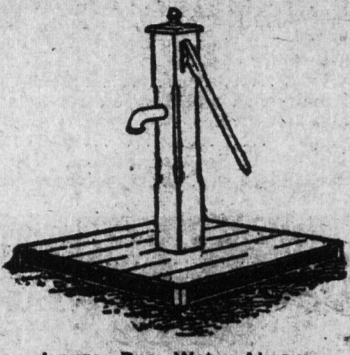


FARM TOPICS

THE VENTILATED PLATFORM.

This Keeps the Well Clean and Insures Pure Water at All Times.

I have discovered a way to keep the well clean and pure at all times, says a writer in Farm and Home. I make the frame of the platform of 2x4's, all



Insures Pure Water Always.

Allowing a space two to six inches between the top and bottom parts of the sides. This space is covered on the inside with a fly screen to keep out dirt and insects, and outside of this with a larger meshed screen to keep out large vermin. This gives good ventilation to the well, which never becomes foul. In the winter I cover the platform with straw and snow.

CARE AND FEEDING OF TEAM.

As a General Rule Farm Horses Do Not Receive the Proper Attention Due Them.

Perhaps no subject is of more importance to the average farmer than the proper care and feeding of the teams that are relied upon to do the farm work, and as a rule I do not believe that these horses receive the care and consideration that they should, says E. Lara. A good horse used in a common sense manner should live to an old age and be in condition to perform good work at all times.

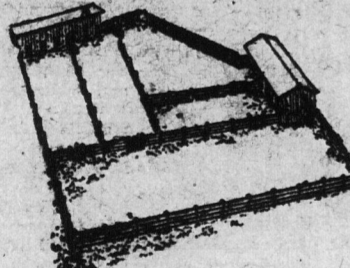
The essential requisites for a working horse are good size, quick action and strength. A high-spirited animal or one of great value is not the most desirable animal for the farmer. What we need is a good walker, as much of the usefulness and efficiency depends upon that quality. This faculty is quite as much a matter of education as inherited qualities.

Under ordinary circumstances it is judicious to use mares for working teams upon a farm. Except for a short time during the period of parturition and immediately after they are fully as well adapted to farm work as are geldings. They also possess the advantage of annually bringing colts, and in event of their being incapacitated by accident or labor they may still be kept with profit as breeders.

WELL ARRANGED SWINE LOTS

Sketch Showing How Breeding and Fattening Shotes Can Be Separated.

Keep the pigs in long houses which are divided into compartments opening into small lots. The sketch shows how they stand. Breeding hogs and fattening shotes are allowed the run of their own lots, as well as occasional



Pig Houses and Pens.

changes into the larger field shown at the bottom of the sketch, which is a thimble and clover pasture. It is better to have pigs in separate quarters in small bunches, for in this way they can be better attended to and the growths are more uniform.

NOTES ABOUT SHEEP.

The man who goes into the sheep business has a reasonable assurance that good prices for mutton and wool will continue for some time.

Much of the business of feeding sheep must be learned by associating with the stock and studying their habits and characteristics.

The most careful man will devote much time to the study of his sheep, and it is unwise for a man without experience to undertake the sheep business on a large scale.

The safest way is to buy say, 25 choice ewes and an excellent ram, and secure your education with a minimum amount of expense.

Pasture that is ideal for sheep will not be ideal for sheep. Sheep will thrive better on shorter and finer grass than on coarse grasses.

There are very few farms but what would be better by having a few sheep on them.

USEFUL LIVESTOCK NOTES.

Pigs may be pastured on rape with a certainty of their rapid growth. If fed some protein food at the same time it is still better.

Hogs finished for market at seven or eight months old and weighing 250 to 300 pounds, are the most profitable to the grower.

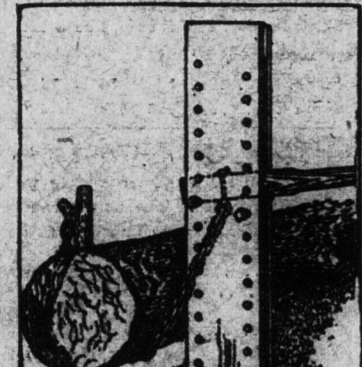
Sheep can be fattened on grain alone without any close fodder whatever.



A DEVICE TO RAISE LOGS.

Illustration and Plans for Making Home-Made Log Jack, Useful on the Farm.

The accompanying sketch shows a device to raise logs to be cut in stove wood or post length. Two boards are bolted together at each end with a 2-



Home-Made Log Jack.

by 4-inch piece between them, says Popular Mechanics. This forms an opening into which a lever is fitted and worked on pins thrust through holes bored at intervals in the two boards shown. A chain is fastened to the lever with an eye-bolt, the end passed under the log and the large link at the opposite end hooked over one limb of a crooked stick.

AN OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

A Partial List of the Flowers Grandmother Planted in Her Front Yard.

A garden like our grandmothers' will have in it good-sized clumps of anemone, aquilegia, ferns of various kinds, all hardy; foxglove, larkspur, monk's hood, adonis, allium, campanulas, asters, daisies, chrysanthemums, coreopsis, dicentra, dianthus, gallardia, grasses and bamboos, gypsophila, helianthus, helleborus, hibiscus, hollyhocks, iris, liatris, lilium, lupinus, lychnis, lobelia, monarda, myosotis, peonies, poppies, phlox, pinked primula, pyrethrum, ranunculus, saxifraga, sedum, sweet-william, veronica, violas, vinca, wall-flowers.

The above is not a complete list of the plants which may be included in a hardy garden, but covers those which have been grown as successes for many years past, and of which there are modern forms which are many times finer than the types which were known to our grandmothers in the olden time.

As the garden is intended to be permanent, use great care that the plants which are near one another do not clash as to colors, scents, the flower-keeper. Blues and reds, reds and purples, and pink and reds should not be planted in juxtaposition if you desire to keep a reputation for good taste.

After the garden has been in successful cultivation for two or three years, and all necessary re-planting done, you should plant the undergrowth, or "jungle." This is composed of such flowers as the wild violet, forget-me-not, arabis, cyprripediums and other low-growing moisture and shade loving plants, which do best under and between the stalks of larger forms.

They are shallow-rooted plants and will not rob their neighbors, the taller plants. This will add wonderfully to the effectiveness of the garden in mid-summer.

PLOW SHOE, HANDY ARTICLE.

In Moving Shares from One Field to Another Blade is Saved by Novel Device.

In taking the plow to and from the field or from one field to another, a plow shoe is a handy article to have. Here is one which is easily made and will do the work nicely, says a writer in Farm and Home. Take a piece of plank 12 inches thick, or 8 inches wide and 2 feet long. Nail a strip on one side near the middle and bolt a block on in a slanting position, having first rounded the lower corner off, so the plowshare will slip under it. Round off the nose on the sides and bottom, and the shoe is ready for use.

Home-Grown Corn is the Best.

In tests made at the Indiana station it was concluded that imported varieties of corn do not prove as satisfactory as home-grown varieties. Many farmers are growing strains or varieties not of the highest producing power.

A Bumper Crop of Corn. Antonio Michelschmidt of Cato, Wis., is said to have raised 1,800 bushels of corn on the ear on a little six-acre patch of ground last year. This, when shelled, yielded 750 bushels, or equivalent to 125 bushels per acre.

MINERAL MATTER FOR HENS.

Chickens Need a Great Deal More Mineral Matter Than is Generally Supposed.

Chickens consume a great deal more mineral matter than is commonly supposed. Not only is there mineral matter in the general body composition, but large amounts in the bony framework and a considerable amount in the feathers. The growing chick, probably more than any other animal, needs an abundance of mineral matter to meet its growing demand.

It is a well-known fact that chickens go about picking up every small bit of mineral substance that they can find. This is surely an indication that these things are of a benefit to them. Also it has been held that grit in the form of small pebbles and other hard substances are used exclusively for grinding food. Of late, after more careful study of digestion processes with poultry, authorities have come to the conclusion that grit does not aid materially in the grinding of food in the gizzard. It is very likely that the pebbles grinding together there are reduced to a powder and are utilized in the animal system as a mineral food, the slow reduction making digestion possible.

Different animal and vegetable foods contain different proportions of mineral matter, some containing a large and some a small amount. Of the grain, for instance, wheat contains more mineral matter than corn. Animal bony matter contains more mineral matter than animal flesh. Also, some common natural mineral substances contain a greater amount of mineral elements than can be utilized for food than others. Some granites contain more inorganic elements than limestone. Oyster shells, the popular mineral chicken feed, contains practically nothing but lime, yet it is an excellent mineral food.

GOOD STOCK FOR BREEDING.

White Cochins Are Fair Layers, but Excel in Weight and Hardiness.

White Cochins belong to the Asiatic class. They are only fair layers, but are of good build and generous weight. The Standard gives weight as follows:

A Trio of White Cochins.

Cock, 11 pounds; hen, 8 1/2 pounds; cockerel, nine pounds, and pullet, seven pounds.

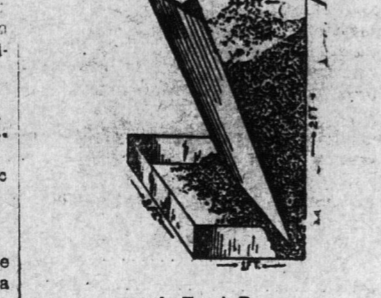
They have a bright yellow beak, bay colored eyes, yellow shanks and a pure white plumage. They are very hardy, lay brown-colored eggs and are very persistent sitters. They are a single-combed breed.

MIXING FEED FOR THE HENS.

To Raise Flock of Healthy, Thrifty and Active Chickens Method of Feeding Important.

A prominent poultry man of Massachusetts, who breeds very high-class birds, has a method of feeding which is simplicity itself. He has in each pen self-feeding hoppers; these hoppers are transversely divided into different compartments and in each compartment is a different kind of feed.

They are kept supplied at all times and his birds eat as much of each



A Feed Box.

and of feed as they like, mixing it to suit themselves.

His stock is always healthy and thrifty. He never feeds any wet or damp feed to his fowls, old or young. From the first they are fed on dry feed and get it from the hoppers.

Each hopper contains a variety of grain, bran and middlings and a compartment full of dry beef scrap. His plan saves an immense amount of dirt work and muzzing with hot mashies and mixed feed.

POULTRY NOTES.

Boiled oats or other grain makes a good laying feed.

Be sure the hens are provided with a dust bath.

Old hens make the best mothers, but the pullets are the better layers.

The breed you like best is the best breed for you to keep.

OBITUARY.

John Ross.

John Ross, a well known and highly respected citizen of Sussex, died Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, at his residence in Main street there, aged sixty-two years. Heart disease was the cause of death. His wife and one daughter, Ella, at home, survive. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Frank Baird officiating.

Mr. Ross was born in Scotland and came to Canada with his parents. He served his time as a cabinet maker in St. John for a number of years and later went to Sussex and with his brother-in-law, Adam McPherson, established a furniture and cabinet shop there. He was with McPherson until they amalgamated with the Sussex Mfg. Co., about a year ago.

A year ago Mr. Ross severed his connection with the Sussex Mfg. Co., and for the past six months had been confined to his home in poor health.

Miss Evelyn Lambert.

The death of Evelyn, only daughter of Mrs. S. Lambert, occurred Friday at her mother's residence in Wentworth street. The deceased who was only thirteen years of age, had been ill but a very short time. She was a pupil at the Victoria school, and was very popular.

R. H. Lee Young.

R. H. Lee Young, one of the prominent men of Bathurst, died suddenly at his home Friday. News of his decease was received in the city last evening in a telegram from his cousin, Mrs. C. Robinson, of Elliott Row. The late Mr. Young was proprietor of a large general store business and was a loving father of two boys, a son of the late Hon. Robt. Young, who was president of the legislative council at the time when that body was abolished. Mr. Young was well known here, having attended school in the city. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of the late Alex. Ferguson, of Bathurst, and by several children. Two brothers and two sisters are also alive. The brothers are P. T. B. Young and James Young, of Carleton Place, and the sister, Miss Isabella Young, of Carleton Place. Mrs. Fraser, wife of Rev. Frank Fraser, of Minnesota.

Miss Lucy Vail Pickett.

A great many people in this city and province will be shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of Miss Lucy Vail Pickett, which occurred at Greenview Friday. Miss Pickett was the daughter of the late Mr. W. W. Pickett, M. A., D. D., who was for many years rector of Greenwich parish and who died last June. Deceased was for a long time superintendent of the staff of nurses in the hospital in Newport (R. I.). She had given up her position there to attend her father during his declining years and after his death had volunteered as a diocesan nurse among the clergy of the diocese. The synod readily accepted her services and the David Watson Pickett memorial fund was instituted by Bishop Richardson and, assisted by the diocesan women's auxiliary, had contributed good work among the families of the clergy. Miss Pickett had been spending some days in Kingston and returned to her home on Wednesday apparently in good health. Yesterday she was seized with a stroke of apoplexy and died within an hour without having recovered consciousness.

Dr. Edward T. Gaudet.

Dorchester, N. B., May 29.—(Special)—Dr. Edward T. Gaudet, the well known physician at St. Joseph's, and surgeon also of the Dorchester penitentiary, died at his home at St. Joseph's at 8 o'clock this morning after a short illness, death being due to Bright's disease, with which he had been troubled for the past few years. Three years ago he recovered from a severe attack and returned to work somewhat carelessly of his own health.

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Mrs. Mary West.

Hopewell Hill, N. B., May 29.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary West, widow of Wm. A. West, died quite suddenly at the hospital this morning, the death, which followed an operation for internal trouble, coming as a severe shock to her relatives and occasioning widespread sorrow and regret throughout the community. Although for a few weeks symptoms of a serious character had been present, the deceased had been in apparently good health and was able to go about until the time of the operation on Thursday. Her death was particularly sad and circumstances had a gloom over the community and the deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Mrs. West, who was sixty-four years of age, was a daughter of the late William Read, of Harvey, and was held in very high esteem by all her friends and acquaintances, being a woman of particularly kind and generous disposition, and of most exemplary Christian character. She had been a resident of this village for a long time, having moved here from Harvey with her husband and family about twenty years ago. She was a devoted

member of the Baptist church, a teacher in the Sunday school and had been president of the B. W. M. Aid Society for several years. A friend to all, her death will be deeply mourned by all those with whom she came in contact.

Deceased is survived by three sons and four daughters, Clifford C. West and Misses Edna, Bertha and Hannah, of this place, and John A. and W. Henry West and Mrs. Frederick Mills, of Winnipeg. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. McGellan, of the Hon. A. R. McLellan, of Riverside, Albert county, and three brothers, Watson E. Read, of Riverside, and James and Merritt, of California. Her husband died eight years ago.

John O'Connor.

The death occurred in this city Sunday of John O'Connor, an old and respected citizen of this city in the 80th year of his age. The deceased was born in Ireland, but came to this country about 56 years ago. He is survived by two sons, Matthew, in the United States, and William, of this city, also one daughter, Annie, at home.

NEW BRUNSWICK LUMBERMEN WILL MAKE A PROTEST.

Delegation to Meet Premier Gouin, of Quebec, Regarding Increase in Stumpage Rates.

A delegation of New Brunswick lumbermen will today meet Premier Gouin, of Quebec, to protest against the Quebec government's raise in the stumpage and mileage rates. At the recent session of the Quebec legislature the stumpage rate was raised from 65 cents to \$1 and on cedar and other lumber in proportion. Several local firms and more of the North Shore firms operate in Quebec province. In fact, most of the cedar from which shingles are manufactured in New Brunswick is brought in from Quebec. These firms are therefore interested in the protest which is being made. Arthur Hilyard, of Dalhousie, who was in the city on Friday and Saturday, received a wire just before taking the Quebec express for home on Saturday evening asking him to be one of the delegation, but he was unable to make connections in time.

Mr. Hilyard received a telegram while here stating that the water was rising in the St. Lawrence, but does not feel at all confident as yet that any large portion of the cut will be got out. With prices good on the English market and freights low, however, Mr. Hilyard estimates that the summer will be a fairly good one.

THROW AWAY ALL YOUR FEARS.

Backache, Gravel and Rheumatism Vanish Before Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Proved Once Again in the Case of Mrs. Fred Krieger, Who Suffered From the Worst Forms of Kidney Disease.

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MONCTON STRONG FOR LEASING LIGHTING PLANT

Moncton, May 27.—By a decisive vote, which was almost unanimous, the citizens today endorsed the agreement prepared by the city council with the Street Railway, Electric & Gas Company for the leasing of the city lighting plant for a period of thirty-nine years.

The vote in favor of the proposition was over twelve to one. The vote was large considering there were no rival factions to get out the vote. In the last civic election 876 votes were polled, compared with 826 cast today.

The voting was conducted quietly, the only activity shown being by citizens who were anxious to see the agreement carried by a large majority. There was little doubt from the outset as to the result, the only question being the majority.

The total vote was 783 for the agreement and 63 against. Vote by wards: Ward 1—For, 150; against, 7. Ward 2—For, 314; against, 20. Ward 3—For, 299; against, 36.

Following the endorsement of the agreement with the street railway company a large number of enthusiastic citizens met in No. 3 fire station this evening for the purpose of forming a Greater Moncton Club. The discussion was favorable to the proposal and a committee was appointed to look into the matter and report to an adjourned meeting.

MONSTER GREY TROUT

25-Pounder Is Caught in Kagama Lake.

(Ottawa Citizen).

The Kagama Club is now celebrating. One of the largest trout ever caught in this district was landed from Kagama lake, up the Gatineau, Tuesday. It is a gray trout and when taken from the water just tipped the scales at 25 pounds. It is a beauty, 36 3/4 inches long and of 24 inches girth. The lucky fisherman was James B. Gillespie, who was using a troll with 600 feet of copper wire. The big fish twisted the boat about as a whirlpool would and there was great difficulty in landing it. J. B. McRae was also in the boat and as there was no dip net they tipped the boat sufficiently to reach the fish with their hands and catching it by the gills, pulled it in, with many a cut on their fingers to prove it. The fish will probably be given over to the museum. Prof. Prince is very anxious that this fine specimen be mounted as a proof of what Canadian lakes contain.

Maine Woman Dies at 103.

Westbrook, Me., May 29.—Mrs. Mary McKeague, probably the oldest woman in Maine, died at her home here tonight, aged 103 years. Mrs. McKeague was born near Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country when 19 years old. Her maiden name was Gordon.

Bees never store honey in the light, because honey thus exposed granulates, and is thus useless to the bees.

In England and Wales last year there were 18,757 more boys than girls born.

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MIDGET NOVA SCOTIA MAN DEAD

Edward Hupman, Two Feet, Nine Inches Tall, and Weight 30 Pounds, Dies at Age of 38.

Halifax, May 27.—Edward Hupman, probably the smallest man in Canada, died yesterday in his home at Allendale, Nova Scotia. He was thirty-eight years of age. His height was two feet nine inches and he weighed thirty pounds. He had been ill for five months with stomach trouble, but the immediate cause of death was paralysis, with which he was stricken on Sunday.

His sister, who is now about twenty years of age, also is of exceedingly small stature.

During the construction of the public wharf at Lockport station, Hupman was employed as timekeeper.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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Moncton Man Brought from Boston Very Ill.

Moncton, May 29.—(Special)—Isaac Bennett, a well known I. C. R. employe, was brought to his home here last night critically ill. He was taken suddenly ill while visiting his son in Boston.

Peary Honored by London Club.

London, May 28.—Commander Robert Peary was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Savage Club tonight. He was elected a life honorary member.

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