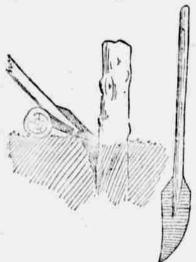


HANDY POST LIFTER.

Although Extremely Simple the Implement Here Described Never Fails to Do Its Work.

During the slack of work I have been doing some fence building, changing the boundaries of a large field, which has necessitated the moving of some 80 or 90 cedar posts still in sufficiently good condition to replant. These posts had been set, not driven, and had not been pointed, so that getting them out of the ground appeared at first a difficuit task. Although the sod was wet, yet after working them loose in all directions they stuck so persistently and required so much tugging, effort and



SUBSTANTIAL POST LIFTER.

time to get them above ground that I decided to procure some assistance which would not only be available for the job in hand, but for future reference. I concluded if I could get a crowbar with an upturned end, which could be hammered out to a point at the blacksmith shop, that it would . nswer; but, failing in this, I took a stout, seaganed post about four inches in diameter and six or seven feet long and had it shod with a heavy piece of iron with an out-turned point. With this implement, after working them loose, it was a very easy matter, with the use of another post for a fulerum, to pry out the ald posts, no matter how tenaciously they stuck .- Guy E. Mitchell, in Farm and Fireside.

GERMAN BEET SUGAR.

Some Authentic Figures from Which American Farmers Can Draw a Valuable Lesson.

Some figures taken from a sugartrade journal and republished by the St. Louis Republic show what an astonishingly large quantity of sugar the German beet farmers managed to raise on a comparatively small quantity of land during the crop year of 1897- into a warm bed for a couple of hours, 98. In this crop year there were 1,080, and this I did. 256 acres devoted to the cultivation of amounted to 13,697,891 tons. In the of- passenger, who left the train when we ficial table the average yield is set down at 12.22 tons per acre. Some deductions are evidently made, for the average really figures out 12.68 tons per acre. Based on raw sugar, the sugar production is given as 1.844,309 tons. This would make the yield average 3,763 pounds to the acre. These figures. if the prevailing conditions of sugar making in the United States could be relied on as permanent, would hold out a promise of profit to American agriculturists. According to present infermation the sugar manufactories in the United States pay \$4 to \$4.50 per ton for sugar beets. Placing the beet yield at 12.22 tons per acre and estimating the prices according to the standard quoted, between \$49 and \$55 would be realized for the sugar beets produced upon an acre of land. This is more than four times as much as the average value per acre for wheat they raised in 1897, when they had an unusually good demand and a favorable acre obtained by American farmers for the market for its sale.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

It is rarely safe to risk going through the summer without a good

If you like greens, use the young beets, tops and all, taken out in thinning the crop.

If the clover that is expected to make seed is being pastured care must be taken not to graze down too close. Having the soil fine and mellow and stirring frequently will aid materially

in retaining the moisture in the soil. The sugar corn will car better if not too much crowded. It needs sun and air around it to grow it to perfection.

Some weeds seem to hold possession of the land persistently, but when they are kept down by frequently cutting off the tops it is but a matter of time before they will die, as every cutting rauses exhaustion.—Western Plowman.

Making Sweet Sonp Grease.

In many farmhouses all the scraps of fat, cooked and uncooked, are thrown together in a large tub or kettle, where, exposed to air, it quickly becomes exeredingly offensive to the senses. One wonders how it can be that such stinking grease can be changed into good, eleansing soap. But it is said the expla-mation is that the thorough boiling which the grease receives with the lye destroys all the offensive germs. But it only does this after much of the value of the grease has been destroyed. Get a cake of potash and make a strong lye of it. Throw this over the grease and fat, entirely covering it. The grease will be partly turned into soap by this and will keep sweet without any waste. erican Cultivator.

AS BAD AS A FIRE

Traveler in Texas Was Compelled to Move Three Times in One Night.

"Did you ever sleep in three different towns and in three different hotels in one night, paying three times for a rather incomplete night's rest?"

The old traveling man threw out the question in an unconcerned way after having listened in silence for an hour while the other members of the Corner club reeled off yard after yard of stories about the road, its pleasures, its dangers and its humors. The pause that followed was only broken by some violent but futile efforts by the stutterer

to launch a sentence. "Well, I have done it," the old traveling man continued. "And I may add that although I have been kept on the road for 20 years I have never met a man who was able to boast of the same experience. It came about in this way: was down in Texas in 1881 and 1882, and New Year's day found me in a small town called Longview, with my nose turned in the direction of the neighboring town of Tyler. To get to one of these towns from the other you must travel on two different railroads and cover about 40 miles of ground, although the towns are hardly more than 15 miles apart as the crow flies. Longview is on the International & Great Northern, while Tyler is on the Mincola branch of the Texas Pacific. The two railreads cross each other at a junetion called Troop, about 24 miles from Longview and 18 miles from Tyler.

"I was having my dinner in the hotel at Longview about six o'clock on the evening of New Year's day, when a firstclass norther came swooping down upon us. If you have never met a genuine Texas norther pray that you may be spared from having the experience. The wind will spring up without a moment's warning, and I have seen it lower the temperature 50 degrees in 60 minntes. Everyone had been going around in his shirt sleeves. After the norther began an ulster was needed. There was no fire in the house and no comfort. My train did not leave until 11:10 p. m. The only thing I could think of was to take a room and go to bed, and so 1 did. I awoke at 10:30, jumped into my elothes and caught my train.

"My watch showed a few minutes Troop and heard that the west-bound train on the Texas Pacific was any way from two to three hours late. A band of immigrants was waiting for the same train and they filled the waiting-room. Some were cooking a meal on the redhot stove in the middle of the room. and on the floor. There was not a vacant seat to be had and the atmosphere was indescribable. The air outside was pure enough, but the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero, which is not a very comfortable temperature gloves. There was only one way to keep Scotning Synur. 1 warm-to cross the tracks to the little

"I slept till 4:15 and caught the be- in the sugar beets. The beets worked lated train at 4:43. There was only one reached Tyler at 5:15, and that was I. It was pitch dark then, cold as Alaska and so quiet that your steps sounded like hammer beats along the streets. No one was stirring in the hotel at that time and it took me a quarter of an hour to wake up an old negro who was sleeping on the floor in the office. The first thing I did when I got inside the house was to dig out the keys to the bar and to gulp down two big drinks of whisky. And then I asked for a fire.

"'No coal, massa,' the old nigger auswered, grinning like a split watermelon; 'no wood, no nuffing. Massa had better go to bed.'

"And so I did, to be sure, for the third time that night. It was 5:45 o'clock in the morning then and I slept like a dead man till 9:30. Have you ever heard the like of it? And yet my lodging for that night cost me only \$1.50, or 50 cents at each hotel. The fun of it, when it was all over, was worth \$1.50, I think."-N. Y. Sun.

Fruits Replace Flowers.

Fruits are replacing flowers as decorations for the table, and for this purpose are used not fruit bought by the pound, but fruit on its branches. These branches are entwined in the hanging lamps, forming a sort of cradle whence hang fresh currants, shining cherries, plums with the bloom on them, golden apricots, etc. On the table, in little flat glass dishes shaped like leaves, are arranged cherries, currants and other fruit in season. These cut glass dishes are made in a very practical form, with a second compartment in which are placed powdered sugar and a little There may be four or six of spoon. them, of fairly large size, or else little ones may be chosen, in which case there should be one to each guest. New and ingenious ideas for laying the tables are being continually introduced. Thus beside the plates are placed small crescent-shaped plates for salad, and sometimes delicate little silver knives and forks, used only for this purpose-as in the case of fish knives-are added .-Chicago Times-Herald.

Couldn't Fool Her.

She was evidently new at housekeeping and marketing, but carried herself with an air intended to impress people with the opinion that she knew all about it, and wasn't going to be imposed upon. It was at the Bonsecours

market before a fish stall. "Lobster, madam? Oh, yes!" said the dealer, with deference. "Very nice ones this morning. Here is a first-class one, madam," he said, exhibiting one in its sall of glistening emerald.

The alert customer tossed her head and exclaimed: "Oh, no! You can't fool me with any of your green, unripe lobsters! I want a red one!"-Montreal Star.

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Englishmen May Inform Themselves at Home Regarding Other Lands.

For the last dozen years England has been developing an institution of which, as yet, there is little need in this country. That is the Colonial col-lege, in a remote corner of Suffolk, in which, upon an estate of about 800 acres, equipped with suitable buildings, laboratories, and so forth, the young men of the realm who desire to broaden their horizon and their field of effort take a course of one or two years in what is known as "training for the colonies." Here they are taught that these far-away dependencies are not Eldoradoes, where gold can be had for the cartage, but places in which pioneer patience, courage and thrift are neces-sary qualities. The theory of "roughing it" is inculcated, and the instruction is to a considerable extent along Cough Remedy. He sells five bot emergency lines, such as saddlery, carpentry, dairying, veterinary medicine and the like.

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Conflicting Toots.

"Some men." said Uncle Eben, "is so busy blowin dah own hornsdat dey can't hear de fact'ry whistle coaxin' 'em to come work."-Washington Star.

Prompt Acquittal.

Cholly-If I have offended you it has been done-aw-thoughtlessly-Una Lloyd-Oh! I'm sure you couldn't have done it otherwise .- Puck.

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