

SHERLEY GETS A CLASSIC PLEA FOR SEEDS

Kentucky Lawyer Uncorks His Eloquence in Letter to Representative.

A "seed letter classic" is the way Representative Swagar Sherley of Kentucky speaks of a communication received by him from James B. Edwards, an attorney of Louisville, plaintively and poetically appealing for flower and vegetable seeds for his gardens in the Blue Grass state.

The letter says: Dear Swagar—I am writing to divert your views for a moment from lofty heights of national politics and interrupt your endeavors in limitless fields of constructive statesmanship to call your attention to two spots on Cardinal Hill in the land that counts you its favorite son—the one which supplies the table with all the splendid vegetables that ripen under Dixie's sun, and of a size that has already spread the owner's fame abroad and of a quality to delight the palate of an epicure and cause old Lucullus himself to flee the onyx paving stones of paradise and vault the pearly gates of heaven to enjoy their excellence the other, where in profound confusion all the variegated colors of the rainbow commingle in a wealth of luxuriant beauty, where the fragrance of the violet and the tuberoses, the lily of the valley and the sweet pea, the hyacinth and the lilac, the daisy and the four o'clock meet and mingle and give their combined sweetness to the winds from the four corners of the earth with the lavish nonchalance of the millionaires spendthrift, drunk with the wines of southern France—a splendid, inspiring soul quest, providing a restful dreamless sleep—where nature dips her brush in sunshine and moistens it with rain and spreads upon earth's canvas every shade of delicate coloring from the pinkish sheen of the lustrous pearl to the deepest red of the magnificent ruby.

Farm and Garden

HENS' LUNCH COUNTER.

Outdoor Feed Hopper Found Very Successful by New York Experts.

The accompanying illustration shows a spacious outdoor hopper which has been found very successful by the New York agricultural experiment station at Ithaca. It has the advantage of holding a large supply of whole and ground grains, meat scrap, shell and grit sufficient for fowls at range for several days.

One side of the top of this double hopper is hinged to open for filling.

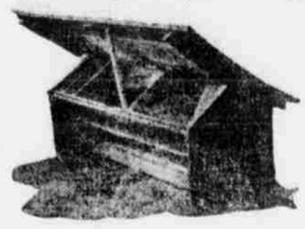


Photo by New York College of Agriculture.

OUTDOOR FEED HOPPER FOR POULTRY.

The top is covered with roofing paper and has wide overhanging eaves and closed ends to protect the feed trough from rain. The sides gradually approach until they are four inches apart at the bottom, which is one and one-half inches above the bottom of the feed trough. The feed trough is fourteen inches wide, with a four inch retaining board on each side. At every four inches or closer, on the body of the hopper directly over the feed trough, six inch lengths of common fence wire are driven through holes in the side of the hopper and into the top edge of the feed trough. These wires serve to prevent the birds from flirring the seed out.

The hopper may be made as long and deep as desired. The dimensions recommended are five feet long, three feet high and thirty-two inches wide. The steeper the sides the less will be the danger of clogging. By placing the wires not more than two and one-half inches apart, or by putting a small cap on the top edge of the feed trough projecting half an inch into the trough, the possibilities of wasting are lessened. A hopper of this size will hold about 170 pounds of mixed grain, 135 pounds of mixed ground feed, 45 pounds of grit and 35 pounds of beef scrap. It should cost for labor and material about \$6.

Care of the Brood Sow.

Success in pork production is largely affected by the attention given to the health and comfort of the brood sow. She should always be housed in a warm, comfortable place. Preferably this will be a cot well supplied with straw and having a door which swings both ways, always closing when the sow passes in or out. This cot may be located at some distance from the feeding place, so that she will get the necessary exercise in running to and fro. Her food should consist largely of bulky foods, such as milk, roots and clover hay, which will keep her in good condition without fattening. As farrowing time approaches the bulk should be cut down, less water should be given, and more protein and oily feeds should be fed, so as to keep the sow in a laxative condition.—American Agriculturist.

Watch Your Drain Tile Outlets.

A thing for every farm owner to remember should be to look after his tile drain outlets in cold weather, that they may not get clogged by muskrats, rabbits or other rodents, nor by sods slipping over the tiles, thus waterlogging the soil during the wet season.—Farm Journal.

Keep the Best.

Do not make the mistake of giving the purchaser the pick of your flock. Keep the best cow, the best horse, the best of everything. So shall you be proud of your stock and proud of your occupation.

REASONS FOR STAYING ON THE FARM.

- It is the safest real estate investment.
It is the best place to avoid doctor bills.
There is no place like it for bringing up a family.
It affords the greatest opportunity to cultivate the bump of optimism.
It is the foundation of all national prosperity.
It produces the eatables and wearables for the nation's people.
It offers the best chance to live in peace with God and man, than which nothing better can be desired.
It is easier to leave the farm than it is to get back to it after you are once in the city working as carpenter, bricklayer, carman, bookkeeper or clerk to meet your financial obligations.
It gives a man room to build his own home. In town another is likely to build the home for you—and in the end own it.—Farm and Fireside.

GET DOWN TO FERTILITY.

No Reason For Disease of Plant Food. Plow Your Land Deeply.

In a recent issue of Farm and Fireside a contributor writes a very interesting article on soil fertility in which he shows the different qualities that soil must have and how, when the soil becomes depleted, some sort of replenishment of the lost qualities must be provided. Following is an extract from the article:

"One of the ways we have of increasing our crop yield is to plow deeper. That is like running the hand a little deeper into the pocket, it is true, and it does not take the place of adding to our soil nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid, but it does enable us to make available soil fertility that is really ours and to the benefits of which we are fairly entitled.

"But will this deeper soil really give us better crops? That homely creature the woodchuck may answer that question for us, wherever he has his home. See what he does by his system of deeper digging. The rankest grass on the whole farm is right around the woodchuck hole. What has he done? He has brought up some of the fertility that has all these years been locked up waiting for us to make it available. The rains have moistened this soil, the sunshine has warmed it, and splendid grass is the result.

"So this is a plea for deeper cultivation. I know it will take a little harder work on the part of our horses to bring this rich earth up. And if we had to hold the plow as we used to our arms would surely ache before night, but the beautiful riding plows of today, which hold themselves, have lessened the work of turning over the soil. We may as well have the extra depth of soil to grow better crops as to let it lie there idle in the dark. On many farms there are layers of what have been called 'hard pan' a little way below the surface. These form tables which hold the moisture and prevent it from finding its way deeper into the earth. They also in some degree form a barrier to the progress of plant roots downward. Other lands do not present this barrier, but wherever the soil is thus packed down it needs breaking up.

"Drainage will do very much to help about this, and a little raising of the clevis, so that the plowshare will dive deeper, will certainly enable our crops to get hold of and make available the locked up reserve fertility."

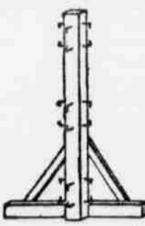
INSURANCE.

Save and apply a few more tons of barnyard manure to your soil and increase the yield. Manure is the best insurance against drought. It makes the soil retain more moisture and furnishes plant food which hastens maturity.

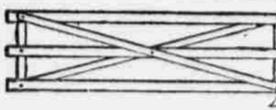
FENCE YOU CAN SHIFT.

Useful in Inclosing Temporarily Rich Bit of Pasture.

Rather than cut a rich piece of fodder to be gathered and moved away to the sheep, hogs or other stock it is often more economical to pasture it off, a small piece at a time. The lack of a suitable fence often prevents this. A portable fence may be built according to the plan shown in the drawings herewith. It requires but a few panels of this to inclose sufficient field for a day's cropping, when it can be shifted to new ground for the next day. If sheep with lambs are to be folded in this way an extra board will be needed at the bottom of each panel.



FENCEPOST.



PANEL OF PORTABLE FENCE.

These panels may be built twelve or fourteen feet in length and must be thoroughly braced to keep the fence firm from endwise motion. Cross-pieces at the bottom of the upright should be long enough to keep the fence firm sidewise. The upright used for the portable base should be 2 by 4 inches, with iron hooks driven or screwed in at proper intervals to receive the end boards of the panels.—American Agriculturist.

Orchard and Garden Notes.

If air slaked lime be in earth in which plants are potted it will keep worms away.

Most growers using fats sow one and a half to two inches apart. The seed need not be covered with more than one-fourth of an inch of soil. Water thoroughly immediately after sowing, and do not apply more water than is absolutely necessary. Overwatering, high temperatures and lack of ventilation are responsible for spindling plants.

Mats of some kind must be used at night for the protection of the plants in hotbeds and cold frames. These should be removed as soon as possible in the morning when the sun is shining and replaced on the frames not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Some air should be admitted to the frames every day if the weather will permit.—National Stockman and Farmer.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

The Amiable Man.

I've never found that speech profane has won a friend for me. I've never found it paid me much to cuss. And, while I know a lot of words of sheer profanity, I've never found they've helped me in a muss. And so it is no mortal lives who've ever heard me swear.

Not even such a little word as "My!" When things go wrong and seem to be completely past repair I simply bang my foreman on the eye. I've never found it paid to meet my troubles with a frown. It doesn't pay to wrinkle one's face. Frowns only serve to drag a fellow's troubled spirit down. And fill his mind with notions mean and base.

And hence it is my pallid brow of wrinkles all is free. Nor gives an outward sign of inward cares. When some one comes along by day or night to pester me I simply smile and kick him down the stairs. I don't believe it ever pays to lose one's temper o'er. The little slings and arrows of this life. I don't believe an angry shout or loud and blatant roar. Will ever ease a fellow of his strife. 'Tis better far to go your way with fresh and happy mien. As though you dwelled beneath a flag of truce. And when the hosts of trouble shall appear upon the scene Take off your coat and thrash 'em like the deuce! —Lippincott's Magazine.

His Chance of Salvation. The famous baseball player evangelist, Billy Sunday, tells this amusing story of the attempt which was made to convert a hard fisted old mountaineer in Kentucky.

"Jim, in addition to being in need of regeneration of every kind, was hard headed and stubborn, and he resisted all the missionary work that was done in his behalf. At last a leading citizen of the little town made a desperate attempt to save the sinner's soul.

"'Jim,' he asked sadly, 'do you mean to tell me you ain't teched by the story of the Lord that died to save your soul?'

"'Humph!' commented Jim in disgust. 'Do you mean to tell me the Lord died to save me when he ain't never seed me or knowed me?'

"'Jim,' responded the neighbor hotly, 'it wuz a darned sight easier for the Lord to die for you because he never seed you than if he knowed you as well as we all do.'—Popula'

BALD HEADS NOT WANTED.

Baldness is Too Generally Considered a Sign of Advanced Age.

A bald-headed person does not have an equal chance with one blessed with a healthy head of hair, because baldness is too generally accepted as an indication of age. Many large corporations have established an age limit, and refuse to take men over 35 years of age as new employees.

Probably 65% of bald-headed people may regain a good head of healthy hair if they will follow our advice and accept our offer. We have a remedy that we positively guarantee to grow hair on any head, unless the roots of the hair are entirely dead, their follicles closed, and the scalp has become glazed and shiny. We want people to try this remedy at our risk, with the distinct understanding that unless it does exactly what we claim it will, and gives satisfaction in every respect, we shall make no charge for the remedy used during the trial.

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