

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special to The Commercial.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Navy Department is confronted with the need of more dry docks. The recent necessity of docking two battleships at the same time at Norfolk showed inconvenience due to the lack of docking facilities in that vicinity. Next year when the larger part of the fleet will be in Pacific waters, in consequence of the celebration of the Panama Canal opening at San Diego and San Francisco, the Navy Department will become painfully conscious of the lack of docking facilities on the west coast. There is a dry dock at Mare Island and one at Hunters Point, both in San Francisco bay, and one at Bremerton near Seattle. The Navy Department has learned with considerable satisfaction that another private dock is to be built at San Diego, and as the fleet will probably spend a good deal of its time there in consequence of the San Diego Exposition, the dock is likely to have all the business it can handle. Not only will the American fleet be in and around San Diego bay much of the year 1915, but foreign nations will send there the pick of their fleets and there will be more naval vessels on the Pacific Coast than have ever been seen there before.

Whether or not this government will build any more dry docks on the West coast at present depends on Congress, but the construction of a private dock, if it be large enough to meet the requirements of the big merchant vessels and warships that will soon be passing through the canal, will be of very great convenience to the maritime world. Being the first port of call on the Pacific Coast of the United States for ships passing through the canal, San Diego should be in a position to supply their manifold wants. It is likely that the government will see the desirability of being independent of private corporations for docking, coaling, repairing and perhaps provisioning, as far as possible.

The Exposition which will be held at that place will attract very heavy travel, most of the big European steamship lines being prepared to send ships from European ports directly through the canal to San Diego, whence most of them will probably continue on to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, returning to pick up passengers at San Diego for the return trip home. There will also be a heavy travel from the Atlantic coast by steamship to the Exposition, and many persons who take this trip will return by rail across the continent, or they may go by rail and return by ship. In any event, few persons who visit the Pacific Coast in 1915 will fail to see the principal cities and the chief points of interest; but the present indications are that San Diego with its bay, climate, semitropical surroundings and flora and its Exposition, will be the great magnet.

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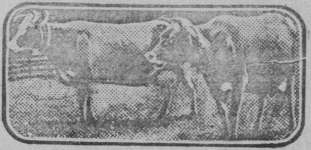
Celebrating at Pine Ridge Agency.

Among the many articles in the January Sports Afield it were a difficult task to select the best. While each reader has his own preferences, we believe that every one will find several articles of unusual interest in this brightest of all outdoor magazines. In the Day's Work epitomizes the desperate courage of the Mounted Police when confronted by treachery; while not so thrilling, On Horseback through the Ozarks will make you long for a similar trip; in the Porcupines is the delightful account of a Michigan camp hunt by an observing Nature lover, and Up North describes a winter trip through Canadian wilds. Rough Shooting in Portugal is followed by a vivid pen picture of Mexico's aggressive leader, Gen. Villa, and his stirring campaigns; but from the standpoint of originality and brightness, we would award the palm to Celebrating at Pine Ridge Agency, by a young Western writer whose article is a delight, both to read and to remember. The department Around the Camp-fire is, if possible, better than ever; while a score of hunting and camping articles from all parts of the country help to round out an unusually good number. Your newsdealer can supply you; if not, send 15 cents to Sports Afield, 542 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ills.

Sneffels, Col., A. J. Walsh was badly done up with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills which was the only thing that would cure him. George Potter, of Pontiac, Mo., was down on his back with kidney and bladder trouble and Foley Kidney Pills made him well and able to work. It is a splendid medicine and always helps. Just try it.

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DAIRY

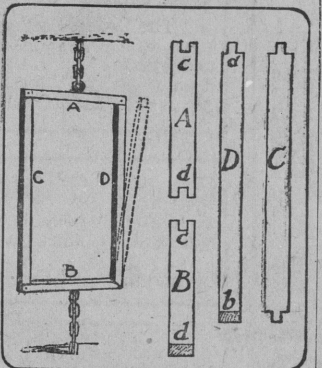


MAKING A SWING STANCHION

Illustration and Directions Given for Putting Together Device for Use in Dairy Barn.

Take four pieces of 2x4. Two must be 4 1/2 feet long, one 1 1/2 feet and one 1 foot 2 inches. Cut one of the pieces as shown by A, making the notches c and d about 1 inch wide and 2 inches deep. Cut the other short piece as shown by B. The notch at c is the same as on A, but at d the 2x4 is beveled and is finally attached to the upright with a hinge, writes Lyle A. Myers of Muskegon county, Mich., in the Farm and Home.

One of the long pieces must be cut as shown by C with the tongues at each end, made to fit into the grooves



Home Made Swing Stanchion.

on A and B. The other long piece must be cut as shown by D with a tongue at a and bevel at b to fit into the bevel at d on piece B.

These pieces are put together as shown, and the cow is fastened in the stanchion by closing the piece D. This has a hole in the tongue which comes opposite a hole in A through which a nail is inserted to hold the stanchion shut.

SELECTING THE DAIRY SIRE

Demand for Stock That Will Improve Herd is What Has Made Advanced Registry So Popular.

On every large farm where a herd of dairy cattle is kept, the question of selecting the dairy sire is one of constant recurrence. A bull may be kept in a herd for a few years, and then there is a necessity to supplant him with other blood, especially if his daughters are maintained in the breeding herd.

The breeder who is constantly trying to improve his cattle and increase the productive capacity of the herd, says Kimball's Dairy Farmer, is always anxious to get a little better stock with each succeeding purchase. If he has handled his cattle so as to make creditable records the search must be more far-reaching, and the ease with which a bull suitable to head the herd may be found will not be so great.

The demand for stock that will constantly improve the herd is what has made the advanced registry work of the various associations so popular. These official records are the index to the desirability of families and breeding, and it is only through following up the work that has been done by a certain strain that a definite knowledge of what may be expected from a bull is available. By its use it is possible to keep increasing the yield of milk and butter fat; if it is ignored one is groping in the dark.

Selecting a sire is most important and should have the careful attention of every thoughtful dairyman. Such a bull should be chosen as will make it possible for the helpers to do just a little better than their dams have done, and also such a bull as will keep up the type of the herd.

ATTENTION NEEDED BY COW

Previous to Calving Animal Should Be Placed in Comfortable and Well-Littered Stall.

(By T. L. HADCKER.)

For ten days preceding the time for calving, the cow should be kept in a comfortable, well-littered box stall or pen, in which there is no manger. The feed should be given in a box or basket, which should be removed after the feed is taken. The coarse feed may be put in the corner, and no more should be given than she will eat. This rule should be observed, not only before calving, but at all times. Throwing large quantities of roughage before a cow leads her into the bad habit of eating only the most appetizing parts and so wasting much feed. It is a good practice to take a lantern and go the rounds of the barn, before retiring for the night, to see that everything is as it should be.

Produce Rich Milk.

Cows fed upon silage will produce as rich milk as those fed upon other kinds of feeds.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

LESSON FOR JANUARY 18.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 10:25-37. GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Mark 12:31.

Probably no other parable given by Jesus except possibly the Prodigal Son, has made such a deep impression as this one. It has inspired altruistic service, promoted the idea of the brotherhood of man, and served to crystallize Christian thinking and service.

I. "What shall I do?" vv. 25-29.

(1) The first question. This lawyer in his test question implied that eternal life was dependent upon his works, a well high universal Jewish idea. With a true teacher's skill, Jesus drew from his own knowledge of the law an answer to his question, viz.: that, on the ground of doing he must love the Father with an undivided heart; with all his soul, the seat of his emotions; with all his strength—energies; and with all his mind—his intellectual powers. The evidence of such a love is that he must love his neighbor as himself.

Summarized the Law.

(2) The second question, (v. 29). Jesus had not said anything to this lawyer about belief, or faith, for he was not yet ripe for that idea. He had summarized the law and by this law Jesus must teach him. Rom. 3:19, 20; Matt. 23:37-40. It is one thing to read and summarize the law, and quite another to rightly apply it. It is quite possible to be ultra orthodox in our teaching and in our statements of belief, and yet to fall far short of doing. The force of this second question is then, "Who must I love?" He avoids asking, "Who can I love?" The question was not as to who will be neighbor to me, but to whom shall I be neighbor? In answer to this Jesus employs this wonderful parable. (Note.—Explain the nature of a parable and the Master's frequent use thereof.)

II. "Go and do thou likewise." vv. 30-37. That this story is not alone a parable but a literal experience is pretty generally believed. "The way of the transgressor" is a Jericho road, and the traveler therein is bound to be "stripped," if not always of his prosperity, then of his character, and will ultimately find himself "half dead." If left to himself he will surely die, Rom. 5:6; 6:23. Jericho means "curse." Who then is the man I can neighbor? Any wretch that is passing along the Jericho road. Remember that Jesus is dealing with the second half of the summary of the law. Three classes of men passed this man: (1) The Priest, of all men the most likely to help that fallen one, created in the image of God in whose worship he led. It is easy to find an excuse for this exhibition of heartlessness. The danger of robbers; of being suspected of complicity in the crime; the duties of his important office; the danger of contamination; a work not suited to his position in life. Let us beware of too hastily judging the priest until we examine ourselves.

(2) The Levite. Perhaps he had seen his superior in the temple worship; he drew nearer than the priest, perhaps for the purpose of investigation, but offers no remedy. (3) The Samaritan. This ostracized man would have been snubbed and cursed by the wounded man under any other circumstances. He therefore could certainly have been excused had he followed the example of Priest and Levite. He is a type of Christ dealing in grace with one who had no claim upon him. Note the steps: (a) "He journeyed," are we to be found visiting the places of great need? (b) "He came where he was," evidently not from idle curiosity, but to meet a case of need. (c) "He saw him." Too often our eyes are blind to the misery about us. (d) "He was moved with compassion." The compassion of Jesus was an active principle. Does misery move us to action? Does it send us to cases of need, or do we wait for them to knock at our door? (e) "He bound up his wounds." Not acting by proxy; not sending him to a public institution. Real charity is accompanied by warm, sympathetic, Christ-like, human hearts in action. (f) "Brought him to an inn and took care of him."

Love is Costly.

It cost the Samaritan much to act this way. Racial pride, aesthetic repugnance, commercial obligations, perhaps family duties, to say nothing of the actual expenditures of time and money. But love is a costly thing. Jesus himself fully portrays this picture, John 3:16. The road was away from God's city, Jerusalem.

It is not so much the doing as the motive that compelled the doing. It was not duty but desire, compelling love, that Jesus is exalting. Altruistic service never saved any man, I. Cor. 13. On the other hand, to make high sounding professions and not to give a tangible, material evidence which will affirm that profession, is to sound the note of insincerity, Jas. 2:14-18. The teaching of this story is that the true and acceptable motives for altruistic, neighborly services, originate in a love for God that embraces man's threefold nature, body, mind and spirit.

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Spraying With Light Apparatus

An Allegheny county correspondent wrote to Professor H. A. Surface, Economic Zoologist, Harrisburg, Pa., for information as to whether it was necessary to use a traction of high power spray pump in order to obtain good results in spraying for scale. Professor Surface's reply will be found of value to others, and is as follows:

"Replying to your letter of the 15th inst., asking if it is necessary to use a traction spray pump to spray trees, or if good work in spraying can be done with a small pump, I can say that it can be in a thoroughly effective manner with any kind of pump or apparatus that will cover the bark of twigs, branches and trunks with the liquid. In fact, I know of a man near Harrisburg who sprayed a few unusually large apple trees with a very small hand pump, that worked like a squirt gun. He climbed the tree with a ladder, and with the strong lime-sulfur solution in a bucket, and drew the liquid into a hand pump, and sprayed it over the trees, continuing this until he had covered them, and he afterward said that he had excellent results in the control of the scale.

It does not make any difference in fact whether the trees are sprayed or washed. It is not essential for the lime-sulfur solution to go on the trees in the form of a spray in order to kill the scale. It can be applied as a solid stream, and it will do the work, and also will not injure the trees in the least. If a light pump is used at an elevation by which the trees could be reached, and the upper and lower sides of the branches were covered by the liquid, it is all that could be expected even from a larger or heavier pump, and the results should be satisfactory. That is one of the beauties of the lime-sulfur preparation, that it does not make any difference how the lime-sulfur is applied, just so it covers the bark. I understand this is not true of the oils, as one can not do a heavy job of drenching without injuring the trees, but even with oil sprays a light pump can be used in such a way as to be as satisfactory as a heavy pump. The only difficulty is that with a light apparatus it takes much longer to be thorough in the application."

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 9 and 11 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour pastor—Services on January 18th in the Meyersdale church morning and evening. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are cordially invited.

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This pure and simple skin healer is being introduced in Meyersdale by S. E. Thorley at the low price of 25c for a liberal sized jar, and they have sold hundreds of treatments.

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DEAD LETTER LIST.

Card—Mrs. Martha Baker, Edward Christner, Guy A. Critchfield, Lyth Fox, Mrs. Alberta Fox, Mary Fox, Freeman Fox, Miss Nellie Minetor, 4; C. C. Mose, Jos. D. Wilbert, G. E. Whitford.

Letters—Hiram Miller, Miss Susan Messer, Mike Calomish, J. D. Wilbert. Jan. 10, 1914. J. F. NAUGLE, P. M.

Colds to be Taken Seriously

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance.

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It is sometimes difficult to keep the kitchen paper free from grease stains. They may be removed entirely if a mixture of pipe clay and water made the consistency of cream is spread over them and allowed to remain overnight. In the morning it should be removed with a clean brush or cloth.

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Household Notes.

Use cotton thread in mending gloves.

Most salt fish should be soaked overnight.

The typical French dish is always garnished.

Don't expect to have good cakes without fresh eggs.

A wooden spoon is best for creaming butter and sugar.

Corned beef should always be used soon after it is corned.

For taking out bloodstains, nothing is better than ammonia.

Never melt shortening for cakes unless the recipe so specifies.

Never slam the oven door when you have a cake in the oven.

There is a greater variety in salt and cured fish than in meats.

Never try to bake a delicate cake with other things in the oven.

Cook fudge only five or six minutes, and then beat until it is thick and creamy, if you would have it satisfactory.

If you burn the food in a new white enamel dish, put into the dish a tablespoonful of sal soda, fill with water and boil.

In cold weather take special pains to dry the hands thoroughly, and you will save much discomfort from chapping.

If aluminum cooking vessels get scorched, do not scrape them. Half fill with water, add a teaspoonful of soda and boil for ten minutes.

Use the same kind of fat for greasing cake tins as that used in the cake.

When beating whites of eggs, keep them well in the center of the bowl.

Keep hands and feet warm, and the rest of the body will look out for itself.

Give calla lilies a drink of hot water now and then; it improves them wonderfully.

Extracts for flavoring cakes should be used sparingly. If the cake is well made of best materials, it requires very little flavoring.

Every child member of the family should be trained to hang up his coat by its hanger. This saves the tearing out of armbolts and similar catastrophes.

To control nose-bleeding, let the patient lie propped up in bed and apply cold compresses or an ice bag to the nose, and stuff the bleeding nostril with absorbent cotton.

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