

Dr. Maria Montessori

Questions and Answers.  
Miscellaneous.

Lightning Rods.

As I am interested in lightning rods, I ask your opinion as to the protection they afford, and also the class of rods you would recommend, if any. H. G.

Ans.—It has been conclusively proven that lightning rods of the proper material and properly installed, are a protection to buildings, and for kinds of rods and installation, we would refer you to our issue of December 25, 1913, page 2286, article from a paper delivered by Prof. W. H. Day, at the Ontario Provinces, Winter Fair.

A Cattle Deal.

A sold two cows to B. B gave him two dollars down on them. There was no stated day for him to take them away. In the meantime, one cow dies. Who is the loser, A or B?

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Ans.—From our understanding of the question, B, being the owner of the cows at the time of the loss of the one, would be the loser, no time being stated as to when they were to be taken away. The cows were the property of B as soon as bought. However, in such case, some consideration should be made, and one man should not be compelled to bear all the loss unless there was carelessness on the part of the man in whose charge the cows were. In such case, that man should be held responsible.

How to Tan.

1. How to tan (Indian tan) deer hides, with hair off?

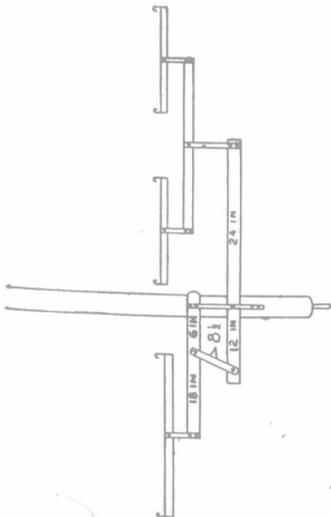
2. How to tan mink, muskrat, etc., with hair on? E. J. P.

Ans.—1. We advise against attempting to tan these at home. Send them to a tannery.

2. Again we say, send them to a tannery. But if you choose to tan at home, try soaking the hide in soft water for three days. Then scrape off all flesh and fat. When thoroughly cleaned, put into a tan composed of equal parts of alum and salt dissolved in hot water (seven pounds of alum and salt to twelve pounds of water, or in these proportions). Leave in this for two days. Hang up and scrape to soften. Put hide back again in brine for two days. Then hang up until quite dry, and shave and scrape again. After this, apply a coat of oil, roll up in sawdust, and lay away until dry. Apply a coat of soft soap and lay again in sawdust. Scraping and working the skin must be thoroughly done to get it soft and pliable.

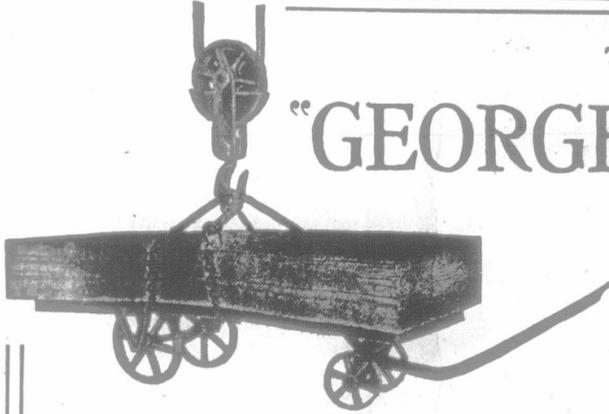
Three-horse Eveners.

Would be pleased to have you publish in your paper a three-horse evener, for use on a riding plow, so that each horse will do his share without the tugs rubbing the pole. R. H.



Ans.—For a plow with a tongue, the illustration here given is all we have. It has been criticised as not distributing draft evenly, but it gives fairly good satisfaction.

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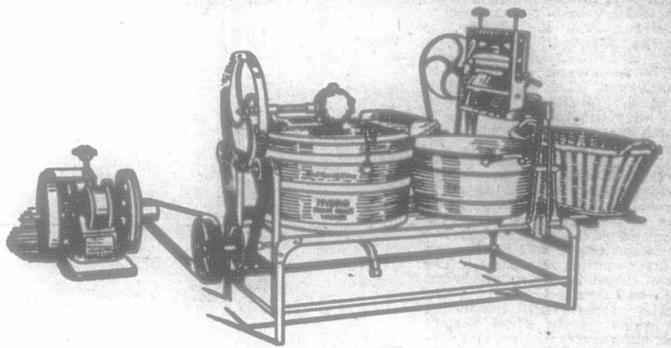
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