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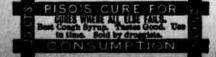
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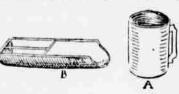


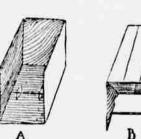


DEVICES FOR FEEDING.

Little Contrivances Which, Though Seemingly Unimportant, Are Great Labor Savers.

The principal employment of farmers for the next three months will be caring for their live stock. Anything that will facilitate the work of feeding is in order. Two convenient homemade tools are illustrated in Fig. 1. A is a half-peck feed box, made from a piece of stove pipe. The bottom is a piece of one-quarter-inch board fitted nicely in the pipe and well nailed to its place. The top should be bent over a ring of No. 9 wire to give it sufficient strength. To hold the even half peck for a seven-inch pipe, the





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depth should be just seven inches. B is a grain scoop for filling sacks, etc. It is made from a piece of sheetiron 18 inches long by 14 inches wide. The best way to fasten the sides to the crosspiece is to bore a hole through it, from end to end, and draw the sides up with a small bolt. The handle is attached to this cross-piece and to the end piece, as shown. The edges of this, also, should be wired. Spouts with "cut offs" for drawing small grains, ground feed, etc., from bins on a higher level, are quite common, but such conveniences are not so common about corn-cribs. Fig. 2 represents a form of spout or "shoot" by which corn can be drawn from a crib very nicely. The opening in the crib should be not less than 16 inches square and the shoot, the same size, is set sloping down at an angle of 40 degrees. It should be about two feet long. The bottom is in two pieces, the lower half being hinged to the upper. To shut off the corn, this portion of the bottom is simply turned up and hooked. A, Fig. 2. shows the shoot with the top off and the bottom let down. B shows the shoot closed. Two or three shoots like this along the side of a crib will save a great deal of shoveling and of lifting also, if the crib is so situated that the corn can be run directly into a sled or wagon.-Albert Rex, in Ohio

IMITATION BUTTER.

Every Pound of It Should Have Stamped on It the Ingredients of Which It Is Composed.

The healthfulness of oleomargarine is a question that is constantly being considered. The difficulty of properly answering the question is increased by the fact that the oleomargarine of to day is not necessarily the eleomargarine of to-morrow, and the oleomargarine that is turned out by one factory is not the same as that turned out by another. Chemists have now discovered that some oleomargarine contains paraffin, to give it firmer composition. Paraffin by itself is indigestible, and it may also be indigestible when incorporated with the fats that compose oleomargarine, but we are not yet certain of that point, for the reason that no one appears to have investigated what paraffin will do in such a combination. It may be less harmful than by itself or it may be more harmful. It may be that the union of paraffin with fat permits some of it to get through the tissues with the fat, and there it may work all kinds of mischief-or it may not. However, people do not care to take their chances on such uncertainties. It is manifestly the duty of the government to ascer tain such facts for the people. If paraffin is to be sold as butter we should at least know what effect it will have when taken into the human system. We believe that every pound of oleomargarine that goes out should have stamped on the package containing it the ingredients that are used in its manufacture, including all the preservatives .- Farmers' Review.

To Master a Kicking Cow. There are few things around a farm that are more exasperating than a balky horse or a kicking cow. No trouble will be had with the latter if this plan is tried: Take two straps with a buckle on the end of each. Buckle one of them about the animal's hind legs just above the big joint and back of the udder. This should not be loose enough to slip over the joint, and not tight ene igh to prevent slipping the other strap through it. Slip the second strap through the first and then buckle around the other leg the same as the first, and draw up until the legs are held close together. You can then proceed in safety with the milk-Your cow will neither kick nor run away.-J. L. Irwin, in Ohio Farmer.

A good way to destroy plant lice is to dip the affected parts of the plants into a bucket of strong to-bacco water, or else syringe with this

FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Budget of Information for Everyday Use in the Home Work.

A lemon custard pie that is always appreciated is made in this wise: The crust is baked first, an open shell, perforating it in several places with a fork before putting in the oven, to avoid blistering. For the filling, cream together one-half cupful of sugar and butter the size of a walnut. Add the juice of half a lemon and two tablespoonfuls of belling water, and, lastly, the beaten yolks of three eggs. Grate in a little of the rind and cook in double boiler until thick. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and stir in after the filling is taken from the fire. Pour all in the open crust already baked and set in oven for a few moments. If a meringue is desired, whip the whites to a froth, add two tablespoonfuls pulverized sugar, spread over the top and dry slowly in the oven until an inch thick and a golden brown.

A fruit and nut cake indigenous to this way: Stir to a cream two cupfuls of sugar and one of butter. Add the yolks of six eggs beaten light, one teaspoonful of cinnamon and nutmeg mixed and one teaspoonful soda dissolved in one cupful of cold water. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and fold in alternately with the flour, absorbent of moisture, more easily into which two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar has been sifted, until four cupfuls of flour bave been used. Lastly, stir into the mixture one pound of raisins seeded, chopped and dredged with flour and one cupful of hickory nut kernels, also dredged. Mix all thoroughly and bake in two loaves in a slow oven.

The most wholesome and altogether delicious way in which the large Spanish or Bermuda onions can be cooked is by roasting in their skins. Lay the onions directly on the bottom of the oven and bake three or four hours. By this method they will be cooked in their own steam, and none of the medicinal properties of the onion be dissipated. When ready to serve peel, put on hot dishes, add salt, pepper and butter, and realize that you have the onion at its very best. Invalids can eat onions prepared in this way. When boiled in the usual fashion they are sure to disagree. The onions may be served whole or be cut in small pieces, but in either case they will be found tender, juicy and delicious.

Cod liver oil, say physicians, should be taken during or immediately after meals. It is best given as clear oil when it can be taken. If this is too distasteful a pinch of salt taken before and after the dose rapidly removes from the mouth the unpleasant fish taste. Many aver that it is easier taken in ice water. Just enough ice water for a swallow is put in a glass, and to this the oil should be added. The oil will gather in a mass in the center, and if the whole is swallowed at once it will scarcely be tasted.

Apple toast makes a delightful and simple dessert for invalids or the aged. The foundation of the dish is bread toasted in the oven until crisp throughout. Place the slices in the bottom of a colander set within another dish, turn boiling water over each slice, drain immediately and serve hot in a pretty china saucer with sweetened apple sauce about the consistency of marmalade turned over each slice. The sauce may also be made of dried apples or preserved peaches.

Old and obdurate stains in linen may be removed by the fumes arising from a small piece of burning sulphur (sometimes even a sulphur match will be enough), followed by washing in water

in which a little soda has been dissolved. A dainty dessert for the nursery or invalid's tray consists of an apple cored and carefully baked, then covered with whipped cream or the white of an egg beaten stiff with a little sugar.

In disinfecting a room with sulphur the vessel containing it should be placed as high as possible, so that the heavy fumes may fall. - Washington

HER RULING PASSION.

She Mourned the Death of Her Friend, But Couldn't Overlook Her Fine Clothes.

"There goes a woman." said the girl, 'who hasn't a thought on earth except dress. I know that superior man at tributes this particular weakness to all women-but it's a canard, as, of course, are nine out of ten of male estimates of women."

She conquered a refractory button on her glove before she continued: "But that woman who passed us is, without doubt, the most dress-crazy woman I have ever met. She knows no topic save dress-can speak on no other subject. She spends one-half of her time at her dressmaker's, and the other half is used in exploiting the handicraft of the modist. Goodness only knows when she manages to get anything to eat. She's dead to every feeling, I believe, except that which has to do with dress. And what do you think she said Saturday? I met her as we were going out of a house of mourning. A young woman whom we both knew had died-but the feeling of sorrow was too fresh upon me to permit anything more than a nod of recognition. For half a square we walked side by side. Then I said: 'Poor, dear Glara-alive and well one week ago, and now-now she's gone!"

"'Yes,' answered my friend, blandly -'but wasn't she dressed beautifully? Really, it was a treat to see her!" --Philadelphia Press.

What Perfect Health Is. Perfect health is that condition of the body when digestion is so perfect that the physiological balance between the destruction and construction that goes

Taking All Kinds Into Consideration, Its Value Can Be Placed at Two Dollars a Ton.

The actual value of straw for the fertilizing elements in the straw itself may be roughly estimated at about two dollars per ton or a little more, taking all the various straws into consideration. Clover haulm, from which the seed has been threshed and which has lost its leaves, must be reckoned considerably higher, and we should say at three times that amount, although we have not a reliable analysis at hand on which to base our estimate. But the importance of using straw as bedding in the stables does not depend upon the value of the straw as a fertilizer, but first upon the value of a warm, dry and comfortable bed for the animals, a purpose which may be served by other material, as sawdust or leaves, and second upon its power of absorbing liquids. Straw easily absorbs twice its own weight, and when that consists of the liquid excrements of the animal, California, but much appreciated by it makes the soaked straw actually tourists from "the states," is made in more valuable than the solid droppings more valuable than the solid droppings of the animals. It saves and conveys to the soil in a form readily available for plant food, all the nitrates, phosphates and potash which are passed off from the system in that way. It has also a mechanical effect in lightening up a heavy soil, making it porous, more penetrated by plant roots, and also by frost and air, both of which have important effects in working the chemical changes there which make mineral matters more readily available. We do not think the haulm from clover or other hay threshed for the seed makes as good bedding as straw, and neither does corn stover, but either of them contain more fertilizing elements than wheat or oat straw, and if cut in pieces of an inch long they have nearly as much absorbent power. It is a mistake to put either of these into the manure without cutting them, because they have not then opportunity to absorb so much of the liquid, and because more extra labor is necessary to handle the manure with these long stalks in it than would be required to reduce them to inch-long pieces. The same thing may be said of potato, tomato, squash and other vines. If cut short they make valuable additions to the manure heap. but if put in uncut they are a nuisance. -American Cultivator.

WOODEN WATER PIPES.

How the Farm Spring May Be Diverted to House or Barn at Almost No Expense.

Where water is to be conveyed under ground a wooden pipe can often be used at a great saving of expense. Use cedar or some wood that will not readily decay under ground, and make in either of the forms shown in the cut, "tongue and grooving" the joints that are at the bottom, filling the joints with white lead before putting them together.

WOODEN WATER PIPES.

spring to the house or barn at almost On hundreds and hundreds of farms the and often with great discomfort to both attendants and stock, when all the into the barn. If a farmer could once of having a supply of water thus at hand and under cover, he would never permit a possible opportunity to secure this convenience to go to waste. With the water in the barn, moreover, there is no longer need for the stock to drink ice water for five months of the year .-N. Y. Tribune.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Feed so as to make the most out of | side a the feed, as well as the most out of the stock.

It is cheaper to kill and cure sufficient meat now than to buy next spring or summer.

As soon as the ground freezes hard apply more covering to the fruit and vegetable pits.

After an animal is reasonably well fattened the lighter feeding usually becomes less profitable.

It is generally those farmers who need the education the least who attend the farmers' institutes in the largest numbers.

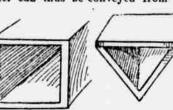
hauling during the winter should be well shod, and should have good blankets to protect them at any time they may be left standing in the cold .- N. J.

Hints on Storing Potatoes.

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Shepherd, in Kansas Farmer.

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them from sprouting in spring will be found useful when many are placed in the cellar for family use; it destroys the eyes or buds, after which they never start, consequently the tubers do not become shriveled and tough: Before placing them in the cellar leave the tubers for an hour in a solution of sulphuric seid, about 11/4 pints to 22 gallons of water, the whole being thoroughly mixed; after removing from this bath they should be spread out to dry, then placed in barrels. The solution also prevents decay. Such potatoes will never grow under any circum-stances, so those intended for planting should not be so treated.—Farmers'



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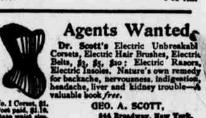


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