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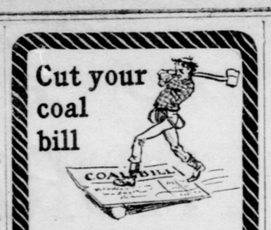

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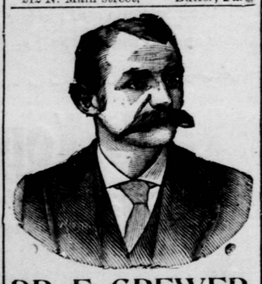

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HANDY MANURE CARRIER.

A Self Dumping Bucket Running on a Track.

The manure carrier shown herewith is a very efficient one. It is used in this case for carrying the manure from a cow barn. It consists of a large iron bucket with the bottom hinged and fastened to the bucket, when closed, with a spring snap. The bucket is carried in and out of the barn on a track which is placed so that when the doors are closed it leaves a very small opening around the track. The track is supported on the outside of the barn

MANURE CARRIER.

by timbers bolted together near the top, carrying the track under their intersection. The track is placed so that it is slightly down grade from the barn to the place where the manure is dumped, so that the bucket runs out by its own weight when loaded.

A rope is attached to the running device to pull the bucket back into the barn. A cord is also attached to the bottom of the bucket, which by pulling will cause the bottom to drop and allow the manure to fall out. Between the track running device and the bucket there is a pulley supplied with ropes which will allow the bucket to be raised and lowered. The bucket can be let down upon the floor, loaded and then pulled up ready to run out and be emptied. An economical way to dispose of the manure is to have a wagon so placed that the manure can be dumped into it and hauled directly to the field. Better still, if the farmer has a spreader it can be placed to receive the manure and can then be spread upon the fields. In this case it is hauled economically and easily. It also saves much of the disagreeable part of manure handling. The bucket need not be touched after it is loaded in the barn. This device is in use on a western farm.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

Alfalfa For Stock.

The experience of a very successful feeder may be here quoted as typical of the general practice. This farmer feeds several hundred head of cattle each year, and his practice is to carry his stock cattle through the winter by feeding them low grade alfalfa hay, such as is found at the tops and bottoms of stacks, to which is added oat straw, sorghum hay, corn fodder, prairie hay or other cheap roughness. The daily ration allowed for each animal is about twenty-five to thirty pounds of alfalfa and five to ten pounds of other roughness, and from this he makes a gain of from one-half to one pound per day for each animal without giving them any grain or other feed of any kind. When the cattle are ready to fatten for market it is only necessary to add corn chop to this ration, and they are ready for shipping in a very short time.

Baby beef, which has become so popular and profitable in the west, has been made possible by alfalfa.

Every farmer who wishes to save all the valuable food substances that exist in his corn and alfalfa will feed the two together, so that what one lacks will be supplied by the other. In this way beef and pork can be grown for the farmer rapidly and at the lowest possible cost.

Apple Vinegar.

Making vinegar is one of the simple and easy tasks of the farm, but to secure a perfect product the process must be correctly and carefully conducted. Only sound, ripe apples should be used, avoiding dirty fruit or washing it before pressing. Use only juice from the first pressing, place in clean barrels, which have been treated with hot water or steam to destroy undesirable germs. The barrels should not be full or tightly corked, as free access of air is desirable. In ordinary cellar temperatures the first stage, the alcoholic fermentation, should be complete in five or six months, but by storing in warmer rooms and by the use of yeast the time can be much shortened. The second stage, the acetic fermentation, may be hastened by heat and by the use of a good "starter" of "mother" or sharp vinegar. When the required acidity is reached the barrels should be filled to the bung and tightly corked to avoid undesirable fermentation.—Farm Journal.

Winter Pasturage.

As to the growing season, bur clover commences just about when the Bermuda pasture fails. The two plants can be used in combination with great success. The Bermuda sod should be scarified with a disk or cutaway harrow in October and the seed sown broadcast. It will grow readily in the Bermuda sod, furnishing winter pasturage, and will ripen its seed and disappear in the spring about the time the Bermuda begins to grow well. It will reseed itself in the Bermuda sod as well as on open land if the seed be allowed to form during the spring. In order to secure the growth from the seed the next fall it will be necessary to again scarify the land as when the seed was originally planted. This gives the seed a chance to get down into the soil among the tangled stems of the Bermuda grass.—Carleton B. Hall.

MILL FEEDS.

Profitable Use In Changing From Grass to Dry Food.

Increasing attention is being given by intelligent farmers and stock keepers everywhere to the use of concentrated feeds, mill stuffs and similar substances. This is so because such attention almost invariably yields a handsome return. The old haphazard methods of feeding are giving way to more careful, more practical and therefore more scientific methods. It is becoming more common to raise clover, alfalfa, pea vine, horse bean or cowpea hay, so as to have dry fodder or roughage rich in protein to supplement the ordinary hay and grain fodder which are relatively poor in protein, but rich in starch and woody fiber.

Grains, mill stuffs and ground feeds are also being employed with more intelligence and greater profit than in [illegible]. Where the protein contained in the former [illegible] are not [illegible] taining hays above mentioned [illegible] grown it is entirely practicable to balance up the rations of ordinary hay, corn fodder, corn grain, etc., by feeding suitable proportions of any of the high grade concentrates, such as old or new process linseed meal, cottonseed meal, gluten feed, gluten meal, etc. Of course in beginning to feed these concentrates it is important to start with a relatively small quantity per cow per day and increase the allowance as the creature's condition and product warrant. Special care is necessary in this matter at this season and when the cows change from grass or green feed to the dry feed of winter.

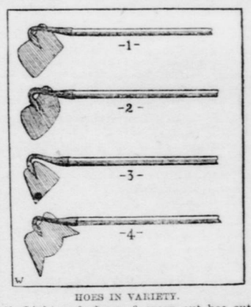
One of the safest mixtures to use at this critical period is corn, oats and barley, ground and mixed in proper proportions.

When these grains are finely ground, concludes American Agriculturist, and the resulting feed is kiln dried the feed seems to be more digestible and is certainly very appetizing.

GARDEN HOES.

Several Sorts of Hoes Convenient For Various Purposes.

For general use in the garden I like a business hoe, one that is wide, so as to cut over a large surface or move a good lot of soil at each stroke, and sharp, so as to cut deep and easy. A good file ought to be kept near at hand. But we also want hoes that can be used in weeding and especially in weeding onions grown by the transplanting method. They stand several inches apart and will admit of working



HOES IN VARIETY.
[1. Light and sharp; 2. worn out hoe cut down for weeds; 3. onion hoe; 4. new style.]

among them with a narrow bladed hoe. I used to take an old, well worn hoe, one practically past its usefulness, and cut the blade down at both sides, so as to leave it from corner to corner only two or two and one-half inches wide, and the corners themselves at an acute angle, says a writer in Farm and Fireside. As to the new style hoe, it is surely sharp and I believe of just the right form to be serviceable for use as a weeder in onions and other close planted stuff. In short, with hoes of the right kind it seems to be not much of a curse to be "the man with the hoe."

Rhubarb May Be Divided.

If rhubarb is to be divided it should be done in the autumn and not left to the spring, when the plants should be doing their best work. Cut so each bud will have a good piece of root, and set with manure below the soil on which the root rests and manure above the soil covering it, the rain and snow of winter will do the rest. Later, if early outdoor stalks are wanted from established roots, a tall box or barrel should be put over each root with straw over the plant and a good wall of well-rotted manure inside the inclosure. There will probably be a good growth of tender stalks in the early spring.

Winter Turnips.

Good mellow ground is best to use for turnips, but almost any kind will do. Plow up a piece of oats stubble or pull your onions and cultivate that up. Be sure your ground is harrowed down well. Select a good winter variety of turnip seed. I think the winter purple top the best. Mix a ten cent package of seed in a half gallon of dry ashes and sow the whole broadcast over the ground, harrow in lightly, and if there are good fall rains you are assured of a good crop of turnips.—Missourian.

The Mealy Wheat.

From experience and rather wide observation, a writer in an exchange thinks it may be affirmed that the much praised mealy wheat is likely to succeed on sandy clay or loam soil of some elevation, but that on bottom land and rich black loams some more universally acclimated variety is more likely to prove a success.

MUST LOOK YOUNG.

This Accounts For Dyed Looks That Nurses Sometimes Show.

"Yes, she's a good nurse, doctor," said the patient rather reluctantly.

"You don't mean that," was the answer of the physician. "What's the matter with her? Come, tell me."

"Nothing," began the faint contradiction. "She's quiet, tidy and sympathetic, but, doctor, her hair's dyed. I could see it plainly yesterday when she sat between me and the window."

The doctor did not speak for a moment. He did not even look surprised.

"Such a nice nurse, too," went on the patient. "Why should she do such a foolish thing?"

It was then that she learned from the doctor that dyed hair is not nearly so uncommon in the case of trained nurses as might be supposed. Sick people like to have young nurses about them. Even physicians have a weakness for the young nurses. They believe that their interest and enthusiasm are greater.

"The nurses' term of usefulness is short enough as it is," this physician said, "for the work is so exhaustive that they must soon succumb. Some of them are compelled to give up after ten years. Few are ever able to keep up until they have put in twenty years.

"If they feel that gray hairs, coming perhaps a little earlier than they are due, are going to make the term of their best days even briefer they are driven to hiding those traces of time and overwork by the use of hair dye, and the number that do make use of it is very much larger than anybody supposes."—New York Sun.

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The Way This Beautiful Wood Was Brought Into Fashion.

Every one knows how effective and handsome mahogany is when used for good furniture, but few of us know how its value was first discovered.

In the latter part of the seventeenth century a London physician had a brother engaged in trade with the West Indies who on one occasion brought home several logs of mahogany as ballast. The doctor was building a house, and his brother suggested that the logs would serve for ceiling beams. Acting on the proposal, the doctor gave orders to the workmen to make use of the mahogany, but their tools were not equal to the task of cutting the hard wood, and the logs were put out of the way in a corner in the garden.

Some time afterward the head carpenter tried to make a box from the wood, but was unsuccessful with ordinary tools. He told the doctor, who was interested in the baffling timber and ordered heavier tools to be made to work it with, says Home Notes. When this was done and a box at last made and polished, it was so handsome that a bureau was made from another of the despised logs, and this was declared by experts to be so superior to other furniture making woods that the craze for mahogany set in, and furniture made from it became highly popular, the then Duchess of Buckingham fostering the craze in the fashionable world.

A Universal Rule.

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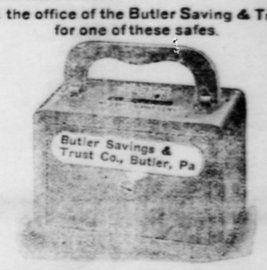

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