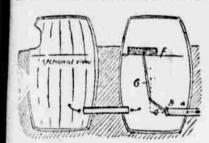


WATERING THE HOGS.

omemade Automatic Trough That superior to Many Expenaive Devices.

Patented devices for watering hogs early all have the fault that the hog water to run out. A homemade sutematic trough, as good as any I have seen on the markets, has given good satisfaction at my piggery. Place barrel about three-fourths of its length in the ground, with the pipe (a) from the supply tank entering at one side with a stopcock or valve (b) on the end of pipe. Attach a small iron rod (c) in such a manner that when the outer end of the rod is raised it will



AUTOMATIC WATERING TROUGH stop the flow of water, and when it is

lowered the water begins to fill the barrel. Take a board (f) about a root quare, and attach a wire (g) from end f rod to the center of the board so that the board will be on top of the water, and the rod will be drawn up when the water is at the desired height, thus stopping the flow.

Place another barrel at some conmenioni point, with holes cut in (d) only. arge enough to admit a hog's nose. Connect the two barrels with pipe (c) and regulate the height of water by the leagth of the wire (g). If you have little orgs running about it is best to at small boards across the drinking arrel, a couple of inches under water, to keep the pigs from drowning should they accidentally get in. After the waer seight is once regulated there will e no difficulty in using this device. The barrel used to drink from should e cleaned out quite often.-James Pearson, in Farm and Home.

THE DEMAND FOR PIGS.

they Command Not Only the Highest Price, But No Other Kind of Pople in Vented.

farm management during the last quarer of a century there are few that have rought the farmer greater profit than that of marketing pigs at six or seven months old, instead of keeping them aree times as long. The best market amund at present is for good, fat pigs, nd they command the highest price. It is been demonstrated over and over a, that the cost per pound increases h the age of the pig. and so it is in e line of economy to push the pigs a the start and sell early. I have no a to determine exactly what the savventure the assertion a of pork can be made from pigs six seven months old, for one-third less my than from mature hogs, says aldo F. Brown, in Practical Farmer. robably the best reason I can give for his is that in adding 100 pounds to he weight of a pig after it reaches 200 pounds, you must furnish food for sup-port to repair the waste of the 200 pounds while adding the extra weight, Again, the gain in the first place is mac up of growth as well as fat to a much greater extent than when hogs near maturity are fed. The risk of loss from disease is reduced at least in proportion to the shortest time the hogs are fed, and I believe even more than this, for I find it easier to keep young growing hogs thrifty than those of mature age. There is also a saving in labor, for every farmer knows that there is a large amount of hard work in feeding logs that must be attended to every day, and it is much easier to feed 200 days than 400.

Feeding Salt with Fodder.

It is difficult to feed cut cornfodder so as to have it all eaten, and the difficulty is increased if there are nubbins of corn in the cut fodder to scatter grains through it. Cattle and horses will nose this over to get the grains of corn, and when the fodder has been thus nosed over only the small, fine pieces will be eaten. The better way is to grind the nubbins, corn and cob together, and apply this to the fodder after it has been moistened by steam. In this way most of the cut fodder will be eaten, and what is left can be made more palatable by sprinkling more meal on it and adding some salt. By feeding salt with unpalatable fodder a great tenl of nutrition may be secured from what would otherwise be wasted .-American Cultivator.

Artificial Pollenization. Artificial pollenization of fruit blossoms has not usually been attempted, except to secure new varieties of fruit. But it has a great field in securing much larger crops of melons, squashes and pumpkins, all of which, especially in rainy seasons, set too little fruit and run too much to vine. Bees and insects do a good deal of this work and charge nothing for their services. But in rainy weather bees and insects strike work. If the blossoms are artificially fertilized, the vines will require extra supplies of manure. But this can be castly and profitably afforded if the melon, squash or pumpkin crop can be doubled or trebled on the same vine or ground, as we believe it often may be.-Amertean Cultivator.

Itilised to Advantage as One of the Sources of Food for Growing

During the fall and winter whenever ve cleaned out our henhouses we threw the cleanings in one corner of our garden lot, writes H. B. Geer in the Agricultural Epitomist. We used mill sweepings, wheat chaff, short straw, etc., in the houses for scratching purposes. All of these, together with the chicken manure, made quite a compost heap, that heated inside like the manure pile at the back of the country stable usually does.

In removing the stuff for fertilizing purposes to the garden in the spring we noticed a great many worms and grubs at the base of the heap. Our young chickens were right at our heels every time we turned the compost or broke the earth beneath it, scratching and working away after the vermin that infested the lower part of the heap. They would go also of their own accord after each shower in the spring of the year and work industriously in the

This led us to investigate further, and also to leave a good part of the refuse in a heap for them to scratch over. We discovered on digging down about six inches that the earth beneath the edges of the heap was honeycombed with holes made by what the boys call fishworms, and that whenever it rained and the sun came out later the worms came to the surface, and then the chicks would scratch down a little and get them. At the top of the ground where the fertilizer lay there were a great lot of very small red worms and a great

many white grubs. After taking a good view of the situation we decided to foster our worm hatchery and to utilize it as one of the sources of food for our little chickens. In warm, showery weather it yields abundantly, but in dry spells the worma seem to go deeper into the earth, and can then be obtained by deep digging

CHEAP POULTRY HOUSE.

A Practical Affair for Sections Where the Winter Snowfall is Not Very Henry.

For certain sections of the country where there is but little snow in winter the poultry house shown in the cut will be found a most practical affair. It is built something like a chicken coop, but much wider, and can be earried to any length desired, according as one, two or a dozen flocks are to be given accommodations.

The interior of each pen is reached from the hinged door in the roof From this the house can be cleaned out, new litter added, eggs collected and the fowls fed in unpleasant weather. At all other times they are fed in the yards. Among the many radical changes in The hinged doors in the roof are in perspective in the picture and do not show



CHEAP FOULTEY HOUSE

their full width. Of course they can be made as wide as one may wish. Make the whole roof of well-sensoned lumber and paint it well. Under each edge of the hinged doors make a deep groove running down the roof to the caves. This will keep rain from beating in under the doors. Small windows open out from the side toward the yards.

In some circumstances small detached houses can be made after this pattern and located far enough apart so that the hens can be divided into small flocks, but given free range over a pasture or other rough land, each flock learning to know its own home and going to it to lay, eat and roost, Even in far northern latitudes where snow lies deep in winter such a plan could be used for the summer colonizing of fowls, the flocks being brought into winter quarters at the approach of winter.

Either the continuous shelter or those detached can be built for a trifle of the cost of an ordinary poultry house and will enable many to engage in keeping poultry extensively or to greatly enlarge present flocks who would not feel able to invest a considerable sum in more pretentious houses -American Agriculturist.

The Hens Need Variety.

Instead of feeding wheat every day the grain may be varied by simply allowing one kind of grain each day. Oats may be given the first day, corn the next and wheat the next. The cost of food will be about the same as if but one kind Is given, but the fowls will enjoy the changes of grain and keep in better health. If meat, milk and bulky food are also added to the ration the hens should lay, provided they have warm quarters and are not overfed. Variety should always be the rule, for even the grains differ in their composition.-Dakota Field and Farm.

Cold Storage of Eggs. Cold storage enables those who handle large numbers of eggs to hold them until prices are higher, which is regarded unfavorably by farmers who have fresh eggs for sale. On the other side, the cold storage of eggs relieves the market of the surplus stock when prices are low, which, at least, prevents a loss to some. The fact is, however, that the farmer who has strictly fresh eggs can always get good process them if he will build up a trade for himeggs can always get good prices for self in the nearest town, as no family will buy cold storage eggs in preference of this paper, who will give all needed information to those newly laid.—American Gar-

or condition.

Young Man-I came to inquire wheth-

Loving my friend and loving truth, By doubts and fears I'm torn in half, Because my friend has asked, in sooth,

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goin' wif de Johnson gal now? Absalom fo' nuffin' at all.-Judge.

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"I understand that Mrs. Smith leads



er you have read those jokes yet that I

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left here a few days ago? Editor-Oh, often.-St. Louis Re-

A Quandary.

That I should write his epitaph.
-Robert Gilbert Weish, in Judge.

Very Strange.

"That's queer, when it is so much

Abe Johnson-Did you evah walk ten

miles to rob a chicken coop and den find dar was nuflin' in it but a bear trap. a Pete Jackson-No; but I married fo' money once!-Puck.

"Why?"

Sam Shindigg-No, I didn't; but I suspected it, I heard she shook Abe

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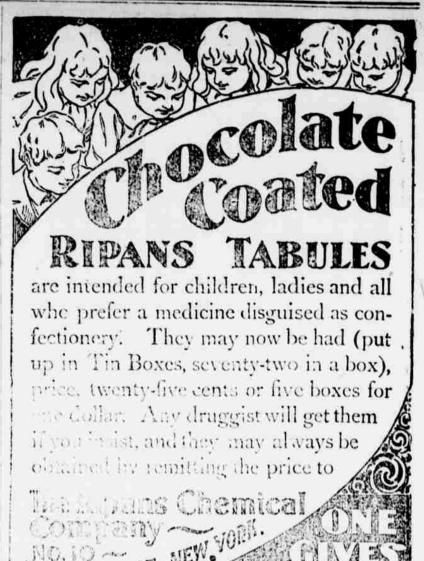
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