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Farmers Column

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE FARMER

Cement Feed Floors More Expensive But Decidedly The Best—The Scraping of Rough or Shaggy Barks on Trees, Brush Out The Brooders.

A tablespoonful of meal a day for each ewe, given regularly, is a sensible addition to the ration.

Breed your hogs as much higher than a kerosene barrel as you like, but do not lose sight of quality. Silage is not as well adapted to hogs as it is to cattle, but nevertheless, it is an excellent roughage. A scrub with a pedigree is a worse scrub than a scrub without a pedigree. But there are not so many of them.

If a sow is restless or jumps up when the pigs are nursing examine the pigs for sharp teeth. If any are found file them off.

It is a common prophecy that cattle will never be cheap again and it surely seems that such a prophecy is based on good grounds. Brush out the brooders every other day, changing the material used in floor covering. This may be of bran, sand, sawdust or paper, but must be dry, damp bedding inducing disease every time. When it is necessary to wash the brooder choose a warm, sunny day, so that the chicks will not need it, and it can be thoroughly dried before returning them at night. If these conditions cannot be complied with, a temporary brooder may be used for the day by means of a box and one or two jugs of hot water well wrapped in flannel, the latter serving the double purpose of holding in the heat and preventing a chick being crowded up and burnt.

As to the advisability of scraping rough or shaggy bark from apple trees the state zoologist of Pennsylvania has the following to say: This depends upon the conditions in general I advise such treatment, especially for rough, scaly bark on old trees; but if it be bark that has been roughened by the injurious action of soil sprays, or by burning with fire or some other injury, I am satisfied it would be wrong, because it is to the tender bark beneath just what a scab of an animal is to a sore which it is protecting. Therefore, if the bark beneath be tender, so that it would be injured by being scraped, it is best not to do it. In the case of an ordinary healthy tree it is certainly best, but at injured places, such as above mentioned, it is advisable to scrape gently, if at all. On an old tree one cannot apply enough pressure with a short handled hoe or bark scraper to do any injury, and this will remove many insect pests, such as codling moth, woolly aphid and certain hibernating creatures, and expose scale, insects and other pests to the action of the weather, and of the insecticides to be applied before the leaves appear.

The writer constructed a feed floor 20 by 20 feet last September and has been using it almost constantly and with the greatest satisfaction. Though it cost about two weeks of hard labor and \$15 in cash I almost feel that I have a return for my outlay both in labor and cash already, says a writer in an exchange. Am quite sure I have saved \$15 worth of feed and believe the extra labor in carrying out corn, a basket at a time, through the deep mud to a dry (muddy) spot through all that had weather would have cost the labor of building the floor. But more than this is the satisfaction of feeding in this clean and handy way, which can only be appreciated by trying it. Our floor was made right beside the cribs, in what had been a hog wallow. Stones were gathered from the fields and laid in the bottom. These were covered and leveled by smaller stones and coarse gravel, then a thick layer of concrete (eight parts of gravel to one of cement.) then the surface coat of four or five parts of coarse to one part of cement, the concrete being forced to bottom on all sides to prevent rat invasion. After removing the board floors, posts were set on three sides and the same wide boards were nailed on the inside to the posts, fitting down to the floor. This enclosed no feed is rooted off the floor and the cobs and other waste need be cleaned off so often. With

bins on one or more sides all cobs and manure can easily be scooped into the snare and saved. The floor should be slightly lowered at one corner for drainage. While constructing our floor posts were set in the middle, so we could divide it for pigs and hogs, which makes it very convenient, always having a clean, dry, handy place to slop and feed the pigs, and also a place to pen them up quickly for any kind of treatment.

An Unsung Hero.

They have told you for years of the "brave engineers." Who pilot the trains to the station; And they've caroled to you of the "over-all blue." The badge of a worthy vocation. Now I'm full of praise for the engineers' way. And to glorify them none is quicker. Yet let me be heard as I venture a word For the man at the telegraph ticker.

Clickety-click! Clickety-click! Hear how the instruments chatter and clatter. Daytime and night, swifter than light, Orders for trains from the man at the ticker.

The engineer's brain is concerned with one train. Dispatchers must think about many. And to handle the lot with the Morse dash-and-dot Needs a head that is equal to any. So the engineer smiles as he reels off the miles.

With his brain orders fresh as he takes 'em. But the hero to me is the man at the key. The nervy dispatcher who makes 'em.

Clickety-click! Clickety-click! There goes the Limited—dash and a flicker— One little hitch—train in the ditch! Nice tickish task to be man at the ticker.

When the flood's running high and the train card's awry. And the schedule's busted to finders. He must "set the line clear" for the trains far and near. No matter what obstacle hinders! Till the tangle is straight he is "Boss," he is Fate.

There is no one to question or bicker. Whether four tracks or one, all the traffic is run By the man at the telegraph ticker.

Clickety-click! Clickety-click! "Send on the wrecker at once if not quicker. Train's jumped the rails!" somebody wails. Action's his word for the man at the ticker!

It's a big game of chess with no "chances" or "guesses." And the board is a busy division. For a move that is wrong might be death to a throng. In a smash of a head-on collision. Your life's in his hand when you travel on land.

And as heroes are measured his stature Will loom up right near to the "brave engineer." I drink to the merry dispatcher!

Clickety-click! Clickety-click! Wife may be sick and the baby be aicker. Still he must stick right at his "tick," Here's to the man at the telegraph ticker. —Berton Bralley in the Twice-a-month Popular Magazine.

CLEAR AWAY THE WEEDS

New Features in Latest Installed Machine That Make It Valuable Part of Equipment.

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Shocked the Superintendent. He entered the superintendent's office in a kind of bashful, well-got-no-business-here sort of manner and quietly asked the busy man if the superintendent was in.

"I am he," replied that official without raising his eyes from the desk—"what do you want?"

"One of your trains killed my dog a few days ago and I thought I would stop in and—"

"Well, he had no business on our tracks; you should have kept him tied."

"Yes, I know," meekly responded the caller, "but I didn't, and he got on the track and was killed, and I thought you ought to—"

"But we won't! We don't pay for killing dogs on this road."

"Who said anything about pay?" replied the ex-dog owner. "I'd been trying for a month to get some one to drown that measly cur, and as the railroad has killed him for me, I thought you ought to be paid for the job. Here's two dollars"—Railroad Employee.

Required an Instrument. Porter (at wayside station, whose help in the matter of a speck of dust has been solicited)—All right, miss, I've got it. Quick. Lend me your 'atpin.—Punch.

Neither Very Good. "I thought you said his word was as good as his bond?" "So I did."

"But he broke his word."

"And he would jump his bond."

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HE LEFT BUSYBODY THINKING

Urchin's Line of Fun With Man Who Needs Must Pry Into Other People's Business.

The small urchin climbed up the car steps and wormed himself into a seat beside the Busybody. The basket he was carrying the youngster fixed carefully between his feet, with several anxious glances in the process.

"What have you in that basket, my boy?" asked his neighbor, bending over confidentially. "I noticed how careful you were of it. It must be something quite valuable. Isn't it?"

"You're hep, old sport. It's something that's worth a whole heap."

"Well, won't you tell me what it is?"

"Not on yer life! Thing I want to get pinched?"

"This was too much for the Busybody. His curiosity, heretofore merely casual, grew suddenly pointed, and he bit!

"Well, sonny, I've a notion that if I gave you a nickel you'd tell me what you had in that basket."

"Make it a dime, and I'll do it!" whispered the boy. "Only you've got to promise not to give me away to de cop."

"Why, of course I'll promise."

"The boy poked the coin. "Well, sport, do'st a baby in dere. I hooked 'im, an' put 'im inside when dey wasn't nobody lookin'. Now I'll get a reward for returnin' 'im."

"Why, you young villain! Do you mean to say you have a baby in that basket? Lying in that thing will kill it. Where did you get it?"

"Oh, I picked it up in front o' one o' dem big stores. It was all alone, so I just took it. I guess it won't be missed, an' I waited one, any way."

"Not be missed! See here, you young backslider! Do you mean to say that its mother had deserted it?"

"Sure! Its mudder wasn't nowhere round."

"How old is it?"

"Oh, a few months, I guess. Big enough to squeal—so I tied a rag round its mouth."

"Well, hit up the cover and let me see how it looks."

"Hol' on, ol' top. You promised not to give me away."

"Yes, but I didn't expect—" and he lifted the cover and glanced at what was underneath. Curled up on an old cloth, and sleeping comfortably, was an insignificant looking yellow puppy.

The boy jumped up and grinned. "Well, here's where I get off. Thanks for de dime. An' say, I'll tell ye one ten times as good as that for a quarter. Come an' see me some time at me sallong on Pitt' Avenoo! So long!"

EAST PETERSBURG

Abraham L. Young spent a few days at Penryn. A few of our tobacco farmers have started to plant this week. The local fire company will hold a festival on the public lawn.

Andrew H. Snavely moved to Voganville, where he will take possession of that hotel.

Benj L. Brubaker had a bad accident last week while engaged in sawing wood with a circular saw. He caught his right hand in the saw, splitting it through the centre. Dr. Garrison sewed up the cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keylor, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Andes, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hiestand, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Eberly, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Beameseder, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dietrich and son Charles, and the family of A. Bair Dietrich were on an auto trip to Valley Forge on Sunday by way of Coatesville, Downingtown and returning by Phoenixville and Reading. When crossing the Neversink Mountains the rear axle of Mr. Dietrich's car broke and his party returned home by rail.

RHEIMS

Phares Landis and family were the guests of Jacob Helsey. P. N. Kraybill, wife and daughter Dora, spent Sunday among relatives at Florin. Harry Landis, of the firm of Landis Brothers, was in Philadelphia on business.

W. L. Helsey and John G. Reist, alfalfa farmers, have started cutting the first crop for 1912. Cyrus Musser, a P. R. R. clerk, who is recovering from a siege of sickness, was the guest of David Hernly. D. G. Brinser disposed of his pair of mules used in the delivery wagon at the Rheims warehouse and has placed a pair of dark bay horses in their stead. Mrs. Peter Kraybill, of Donegal, aged 84 years, accompanied by Miss Bertha Kraybill of Florin, were the guests of Joseph Kraybill and wife on Sunday.

Verdict for the Duffy's Thursday afternoon, in the Dauphin county court, the jury in the case of Duffy vs the York Haven Power Company rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$11,910. The suit was to recover for damages to Duffy's island, in the Susquehanna river, above Marietta, during the flood of 1904. On the first trial of the case the verdict was for \$13,000 and an appeal was taken to a higher court. Judge McCarrell, of Dauphin, granted a new trial which ended Thursday.

Helps a Judge in Bad Fix Justice Ell Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at S. B. Bernhart & Co.

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