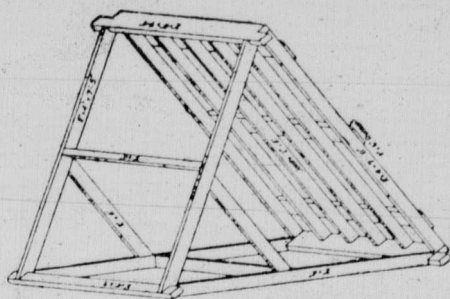


The Popular Hog House

The following article appeared a short time ago in one of the farm magazines on the other side of the line, and may be of use to some of the hog men of the West. "There would be less loss if the brood sows had individual cots in which to farrow and start their litters. There would be smaller



chance of disease if the farrowing cots were made portable and moved quite frequently, so as to get the litter on clean, dry ground. Where the soil is naturally dry, and the houses moved frequently, there need be no wooden floors, but if it is impossible to keep the sow and her family out of the mud without

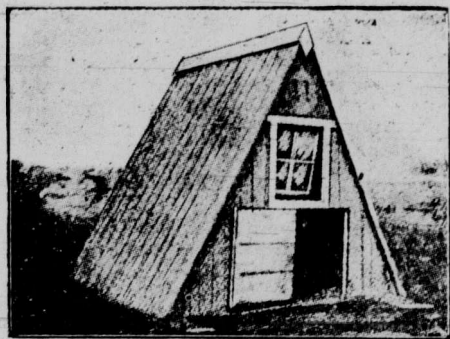


Fig. 3.

floors, then add a few more pieces to the structure and you have a dry place. There are as many sizes and styles of individual farrowing pens as there are hog raisers, so it is not essential that any particular size or style be constructed. We aim to give you only the ideas. You can work them out to suit

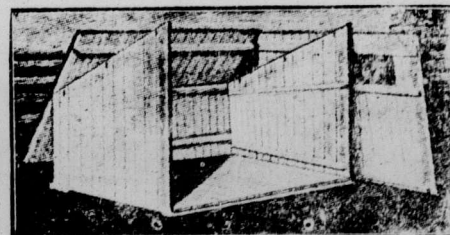


Fig. 1.

your needs. The "A" shaped cots (Fig. 3), are usually about 8 feet square at the bottom, and the roof boards about 8 feet long. The floor may be left out if so desired.

The shed roof type of house (Figs. 1 and 2), is 6x8 feet and 6 feet high in front and 4 feet high in the rear. Any

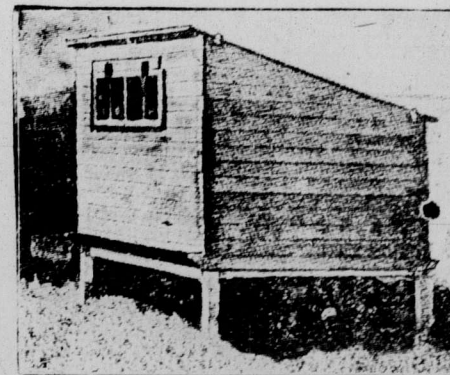


Fig. 2.

rough lumber will do. Batten the cracks. Put the houses on skids so they can be hauled from place to place by a team. If not permanently fastened to the skids—which are fast to rot out—they can easily be put on new skids when necessary. Around the inside wall a few inches from the floor, a

board or plank with edge out, will keep the sow from overlaying any of the little pigs before they are old enough to get out of the way, in case they get out of the nest and against the wall. Ventilation is provided by air passage in the roof of the "A" shaped houses, protected by an "A" shaped shield of boards, with place for the escape of air only small windows in the front and back gables of the house, opening outward, and hinged from the top so storms cannot beat in. These houses are cheap and serviceable for years. They can be painted with creosote and preserved, and they look well this way.

The sows get acquainted with their individual houses if put in and confined by a fence for a few days before farrowing. After farrowing she will know her house, and no other sow will bother about entering, even if they all run at large in one lot.

The individual house has much advantage over the large colony house for brood sows, provided they are not situated too far away so they will be neglected. It is good for the sows to have to travel quite a distance to get to the feeding floor. They need the exercise. The easiest way for the man may be the worst thing for the sows.

In summer, after the pigs need less shelter, the houses can be put on stilts out in the pasture, and thus afford shade. If they are floored houses, grain can be stored in them for feeding the herd.

ALBERTA'S PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 19.—Practically all of today's session of the legislature was taken up in consideration of bills in committee of the whole and the order paper was well cleared off when the House rose at 7 o'clock. The legislators are now working with the idea in view of having prerogation on Wednesday. The committee who have been examining the names on the prohibition plebiscite petition reported that it appeared to conform to the requirements of the Direct Legislation Act and then Premier Sifton moved that it be referred to the electors of the province, the date to be decided by the lieutenant-governor-in-council. The motion was passed without discussion. The date of the taking of the plebiscite will likely be June of next year. Representatives of the licensed victuallers asked for delay that they might verify the 24,000 signatures and also contended that the bill did not come under the Direct Legislation Act owing to its being a charge on the revenue of the province. Their objections were overruled, representatives of the temperance forces merely being required to give affidavits that the greatest care had been exercised in compiling the lists.

Wild Lands' Tax

The rate of taxation under the Wild Lands' Tax Act, which has received its second reading has been fixed at ten mills on the dollar. The valuation of the lands will be made by government officials. The total acreage in the province to which this bill will apply is roughly estimated at 15,000,000 acres. The valuation is expected to average \$10 per acre, and if these figures are correct, the revenue derived will approach \$1,500,000. The act will come into force next year.

There are three principal exemptions including land owned by a bona fide resident farmer to the extent of 640 acres, any part of which may be situated within nine miles from his home; land owned by non-residents must have a quarter of its area under cultivation; all inclosed land which has been used for pasturing purposes must have one horse or cattle and three sheep for every ten acres.

The act is in the nature of a war measure as well as being designed to serve the purpose of securing the release of farm lands from the hands of speculators and permitting its development.

WISEGUYS ABROAD

When the yacht was wrecked the Busy Business Man swam ashore to a cannibalistic but ambitious island.

"Now, you get together," he said to

to natives on the beach, "and build me a boat. I must get back to Wall Street because my time is worth 100 dollars a minute."

"You're the right man in the right place," said the native, "and you must come to our chief, because ever since a New York newspaper blew ashore last month he has been longing to see one of you 100-dollar-a-minute men. Follow me."

"Great!" said the chief as he rose to greet the newcomer. "Let's see you make about five hundred dollars. What sort of an outfit do you want? Are you a chemist?"

"Certainly not," snapped back the Busy Business Man. "I hire chemists sometimes, but I hope you don't think I putter around personally with the test tubes."

"Then maybe you're an inventor?"

"Of course not."

"An architect?"

"No."

"A doctor?"

"Never."

The chief thought. "How do you make money?"

"This way," said the Busy Business Man. "When things are long I buy, see? and when they're short I sell, see?"

"I don't understand," said the Chief, "but here is the whole island at your disposal. Take all the time you want, but produce an hour's worth of wealth by night and we'll row you back to Wall Street in a boat full of roses and coconuts. If you can't produce six thousand before supper, then—"

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