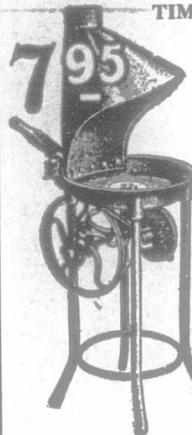


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About Pig Pens.

I have been reading your ideas on the building of hogpens, but I should like it very much if you would go further and describe the best way to fix the fronts for feeding, the doors for the hogs to go out, how much space to be used for windows, and how high the posts should be where a hay or straw loft is used? **W.**

Ans.—Where a straw loft is provided, it will not be wise even then to have the ceiling too low. Eight-foot posts should make a convenient height for the ceiling, and it is in general practice where modern piggeries are being erected. We have never heard of any complaints one way or the other from this height. For feeding purposes, the troughs and fronts may be constructed in two different ways. One system, which is very convenient, exists where the trough is constructed half-way inside the pen and half-way outside. The front of the pen comes exactly above the center of the trough. This may not be as convenient for cleaning out the trough, but for feeding purposes it is as expeditious as any construction that we have ever seen. However, taking everything into consideration, perhaps a trough made of cement, ten inches wide, four inches high in front and eight inches at the back is the best trough; then add a moveable front, suspended at the top on hinges so it will move inward. This is the most complete and up-to-date. One or two iron shafts fastened securely to the outside of this front, and arranged in such a way that it will slide up and down, and fastened into slots both when it is perpendicular, as the wall, and when it is swung in to prevent the hogs getting into the trough. This system has much to commend it, as the pigs can be excluded from all the troughs at once while the feeder goes about his work preparing, mixing and distributing the feeds. When his work is all done in that direction, the hogs may be allowed to commence feeding. It will be optional with the door leading to the outside pens whether it be a hinged door opening one way, or hinged at the top to open in and out. In the latter case, it would almost appear necessary in this country to have it detachable, so one could fasten the door on during the winter months so that it would be tight and warm. In any case, during warm weather this door could be fastened open, and in cold weather it should be closed tightly at night, so in our estimation the ordinary door is most advisable. There should be a door leading into the feed passage as well. Loading is mostly done from the center or feed passage. A door two and one-half feet wide by three and one-half feet high will be quite sufficient, and if the passage be wider than this, a temporary partition could be carried along and attached to the door so the pigs could be driven from one pen to the other with comparative ease.

Regarding light in the piggery, it depends altogether on the raiser's willingness to admit plenty of sunshine. Windows about three feet square would be a convenient size, and it hardly appears possible to install too many of them. Six to ten feet apart would possibly light the pens sufficiently, but we have never yet seen a piggery with too many windows installed.



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