

TRAVELING SHEEP PEN.

Designed to Run, by Means of Electricity, in Any Pasture, Even Though It Be Hilly.

Of recent years nearly every town is provided with an electric generating plant, and frequently the wires are strung along the country roads from town to town.

A machine of this type is being experimented with at the agricultural experiment station at Lansing, Mich. Two lambs, and part of the time an old ewe, have been pastured in the pen during the summer.



A COVERED BARNYARD.

Handy for the Storage of Manure and a Run Under Cover for Cattle in Winter.

The shaded part of the accompanying cut (Fig. 1) shows an addition to an old barn that gives a covered space for the storage of manure and a run under cover for cattle in winter.



FIG. 1. ADDITION TO BARN.

the end of the barn that contains the cattle quarters, bringing these adjacent to the covered barnyard. A basement barnyard is shown in Fig. 2.

A covered barnyard of this sort at small expense can be had by those who have basements under their barns, or who have barns so located that they can be raised and basements thus secured.



FIG. 2. BASEMENT BARNYARD.

the south can then be left open, insuring a warm place for cattle to get the air, and a place for the storage of manure where it will not lose any of its valuable qualities.

PROFITABLE PRACTICE.

Soaking Corn for Feeding is Said to Result in the Saving of 20 Per Cent. of Grain.

For two years we have soaked all the corn fed to hogs, whether shelled or on the ear, writes O. C. Wiggins, Charlotte county, Va., in the Southern Planter.

I take it that the chief advantage in soaking corn lies in the better mastication which the animals give the kernels. I find that the teeth of pigs soon become sore when fed continuously on hard corn.

All last year we had been feeding our horses and mules on soaked corn with decided gain. Many horses have a vicious habit of bolting their grain, while old animals have faulty teeth, which prevent them from crushing hard grain.

HINTS FOR HORSEMEN.

Look out for rusty hay. Clean the stall floors daily. Never jerk or yank on the reins.

Good winter colts are always profitable. Give them a warm, roomy box stall with a ground floor. Midland Farmer.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for March 24, 1901—Jesus Crucified and Buried.

[Prepared by H. G. Lindington.] THE LESSON TEXT. Luke 23:33-54.

33. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying: He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God.

34. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar. 37. And saying: If thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself.

38. And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew: This is the King of the Jews.

39. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying: If thou be Christ, save Thyself and us.

40. But the other answering rebuked him, saying: Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42. And he said unto Jesus: Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43. And Jesus said unto him: Verily I say unto thee: To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

44. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.

47. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying: Certainly this was a righteous man.

48. And all the people that came together to that sight, bewailing the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

49. And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

50. And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just:

51. (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them); he was of Arimathea, a city of the Jews; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.—1 Cor. 15.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. The culmination of the life work of Jesus came on the cross. What a thing it is to contemplate—Jesus, the Son of God and most perfect among the sons of men, dying the death of a mean, degraded criminal.

Cicero, speaking of death on the cross, says: "It was the most cruel and shameful of all punishments. Let it never come near the body of a Roman citizen; eyes, or ears." Too low for a Roman to even think upon, yet the greatest Benefactor of the race of man there found His end. No, not end. It was only the beginning.

"For I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto myself." The cross itself became transfigured by the death of Christ upon it. Now it is no longer the instrument of a degraded death, but the emblem of service, of devotion to duty, of sublime self-sacrifice.

The priests, scribes and pharisees thought they were getting rid of Christ; instead, they gave Christ to the world.

To get an appreciative view of the events connected with the lesson, read the various accounts of the crucifixion and burial, as follows:

Matthew 27:1-66. Mark 15:1-47. Luke 23:1-56. John 19:16-42.

A careful compilation from the four records gives the various events in the following order:

The superscription placed on the cross in Greek, Latin and Hebrew: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." This was a subtle sarcasm, for Pilate himself did not believe it. The Jews had not accepted Him as king. In fact, He was being crucified for claiming to be a king. It was not in mockery of Jesus' claim. For this Pilate cared not at all. But it was a sort of public proclamation of Pilate's notion that a malefactor dying on the cross was a fit claimant for the title of "King of the Jews." Naturally the Jews objected. They wanted the superscription to be that He said: "I am King of the Jews." But Pilate left it as it was.

The first word from the cross was: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

The next event is the casting of lots by the soldiers for the garments of Jesus.

It is now the Jews begin to mock Jesus, saying: "He saved others, let Him save Himself."

The second word from the cross is spoken to the penitent thief: "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

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Quite Superfluous. Binkerton—What is that piece that Prof. Nagelachmitt is playing? Pilgric—That? Oh, that's one of the "Songs without Words." Binkerton—Well, the audience seem to be doing their level best to supply the deficiency.—Harlem Life.

Man's Preference. Some men are born to do the work And must forever buckle to it. But every man would like to shirk And tell some other how to do it. Chicago Times-Herald.

THE HORRID BACHELOR.



Spinster—Don't you think that marriage is a lottery? Bachelor—Oh! dear, no. In marriage a man has no chance of winning a prize.—Ally Sloper.

Fate's Bitter Irony. It's easy enough to live and learn. But why, alas! Oh why! Do people never learn to live Till just before they die?—Chicago Times-Herald.

As to Stuffum. "Did you ever see Stuffum eat? He uses his knife." "I have never watched him closely, but he always seems to be eating with a shovel."—Chicago Tribune.

Hears to Mend. The Actress Lady—It's a wonder you never went on the stage. The Society Girl—But it's no wonder you never "went" on the stage.—Town Topics.

Her Fad. Percy—May I consider myself your accepted lover? Edith—Well—er—hardly that! But for the present you may consider yourself my prevailing fad!—Puck.

Where the Money Goes. "What are your heaviest expenses in winter?" "Coal and cough drops."—Chicago Record.

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