

like vineyards of trailing brown
es; and as we drew near to Sneek,
ere we planned to stay the night, we
an to meet quaint lighters, with
ch picturesque family life going on.
board; children playing with queer,
hemade toys; ancient, white-capped
nes knitting; girls flirting with young
a on passing peat-boats—men in
rlet jerseys white, no eated in the
oth water, looked like running fire
er glass.

he old seventeenth-century water-gate
Sneek was so beautiful, that we ex-
ed-to like the place with the ugly
re; but after all we hated it, and de-
ed to spend another night in our
floating houses.

l sorts of funny, water-noises waked
early; but then, I hadn't slept very
edly, because I couldn't help think-
a good deal about Mr. van Buren.
found a telegram waiting for him.
Sneek, and went away from us by
first train he could catch. I don't
w what was in the telegram, but he
ed rather miserable as he read it.
I wondered a good deal in the
t if his mother had called him back
use Freule Menela van der Windt
not pleased at having him stay so
with us.

ll thought our next day's run, going
ugh the River Boorn to the Sneeker
t, past Grouw and on to Leeuwar-
even more delightful than the day
re; but it didn't seem as interesting
e, somehow. Perhaps it was hav-
a person who was partly Frisian
ding by me all the time, and tell-
me things, which made the dif-
ce; anyway, I had a homesick feel-
as if something were lacking. Mr.
r said it would be nice to spend a
ymoon on board one of the nice lit-
heries we saw in the big meer;
I thought of Mr. van Buren and
le Menela having theirs on one, and
ve me quite a sinking of the heart.
ed not to show that I was sad, but
afraid Mr. Starr guessed, for in the
noon he gave me a water-color
h he had made in the morning, on
He called it a "rough, impres-
st thing," but it is really ex-
te; the water pale lilac, with silver
of foam, just as it looked in the
when he sat painting; fields of
of-gold, starred with wild flowers
e foreground; far-off trees in soft
and violet, with a gleam of rose
and there, which means a house-
half hidden, in the middle distance.
MacNairne admired the sketch
cularly; and I got the idea—I hard-
ow why—that she was not quite
ed to have it given to me instead
her.

(To be continued.)

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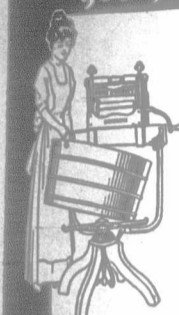
Breeding Cate.

and you tell me of any way to build
up to take the weight off a cow
the bull is serving her, as the one
is about 2,000 lbs., and is rather
for light cows?
J. W.
—We have had descriptions of
ing crates for hogs, but have none
and for a bull. We doubt whether
uld work very well, and yet it
If any of our readers have used
a device, will they kindly give us
description of it.

Tampering With Mail.

person by any means gets posses-
of an addressed and sealed letter,
it, and relieves it of its contents,
more than an ordinary misdemeanor
such an offence be, and what might
nalty be?
R. C. A.
—If this letter had been committed
e King's mails it would be a
al offence for any one to procure
open it other than the party to
it is addressed. Such offences are
ed for by the Criminal Code. See
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Pump in the Barn.

1. We intend putting a pump in barn. Well to be driven. Would one two-inch pipe give greater satisfaction than two one-inch pipes driven side by side?

2. What size of force-pump would be required? Water to be forced 16 feet to the top of the tank.

Ans.—1. We would prefer the two-inch pipe.
2. It will depend upon the make of the pump, but the size of force-pump commonly used should be sufficient for the purpose. Procure one large enough if it is to be pumped by hand. One too small will be hard to operate.

Plank-Frame Barn.

I am a reader of your paper, "The Farmer's Advocate," and I am greatly taken up with it. I am about to build a barn, and as heavy timber is scarce out here, I would like to know whether I could obtain a plan of a plank-frame barn that would be strong enough when constructed to stand the high winds of this Western country?

Ans.—It is claimed that the plank-frame barn is as strong as any. We would advise you to enquire of builders in your district. We have a plank-frame barn at Weldwood, and it is giving satisfaction, but we do not get the severe winds you do on the prairies. If you decide to build this class of barn, give us the dimensions and we will give you a plan.

Salary for Trustee—Glauber's Salts.

1. Is it lawful in the Province of Ontario for a member of a School Board to accept a small salary for acting as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, it being moved and seconded by two rate-payers (not members of the Trustee Board) at the annual meeting?

2. Is it safe to feed Glauber's salts to in-foal mares, and how much?

3. Have Glauber's salts any feeding value for fattening two-year-old steers, and how much?

Ans.—1. We think not.
2. It would not be wise to give salts. Salts are not the best purgative for a horse. Aloes are, but they are too strong for in-foal mares. Better use linseed oil.
3. The feeding value of Glauber's salts would be nil. Their action on the digestive systems of the steers might be such as to improve gains, provided a slight purgative were needed.

Re Soils Leaching—Alfalfa Root.

In looking over the list of bulletins supplied by the Government I fail to see one dealing with soils alone, that is, a work which describes the different types, and assists one in choosing between one soil and another.

1. Does sand soil leach more than clay?

2. How can leaching be prevented?

3. Is there a bulletin published that will give the desired information?

4. Does alfalfa extend its roots down for water alone?

Ans.—1 and 2. A sandy soil will undoubtedly leach more than a clay soil. It is more open, and will not retain moisture to the same extent as clay. Organic matter, such as may be supplied through barnyard manure or green manure, will render sandy or light soil more retentive of moisture and thus cause it to leach less than in its natural condition.

3. We do not have any recollection of a bulletin being published dealing with soils exclusively. Reference, of course, is made to different types of soils in most of the bulletins published, because no farm crop can be discussed intelligently without reference being made to the character and condition of the soil upon which it is to be grown. There are good books published on this subject, and they may be procured through this office.

4. In one sense of the word, every plant sends its roots down for moisture, because it is through this medium that the water-plant food is taken up. If the water-plant food is pretty deep in the soil, one can table is pretty deep in the soil, one can very well depend upon it that the alfalfa roots will go down until they reach it.

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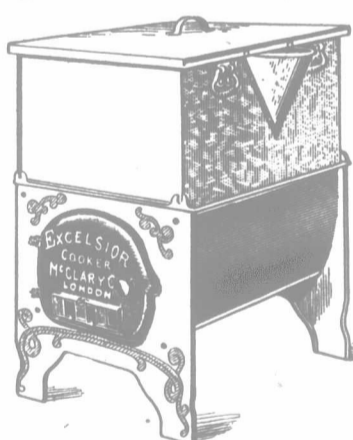
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