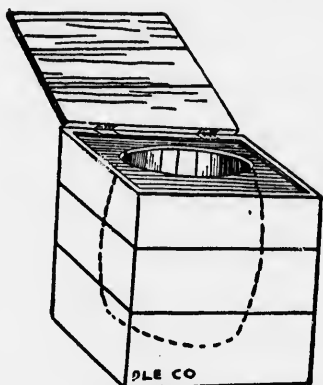


Handy Feed Cookers.

Sometimes it is desirable to feed soaked feed to pigs or to keep feed warm for a time. The first illustration shows a contrivance that some men have found very handy. It is a good, sound barrel packed inside a large packing box. Secure a packing box about 16 or 20 inches wider than the widest diameter of the barrel. Pack and pound 6 or 8 inches of chaff or cut straw in the bottom of the box, set the barrel on this and pound in the chaff around the sides; have the top of the box come some three or four inches above the barrel, so that a double cover may be put on. The sides of the box can be built up, if necessary, and a step made on the outside, so that one can reach into the barrel with ease. The top may be hinged or loose. If you haven't a regular boiler house, such a contrivance will be found a first-rate thing into which to put a lot of bran or meal, and then put on enough boiling water to wet it tho-



roughly, cover up and let stand. It will cook in a few hours. If prepared the last thing at night it will be ready to feed in the morning, if the box is kept in the stable, or back kitchen. If the barrel is too large, use only a half one.

Another cooker can be made as follows: Instead of a barrel a large galvanized iron pail, with flaring sides, is used. Set it in a box with a good layer of cut straw in the bottom; then pack around it a good thickness of long straw. When the straw is firmly packed the pail will lift out and can be carried to the stable. Have a double cover for it. It will be found handy for preparing a morning mash for the hens' breakfast. Mix the meal in the evening; the last thing at night put on enough boiling water, cover up, and by morning it will be nicely cooked ready to go to the stable the first thing. The hens will appreciate it.