

**Agricultural.**

**PRESERVATION OF FARM BUILDINGS.**

Here is a very good article, which we find in the *New England Farmer*, on a subject of much interest to farmers. It contains a number of excellent hints and suggestions, which we are sure that many readers of the *Reporter* will appreciate.

There is nothing that sooner exposes what we Yankees call "shiftness," than dilapidated buildings and fences, and nothing is more unpleasant to the eye of the thrifty farmer.

Any man of ordinary observation will, while traveling through the country, point out almost unerringly, every thrifty farmer, by one glance at his house and buildings and fences. Of course, it is not necessary that these should be either large or stylish. On the contrary we as often see this kind of buildings going to decay, perhaps more frequently, the owner having spent all his money and credit, in trying to outdo his neighbors in style, and having nothing left either to carry on his farm, or keep his buildings in repair.

One thing is quite convenient to the farmer to begin with, and that is to have tools sufficient, and be enough of a mechanic to use them, to replace a loose clapboard or board that has by some means left its proper place, and to put a few shingles on the roof when they have been blown off by the wind, or a leak occurs from any other cause; and make other little repairs which are constantly needed, and which require but little time if done in season, but which if he is obliged to go two or three miles for a carpenter, and perhaps go several times before he can get him, are apt to be neglected, and give the premises a bad appearance, and perhaps considerable damage is done which cannot be wholly repaired. The most important thing for the protection of all buildings is a good roof. On this subject there has been much discussion and not a little experiment.

I have never seen anything except slate or shingles that was worth half the cost of a trial. Of these two, my preference is for the latter for farm buildings, when not exposed to fire from others, as being the most economical if properly put on. I have noticed recently that the opinion has been gaining ground, that it is better to use a medium quality of shingles, for the reason, as many say, that almost any shingles will last as long as they can be kept on the roof with any nails that can be bought. This is partly true, and I think partly a mistake. Most of the ordinary shingle nails sold at the stores in this country will not last more than from 10 to 15 years, and almost any shingles will last that length of time, but nails made of Swedes iron are said by men of experience to last more than twice as long, and the difference in cost in laying a thousand shingles is from 10 to 15 cents.

But if I were shingling a building which I expected to use as long as I lived, I would get the best shingled pine or cedar shingles that were to be obtained and put them on with zinc nails; these, I think, would last as long as I should, unless I outlived my usefulness. I have no doubt that painting a roof is some protection; perhaps as much as to any other part of the building.

As near as I can ascertain, the shingles had been on my house when I bought the place, about 60 years, and had been painted about 45 years, and the roof had not leaked badly until recently. I once helped to shingle two houses that had been shingled 41 years, and neither of them had ever been known to leak, but had become so covered with moss that one of them took fire from sparks from the chimney, and they were taken off for that reason.

I suppose that all admit that for the preservation of the walls of a building, nothing is superior, and nothing hardly equal, to good lime and white lead, and for the man who has the money, there is no better investment than to keep his buildings well covered them. Almost every man will have his house painted with them, but many think they cannot afford to paint their barns and sheds with them. And for these there are many different preparations which tend to preserve the wood and beautify the buildings. Of these perhaps whitewash is the cheapest and most convenient, it preserves the wood very much and improves the appearance except in rainy weather, when it has rather a dingy look.—There are also many preparations made and called mineral paint, which comes quite low when mixed with some cheap oil, but when used with linseed oil costs nearly as much as white lead, as they are put up dry, and require much more oil, and are not near as good when done.

Many think that it makes but little difference what is used for coloring matter, only in the appearance to the eye, the oil being the only really useful ingredient; but this is a mistake, the lead and oil combined form a coating on the wood nearly as hard as iron. The others have but little body, merely staining the wood. With these, more of the benefit is derived from the oil. When a building which is rough clapboarded, or one on which the clapboards are considerably worn, or if to be painted two coats with lead oil, a good composition which is much cheaper, and I think equally as good for the first coat, can be made by using whitening and oil, with a little lead.

There is no building on the farm that is apt to decay as rapidly as the barn, for various reasons. When there is a cellar which is damp and a large portion of the year filled with manure, the moisture of course, causes the timber to rot very fast. This may in a great measure be prevented by proper ventilation. If convenient, the simplest and most efficacious way is to have windows on opposite sides that can be opened and create a draft through when the weather is not too cold.

A barn with the boarding quite open, which many people are advocating at present, as the best to keep hay in, will soon have decayed sills, caused by the rain and snow driving through, and running down between them and the boards, and for this reason I go in for a tight barn, with proper ventilation. And by ventilation I do not mean a little hole in the roof of the barn, two feet square, with a box on the outside, with windows which are always shut, except perhaps a little while in laying time; and I cannot conceive how an arrangement of this kind on a roof can do any good, except in an ornamental way, when the lower part of the barn is kept so tight, that no fresh air is allowed an entrance; and this is what we see in most tight barns around here; in such barns we usually, in cold weather, find the inside of the roof covered with mould. In a short time this dampness will rust off the nails, leaving the shingles to take to themselves wings on the first windy day.

L. W. BASE.

**A NEW USE FOR CORN.**

Prof. Goessling of Cincinnati, a German chemist there, claims the merit of discovering a process by which sugar as nice as the nicest can be made from Indian corn. He has succeeded in obtaining some syrup and a half gallon of beautiful white syrup from a bushel of corn, and what is of greater importance, has discovered how to

convert that syrup into granulated sugar. The syrup is so white that it can be used in tea without darkening it at all, and the process is said to be so simple that it can be carried on in any farm-house with the household utensils that are found in every well ordered kitchen. The importance of this discovery if its promises are realized cannot be over estimated. Our north-western states are the real granaries of the world, and there is hardly a limit to their capabilities in the production of corn. How to make the crop most profitable to the farmers there and the most useful to the East has been the grand question, and the difficulty and cost of transportation to the East have tended to discourage efforts for its culture. But if every bushel of the golden grain is to yield three and a half gallons of syrup that can either be used upon the farm or converted into pure granulated sugar, the problem will be solved both for the West and for the world, and the loss of the sugar plantations of the South will be more than made good. A New York company have purchased from Prof. Goessling the right to use his discovery for \$400,000, and will immediately erect a factory and proceed to the practical test of the professor's claims. For the present the company will only manufacture the syrup, but will go into the sugar crystallization as soon as the needed arrangements can be made, and not many months will elapse before it will find its way into the market.

**BUILDING STONE FENCES.**

A New Hampshire correspondent of the *Genesee Farmer* writes as follows on this subject: "A stone fence built upon light porous soil if laid with tolerable skill, will stand for a long time; but to construct one that will stand upon a wet, spongy tract of land, especially if it is sloping, is far more difficult. The action of the frost will gradually loosen the foundation, and when the ground becomes soft in spring the stones are crowded out of place, and in a few years the fence is in ruins. When the line of direction is east and west, fences are injured most by frost, for the ground upon the south side is thawed earlier in the spring.

"These difficulties, however, may be overcome. If the proposed fence is to be on a loamy soil that is not very wet, it will be sufficient to make a small ridge or embankment, say four feet wide and one foot high, to build the wall upon, and if the land is spongy, dig a ditch three or four feet wide and deep enough to remain unjaded by the frost; fill it with small stones, or partly fill and cover, and then your fence will have a foundation that cannot be shaken.

"The foundation well prepared, the next thing is to have the fence well laid. Only such stones should be used as will be firm and afford a good surface to build upon.—They should be so laid as to secure these results, and endeavor should also be made to have each principal stone, in all except the lower course, rest upon two below it. It requires no little skill to build a stone fence well, but by following these rules one is not likely to go far out of the way; and when it is once made it is very durable."

Another correspondent in Oneida County, New York, writes as follows, adding that stone walls constructed according to this method in the most frosty sections of Wales have stood for centuries: "Plough four furrows six or eight inches deep and ten inches wide; take all the sods or turf, and lay them on one side—also all the loose dirt that is easily taken up with a shovel and lay it on the opposite side from the stones for the wall; then commence setting stones on the side of the trench large enough to raise three or four inches above the outside surface; then fill in with small stones until within two or three inches of the top of the border stones; then throw on a few shovelfuls of the fine dirt, passing the shovel over it to make it level; then commence laying on the border stones, being careful to have them tip a little toward the centre; then commence again with the small stones and dirt as above described. When the dirt is used up, cut the turfs at suitable lengths and lay lengthways of the wall, bringing the edges of the turf close up to the edges of the border stones, filling the middle space with small stones. In this way there will be about two tiers of dirt and two of turf, if more, all the better.

"It will be seen that this wall will be about forty inches on the bottom and twelve inches across the top, when raised about four feet in height. If there is no stone handy large enough to reach across the top, continue on as before until the top is well rounded off."

**GOOD WALKS.**

The season is upon us when good hard walks about our dwellings, barns and out-houses generally, are very desirable on many accounts—health, and convenience being among them. How many of our agricultural readers neglect this home duty? How many allow the paths even to their houses to be almost impassable in moist weather? And so with the paths to the barn, or different stable doors, to the hog pens, cattle yards, &c. We have known persons to wade through the water, mud and soft manure for eight months in the year, to get at these several places, instead of providing a footway of stones, coal ashes or boards, either of which could be made at small expense and a few hours of time in labor.

Especially is this neglect to be condemned where the females of the family are the sufferers. We have many times seen the way to the woodpile, coal bin, spring-house, chicken-yard and other indispensable points, totally unfit to be used by them. If any one thinks there is any economy in this, he is grievously mistaken. To say nothing as to the loss of time in wading through the mud, the wear-and-tear of shoe leather and injury to garments would alone pay the entire expense of providing good, dry walks; but when the questions of health, of suffering and doctors' bills are taken into account, they ought to be sufficient to drive every negligent, unempathizing proprietor, whether in town or country, to follow the suggestion herein made. A man who will not look after the reasonable needs and comforts of a family, does not deserve to have a family.—*Germanston Telegraph.*

If you get a moment to spare, spruce up, put the gate on its hinges, put a little paint on the picket fence you built last year, make it cozy and inviting; don't say you can't find time for such things. The fact is you have no time to grow slovenly. Your wife and children will be happier, your farm will be worth more money in the market, and be worth more to you at home, if you devote an odd hour, now and then, in sprucing up.

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