SOLID FACT.

Cryolite is a mineral found in Greenland.

Egypt was the first country to have a military organization.

Skating was a sport of the Northmen in prehistoric times.

In ancient times black inks were made of soot and ivory black.

Umbrellas were in use in America before they were in England.

Lettuce was introduced into England from Flanders about 1520.

The invention of the organ is attributed to Archimedes, about 220 B. C.

The Phoenicians and the Greeks were the first to place much dependence on naval warfare.

The mace was a weapon anciently used by cavalry of most nations. It was originally a spiked club, usually of metal, hung at the saddle-bow.

In the Brookfield (Mo.) white schools the sexes are represented by exactly the same number. There are just 699 each of the boys and girls.

The judges of the New York supreme court have resolved among themselves hereafter to permit no person called for jury duty to be excused upon the request of a third party. He must appear and make his excuses in person.

New Fast Train to Colorado via Missouri Pacific Railway.

The Missouri Pacific Railway is now operating double daily service from St. Louis and Kansas City to points in Colorado, Utah and the Pacific Coast. Trains leave St. Louis 9 a. m. and 10:10 p. m.; Kansas City 6 p. m. and 10 a. m., carrying through sleeping cars between St. Louis and San Francisco without change.

No Eye for Home Comforts. Mrs. Muggins—My husband is the most unreasonable man alive?

Mrs. Buggins—What has he done now? "I've been at him for six months to buy some new furniture for the parlor, and he has just paid \$40,000 for an old seat in the stock exchange."—Philadelphia Record.

Yellowstone Park. Extended tour, leisurely itinerary with long stops in the Park. Private coaches for exclusive use on the drive. Pullman sleeping and dining cars. Established limit to number going. Escort of the American Tourist Association, Beau Campbell, General Manager, 1423 Marquette Building, Chicago. Colorado and Alaska tours also. Tickets include all Expenses Everywhere. Train leaves Chicago via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y, Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 p. m.

Yielded Readily for Him. First Physician—Did old Coupon's case yield to your treatment?

Second Physician—It did. I treated it for six months, and it yielded something like \$500.—Stray Stories.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

A Broad Hint. Mr. Staylate—Aw—Miss Dimples, you have such dreamy eyes, doncher know?

Miss Dimples—No, I'm just sleepy; that's all.—Ohio State Journal.

Cure and Prevent Pneumonia. With Hossie's Croup Cure, Infallible. 50c.

Mystery. A woman enjoys nothing better than to read a letter in the presence of other women and smile occasionally.—N. Y. World.

Motherhood



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Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, Mass., \$5,000 which will be paid to any person who will show that the following testimonials are not genuine, or were published without the writers' special permission.—LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

How shall a mother who is weak and sick with some female trouble bear healthy children?

How anxious women ought to be to give their children the blessing of a good constitution!

Many women long for a child to bless their home, but because of some debility or displacement of the female organs, they are barren.

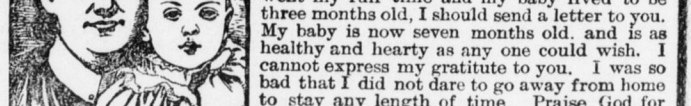
Preparation for healthy maternity is accomplished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound more successfully than by any other medicine, because it gives tone and strength to the parts, curing all displacements and inflammation.

Actual sterility in women is very rare. If any woman thinks she is sterile, let her write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., whose advice is given free to all expectant or would-be mothers.

Mrs. A. D. Jarret, Belmont, Ohio, writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I must write and tell you what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. Before taking your medicine I was unable to carry babe to maturity, having lost two—once at six months and one at seven. The doctor said next time I would die, but thanks to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I did not die, but am the proud mother of a six months old girl baby. She weighs nineteen pounds and has never seen a sick day in her life. She is the delight of our home."

Mrs. Whitney's Gratitude. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—From the time I was sixteen years old till I was twenty-three I was troubled with weakness of the kidneys and terrible pains when my monthly periods came on. I made up my mind to try your Vegetable Compound, and was soon relieved.

The doctor said I never would be able to go my full time and have a living child, as I was constitutionally weak. I had lost a baby at seven months and half. The next time I continued to take your Compound; and I said then, if I went my full time and my baby lived to be three months old, I should send a letter to you. My baby is now seven months old, and is as healthy and hearty as any one could wish. I cannot express my gratitude to you. I was so bad that I did not dare to go away from home to stay any length of time. Praise God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; and may others who are suffering do as I did and find relief. Wishing you success in the future as in the past, and may many homes be brightened as mine has been."—Mrs. L. Z. WHITNEY, 4 Flint St., Somerville, Mass.



The medicine that cures the ills of women is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

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Sour Stomach? Back up a sewer, and you poison the whole neighborhood. Clog up liver and bowels, and your stomach is full of undigested food, which sours and ferments, like garbage in a swill-barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, headache, furred tongue, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. CASCARETS quietly, positively stop fermentation in the stomach, make the liver lively, tone up the bowels, set the whole machinery going and keep it in order. Don't hesitate! Take CASCARETS to-day and be saved from suffering!

After I was induced to try CASCARETS, I will never be without them in the house. My liver was in a very bad shape, and my head ached and I had stomach trouble. Now, since taking Cascarets, I feel fine. My wife has also used them with beneficial results for sour stomach.

JOS. KREHLING, 1921 Congress St., St. Louis, Mo.

His Snap.

THE TABLET BEST FOR BOWELS AND LIVER. THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP. 10c. 25c. 50c. NEVER SOLD IN BULK. DRUGGISTS