

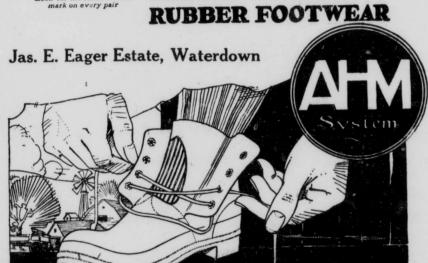
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# Farm Notes

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#### BOYS IN AGRICULTURE

The Juniop Farmer Is Much to the Fore To-day.

Badly Handled In the Past -Much Book and Not Enough Boy —He is a Born Club Man—Rural School Fairs and Boys' Clubs Are Making Active Young Patriots.

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In agriculture the boy has arrived. He was a long time coming. His way has been as tortuous as a wild grapevine, and at times his reluctant feet lagged distressingly. He Did Not Get a Fair Show at First.

To bring the boy into general agricultural work and study, all manner of efforts had been made. He was bullied and bribed, cuffed and coaxed, pinched and patted, whipped and wheedled; yet scarcely a foot had he voluntary gone forward until very recently. The Old Castor Oil Policy.

At one time, figuratively speaking, he was held by the nose while naus-eous doses from text-books of forbidding terminologies were forced down his unwilling throat, in order to give him a taste and enthusiasm farming!

tor farming! But to-day we have the boy gen-ulnely interested in agriculture; open-eyed, open-ininded, open-handed. Open-eyed, for ne is looking at farm-ing in a new light; open-minded, be-cause he is now regarding agricul-tural instruction with a sympathetic understanding; open-handed, for he is ready, even eager, to seize the hoe-handle and wield it as proudly as if it were a field marshal's baton.

The Boy is a Gangster—a Club Man. Boys are gregarious; they flock. The boy, whether he lives in the city or the country is by nature a gang-ster. But call the gang a "club," and it gives an air to the ahair, although the latter word has not al-ways had an attractive meaning to the lad. The club collective is always more attractive than the club corrective. The Boy Wants to Be a Doer of

of the other fellers." ( school Fairs Have Helped the Farm Boy. Rural School Fairs nave done much to interest juniors in agricul-ture. To be an exhibitor, and per-haps a winner, at a fair has awakened the ambition of many a boy. To be able to show and win implies a knowl-cdge of growing thinss. To know how to grow things mean observ-ation, study and industry. The first Rural School Fair was heid in 1909, three schools unitins, and had an attendance of 250. In 1921 there were 449 fairs, embrac-ing 3,847 schools, with an attend-ance of 345,259, over halt of whom were juniors. At these fairs practi-cally every branch of agriculture was covered, and the total entries of ex-hibits reached about 200,000. Home Garden, Acre Proft. Baby Beet, and Hog raising contests have also stirred the tarm boy to action and study. Junior Farmer Improvement Associa-tions.

tions." These associations are made up of young men, many of whom have been trained through the School Fairs, and some of whom have ters in educational, business, and so-cal endeavor, as well as being for-most in taking up new methods of accounture. They have been active in ergunzing gli conducting Inter-......

Association Debates, County Judging Competitions, Ploughing Competi-tions, Banquets, Public Speaking Contests, Baseball Leagues, and

tions, Banquets, Public Speaking Contests, Baseball Leagues, and Field Days. These Junior Ploughing Matches ave revived a long neglected phase of agricultural endeavor, and old ploughmen have expressed great sat-isfaction, with the work of the lads. Live Stock Judging Contests took place in thirty-three counties last year, and there have been many inter-County competitions. The win-ners had a free trip to the Chicago International Live Stock Show, and came back with a bisger vision of their calling. Copys' and Girls' Live Stock further

Boys' and Girls' Live Stock Clubs.

The Boys' and Girls' Live Stock Chubs are doing much to develop the breeding of superior cattle, hogs, etc. About fifty of these Clubs are in

About fifty of large Clubs are in existence Other activities of a useful and elevating character are engaged in by boys on Ontario farms, all of which suggest a keen, practical and intelligent acquaintance with agricul-tare, its literature, and its practice. In agriculture, the boy bas arrived. —Thos. McGillicuddy, Statistics and Publications Branch, Toronto.

## **BEDDING FOR STABLES**

Straw, Peat Moss, Sawdust and Shavings Considered.

Straw Preferred for Many Reasons —Measuring Hay In the Mow and

In the Stack — Hand-feeding Lambs—Farm Trespassers Scored. (Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The materials used for bedding

domestic animals are generally straw from the grain fields, peat moss from

In the second where it is producy as domestic animals are generally straw is used to a generation of the second by together failed because they lacked that most too much Book and not enough Book in the minds of the pedagogues. The lad gagged and choked mentally at too earily memorization of learned and (to nim) meaningless parases, reverse action, starting with the soup tut in this case the naits were assually too hard for the youngster—a Chub Man. Boys are gregarious; they flock.
In the Boy is a Gangster—a Chub Man. Boys are gregarious; they flock.
In the soup are gregarious; the great are the soup are animals, is not as good an absorbent as the softer oat, barley and pea straws. Wheat straw not being highly valued as a feed finds its greatest and it gives an air to the anair; valued as a feed finds its greatest value has a track of the standard of th use as a stable bedding. The nitromais clean and preventing the loss of the liquid portion of the manure, sawdust or shavings serve a sood pur-pose; but it must be remembered that the fertility value of sawdust is low. Those who have straw should use it. Those who have neither straw or peat moss should then use the sawdust or shavings.-L. Stevenson, Sec., Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto.

#### Farm Trespassers Scored.

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by attaching a sink was made by attaching a zinc drain Three shallow grooves were hato the zinc, and it was to the wooden frame with a incline so the water easily