

BUILDING CISTERNS.

Every housewife in this country, especially those living off from streams, knows the value of soft water; and next to a well, which generally in the West gives limestone water, is a cistern needed. The following plan we take from the *Peoria Press*, which says such have been built there.—*Farmers' Journal*.

"The workman proceed to dig a circular hole or pit, of the desired capacity, at the place where a cistern is wanted, and shape it after the usual form of an earthen pot, which shape is deemed best adapted to give strength. Care should be taken to have the sides as regular and smooth as the ground will admit of. The plasterer comes next, to give it a coat of mortar made of hydraulic cement and clean sand, in proportion of about one of the former to two of the latter, wet with water to a suitable consistency. This is plastered immediately against the sides of the pit, beginning at the bottom and extending upward, and on the horizontal part of the offset to the perpendicular part. If the sides should be sand, it may give some trouble to the plasterer, which an expert workman can readily overcome, and if any part should cave a little, a few broken bricks or stones may be put in to hold up the sand or caving earth till the first coat is put on, which soon hardens and sustains the earth in its place. When this coat is sufficiently dry, of which the workman can judge, a second must be added, then a third, each about half an inch in thickness. These render the sides perfectly secure against the caving of the earth, forming a powerful stone pot or cistern which hardens and strengthens with age and proper use. The roofing or covering is lodged upon the offset, and is usually made of two inch plank, leaving a suitable hole, with a square box open at each end, inserted in the centre where the water is to be drawn out. If the cistern is large, joists or other timbers are to be put across it to support the plank and earth about a foot deep. Before throwing the earth upon the plank, their joints must be secured with cement against the admission of dirt. This is, without doubt, the cheapest way of building cisterns, and may be practiced with success wherever they are wanted. One barrel of cement is sufficient for a cistern that will hold eighty barrels of water, and more when the earth can be smoothly dug down."

BROCK DISTRICT CATTLE SHOW.

The Cattle Show and Fair for this newly established District, took place in the town of Woodstock, on the 17th of September last, and would have been noticed by us in due time, had not the article we prepared been unavoidably crowded out. The stock on the ground—although not as good as we noticed in the Gore District—was nevertheless very creditable, particularly a few pens of sheep and swine. Much credit is due to a number of Gentlemen from the British Isles, who have purchased land and settled near the town of Woodstock, for the interest they take in agricultural improvement, which we saw most strikingly manifested in their farming operations. We have no doubt but the influence produced from their good examples, will be beneficially felt throughout the whole District. At the close of the Show, the members and friends of the Society sat down to a substantial and

well-served dinner, prepared by their host Mr. J. Love, of East Woodstock.

Several subjects of interest to the Society were introduced and discussed with ability. The subjects of sending to other districts for judges of Stock, and the contemplated Grand Provincial Show made a part of the evening's proceedings. Our attention was particularly drawn to these subjects; which will be commented upon in our next.

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ADVERTISING COLUMNS. ✓

It has been suggested to us that our Journal would be more interesting to the agricultural community, if a portion of its columns were devoted to advertisements. We have concluded to act upon the suggestion, and rely upon the kindness of our Agents and friends generally, to assist us in the undertaking. The advertisements will be restricted to the last Page of each number, and no display lines will be given.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN CULTIVATOR, having the widest and most extensive circulation of any journal published in the Province, will be found the best medium for advertising Improved Farms for Sale; Improved Breeds of Stock; Farming and Gardening Implements; Choice Varieties of Grains and Seeds; Select Fruit Trees, &c., and all other information that may be desirable to be made known to the most intelligent of the farming community. Our terms of advertising will be considered extremely low, when the unparalleled advantages which the circulation of our journal possess, are taken into account.

TO AGENTS.

We have issued a large edition of Circulars in the hope that they would be instrumental in bringing our Journal into general notice. We conceive it would be an advantage to have one placed conspicuously in every Mill, Country Store, and Hotel in the country. Our Agents will, therefore, do us a favour by informing us the number that each may require for the above purpose.

Persons authorized to receive Subscription for *The British American Cultivator* are—All Postmasters throughout British America—all Newspaper Publishers—and all Secretaries of Agricultural Societies.

In addition to the above, we kindly solicit all Country and Village Merchants, and Farmers having influence in their respective neighbourhoods, to procure Subscribers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of an Agricultural Almanac illustrated with beautiful engravings, published at the office of *The Western Farmer and Gardener*, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We have to apologise for the nonappearance of the articles on Horticulture and Mechanism promised in our Circular.

Orders for THE CULTIVATOR will be received at the Star and Transcript Office; British Colonist Office; Wesleyan Book Store; J. Eastwood & Co.; Lyman Farr & Co. Druggists; James Wickson, Market Block; Richard Brewer and G. F. Payne, Bookbinders; George Leslie, J. F. Westland, and J. Fleming Gardeners and Seed Merchants, and Jno. Henderson, Merchant, Lot Street, West.

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	s.	d.	s.	d.
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Oatmeal..... per barrel.....	18	0	a	30 0
Wheat..... per bushel.....	2	9	a	8 9
Rye..... do.....	2	3	a	2 6
Barley..... do.....	1	3	a	1 6
Oats..... do.....	0	8	a	9 0
Pence..... do.....	1	4	a	2 0
Timothy..... do.....	3	2	a	3 6
Clover Seed..... do.....	39	0	a	35 0
Perk..... per 100 lbs.....	10	0	a	12 0
Reef..... do.....	15	0	a	16 3
Mutton and Veal (qr.)..... per lb.....	0	23	a	0 34
Pork..... do.....	0	2	a	0 34
Butter..... do.....	0	8	a	9 0
Turkeys..... do.....	2	0	a	2 6
Geese..... do.....	1	3	a	1 10
Fowls, per pair.....	1	0	a	2 0
Dicks, per pair.....	1	8	a	2 0
Eggs, per dozen.....	0	9	a	1 0
Potatoes, per bushel.....	1	3	a	1 4
Hay, per ton.....	45	0	a	50 0
Straw, do.....	25	0	a	30 0
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