

COMMENCEMENT EXTRAVAGANCE.

School commencements are but a month off and that fact brings up a question which is gaining more attention and creating more debate every year.

Superintendents Martin G. Brumbaugh, of the Philadelphia schools, has taken the subject up in one of the newspapers of that city, and in part his conclusions are as follows:

Certainly, if any system of education fail to teach people that it is a worthy and laudable ambition to live within their means, it must be confessed that the system is a failure.

"I regretfully say this of Philadelphia, where it has been our deepest satisfaction that when we have graduated students from our high schools we have set the seal of completeness on a public education which few other cities can equal and, I have hoped, none can surpass.

"Among the questions I have put to? One answered: 'We have not, to how many students have not taken diplomas because they could not afford to.' One answered: 'We have not, to my knowledge, had a pupil drop out in order to avoid the expense.'

"Another observed: 'I would say that no pupil has ever assigned as a cause for withdrawal from school the expense of graduation.'

"Correct, and very just, no doubt, both views as expressed. But the first presents to us the picture of one poor girl denied, by the common eagerness for needless display, the occasion which is, and should be, the sweetest pleasure of a school-girl's career.

"I am afraid that we can never find, in the high schools, the full extent to which this persistent indulgence in ostentation affects the student body at large.

"The truth seems to be that when the daughter reaches the age and the school standing that qualify her for high school, a home council is held and the situation is canvassed in advance for the whole period up to the time of her graduation.

"How are we to trace these losses in applications for admission to the high schools; and how shall we estimate the lifelong consequences which attach to the deprivation of the higher training suffered by those girls who are denied, although they are fit for it and desire it?"

"In the end, Philadelphia is losing many, if unnumbered, women who should be better stenographers, saleswomen, clerks, housewives and mothers than the premature close of their public school training permits them to become."

"If you keep a nannying the missus," said the butler, "she's liable to discharge you."

"She can't," replied the cook. "We had a beautiful quarrel this morning, and we're not on speaking terms."

Washington Star.

AGRICULTURE

- OF LOCAL INTEREST TO - WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS

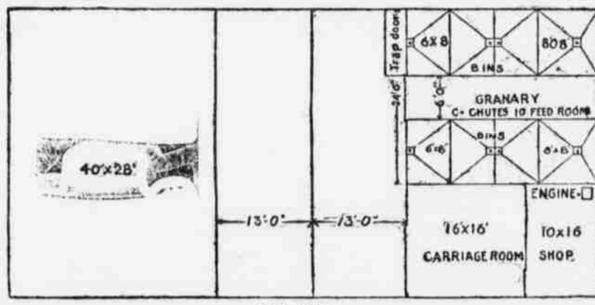
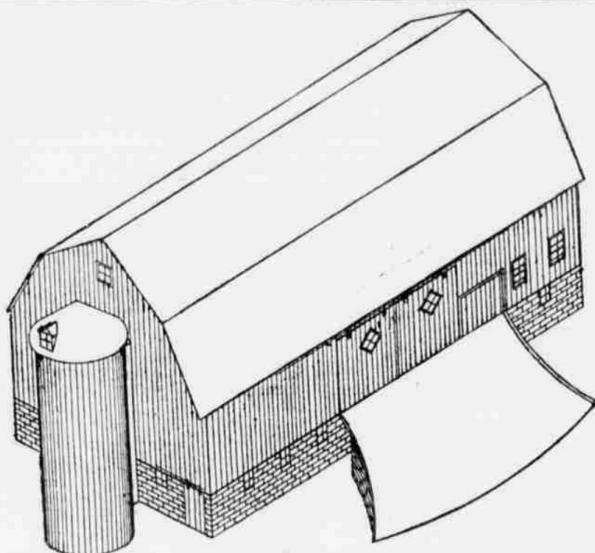
Kill Bugs by Burning Rubbish Now.

Dr. H. A. Surface, Pennsylvania State Zoologist at Harrisburg, calls attention to the fact that in the very early spring is the time to burn rubbish, leaves, weeds and grass where lurking insects hibernate, and thus reduce the number of pests of this kind.

In gardens the asparagus beetles which are increasing in numbers and destructiveness in this state are to be found, especially in the old dead and hollow canes of raspberry plants and in the cavities of dead weeds and especially of the old asparagus stalks.

Bam For Dairy Farm

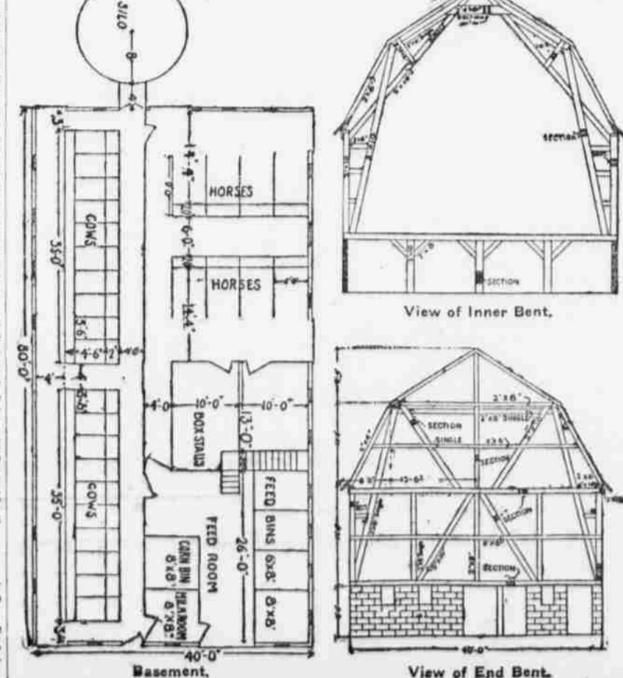
Designed by P. B. MORGAN, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University



THIS barn has been designed for a dairy farm. It is estimated to cost about \$1,500, but it is a well constructed building, with foundation of concrete blocks and a floor of concrete.

Table listing materials and costs for the barn construction, including lumber, shingles, and concrete.

Total \$1,490.36



THE CRUSADE AGAINST HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES

Twenty-five States In It, Some Having Passed Drastic Laws.

Twenty-five states are represented in a crusade which the lawmakers and school authorities of the country are waging against the high school fraternities, according to a report which has just been issued for free distribution by the United States bureau of education.

All states having laws on the subject provide a penalty of suspension or expulsion from school for all those who join these orders. The most drastic laws were passed by Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, whose legislatures made it a misdemeanor for any one even to solicit members to these organizations.

The more important cities whose school boards have passed regulations restricting or forbidding high school fraternities are Denver, Meriden, Chicago, Covington, New Orleans, Lowell, Waltham, Worcester, Kansas City, Mo.; St. Joseph, Butte, Oklahoma City, Reading, Salt Lake City, Madison, Milwaukee, Racine and Superior.

The United States bureau of education's report also cites some of the more important court decisions, every one of which upholds the school authorities in dealing rigorously with the high school fraternity, on the ground that the measures so taken are authorized as a part of the school board's discretionary powers.

LORD MERSEY LONG A JUDGE. Served Thirteen Years on the King's Bench Prior to 1910.

Sir John Charles Bigham, Lord Mersey, who is to head the court of inquiry on the Titanic disaster, was created Baron Mersey in 1910. He was born Aug. 3, 1840, the son of John Bigham, a merchant of Liverpool.

Admitted to the bar in 1870, he became a bencher of the Middle Temple in 1886. From 1895 to 1897 he served in parliament as a Unionist from Liverpool. He was a member of the South African committee of the house of commons just previous to his being made a judge.

FOR THE PANAMA FAIR. Commission Appointed to Visit European Capitals in Its Interest.

John Hays Hammond, Rear Admiral Sidney Staunton, U. S. N., and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, U. S. A., together with R. B. Hale, vice president of the Panama exposition, and W. T. Sesson, vice president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, have been appointed a commission to visit European capitals in the interest of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

FIRST WOMAN DIPLOMATIST. Dr. Clotilde Luisi Will Help to Represent Uruguay at Brussels.

Women have at last invaded the diplomatic service. The first woman at tache has entered upon her duties at Brussels.

Dr. Clotilde Luisi has been sent by the government of Uruguay to be attached to its legation in the Belgian capital, with a special mission to look after educational matters.

Railroad Passengers. The number of passengers carried on the railroads of this country in 1911 approximated 1,010,500,527 against 971,683,199 in 1910.

MRS. JOHN HAYS HAMMOND. A Leader in the Women's Titanic Memorial Movement.



The women of the nation are asked to contribute to a fund to erect a memorial to the men who gave their lives on the Titanic that women and children might be saved.

REPEATS THAT TAFT KNEW. Roosevelt Says the Harvester Suit Was Discussed in Former's Presence.

North Adams, Mass., April 30.—Colonel Roosevelt, answering President Taft's assertion that "So far as my recollection goes, I never heard the harvester trust mentioned in any cabinet meeting that I attended," in a statement flatly reiterated that the president attended a full cabinet meeting that discussed the harvester affair.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

- List of professional cards for Attorneys-at-Law, Dentists, and Physicians, including names like H. Wilson, W. M. H. Lee, E. C. Mumford, etc.