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MATERIALS FOR SILO.

I am making preparation to build a cement silo. How many yards of gravel, and how much cement would it take for a silo 15 feet in diameter and 30 feet high? I am drawing the gravel now, and would like an answer as soon as Could you tell me how to possible. build the silo in the best way? J. W.

Ans.—Assuming that you are to have a cement floor, and that the inside of the walls will be plastered, we would advise you to procure forty yards of gravel, and thirty-five to forty barrels of cement. In case field stones are available, quite a few loads of these could be worked in, to the economy of both gravel and cement. If a little material is left over, it will not come amiss for other work. A specially good article on the construction of a cement silo appeared on page 500 of "The Farmer's Advocate" of March 29th, 1906, and another on page 946 in our issue of June 6th, 1907. and others will be published shortly, giving the actual experience of farmers who have built them.

CEMENT-SILO QUERIES.

- 1. Is a cement silo liable to crack after being built?
- Does the ensilage keep well in it? Is it apt to be mouldy?
- 4. In building a round cement silo, would it be necessary to have a circularshaped box, and where could one be procured, or would it be difficult to make one?
- 5. How thick should the walls of silo
- 6. How would the silo be bound together on the side where the doors are ? 7. How much gravel and cement would be required for a silo 14 feet in
- diameter inside and 27 feet high? I would be much obliged for this information now, in winter time, when gravel could be hauled and other preparations made. SUBSCRIBER.
- Ans .- 1. Not if well built and properly reinforced with wire.
- 2. Yes; if it is plastered or washed with cement-mortar on the inside.
- 3. Not if the silo is constructed and
- plastered as above. 4. Either a circular box or steel rings, specially made for the purpose, and usually kept for hire by someone in each neighborhood.
- 5. Ten inches at the bottom, tapering to five or six at the top, depending upon the size of silo, strength of mortar and system of metal reinforcement.
- 6. The wires laid in the cement-mortar pass completely around the silo be-
- tween the doors. 7. Assuming the silo is to contain a cement floor, we would advise you to lay in about 30 or 35 cubic yards of gravel and 30 barrels of first-class Portland cement. Some loads of fields stone may be worked in to good advantage to the economy of both gravel and ce-

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WE LIVE IN THIS WORLD, NOT IN THE IDEAL WORLD."

That was Mr. Gladstone's reply to a mother who was pleading that boyshould be kept more strictly in the home Then Mr. Gladstone went on to say: "If hoys are to meet and master the rough facts of this world, if they are to make a living and make a success in this world, if they are to keep themselves straight and true in this world, they must have responsibility shouldered onto them early in life. The boys who are too well shielded from danger are precisely the ones that fall into all sorts of

There is no danger which the apronstring boys fall into as quickly and surely as the danger of shooting themselves and other boys by their ignorant handling of firearms. You teach them how to avoid a thousand other dangers-how to use kerosene and gas and matches and knives-how to ride and drive and swim and skate and coast-how to get on and off cars, and cross the crowded streethow to climb trees and keep away from the heels of a mule, and leave red hats and shawls at home when they go into the cattle pasture-why not make them wise and self-reliant and careful in the use of firearms? They will be handling guns. Get a Stevens "Little Krag," and have some target-practice with them; and teach them all about it. The J. Stevens Arms & Tool Co., of Chicopee Falls, Mass., just for five cents in stamps to pay postage, will send you a finelyillustrated book of 160 pages on firearms. The book explains all about the make and the use and care of every kind of rifle and shotgun and pistol.

GOSSIP

Wili you kindly make the following corrections in the list of winnings in Lincolns at the Ontario Winter Fair at J. H. Patrick, of Ilderton, Guelph: won the following prizes: First for ewe lamb, first for pen of three ewe lambs in the Lincoln class. He also won first for yearling wether in Long-wool-grade A. P. WESTERVELT, Secretary Winter Fair

HIS CONTRIBUTION.

Stories have been told of buttons, tacks and various extraneous substances found in contribution boxes, but it is seldom that a church member strikes a blow so severe as was that delivered by Amos Budd, of Petterville, on one occasion.

It was at the close of a missionary sermon that Mr. Budd, whose wont it was to contribute ten cents to each of the charities to the support of which the church subscribed, was seen to take a blue slip from his pocket and look at it keenly and affectionately.

When, after a slight but evident hesitation, he dropped the slip, carefully folded, into the box, Deacon Lane, who was passing it, could hardly refrain from an exclamation of joy.

"The Lord will bless you, Brother Budd," he said when the sermon was over, hurrying down the aisle to overtake the prosperous grocer.

"I hope so," returned Mr. Budd, dryly, " but I'm afraid you cal'late on that being a cheque that I dropped in the box. It wasn't. 'Twas a receipted bill for kerosene the church owned me last year, and it had been overlooked. Of course, it's jest the same as money though, when you come to that."

Candidate.—Yus, as I've already told you, gentlemen, you see before you a self-made man.

Voice (from the back).—Better ha' put the job out, mister!