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# FARM MANAGEMENT

## Storing Seed Corn

The main consideration in storing seed corn, for the first two months at least, is good circulation of air so that the corn may become thoroughly dry as soon as possible. Hanging ears by the single or double string in a well ventilated place is a very satisfactory means for curing seed corn. Likewise, hanging the ears on a seed corn tree is a good method.

A seed corn tree is made by nailing a plank on one end of a fence post so it will stand erect, then driving into the post eight or ten penny finishing nails just far enough apart foremost on to the nails will not touch each other. This allows excellent circulation of air. By making a hole through a common tin pan and slip-

grates the pieces of stalk, thus making a more thorough mixture than does the elevator method.

If the corn is cut very green it is sometimes advisable to allow it to remain in the field for a few hours or even for a day before filling, but if the corn is in the glazing stage it had better be put into the silo as soon as it is cut in the field.

The fact that corn has been slightly frosted before being cut does not in any way affect its feeding value. It will of course affect the tonnage, but no considerable loss need be anticipated due to frosting. In fact I have seen corn cut for the silo with the leaves all frozen and white, but which made first class ensilage.

J. H. G.

## A White Wash Wrinkle

"For brightening and sweetening the stable I don't know anything better than the good old fashioned whitewash," said a Peterboro Co. farmer while discussing with an



An Evidence of One Man's Pluck and Perseverance

This is the new barn on the farm of B. T. Henderson, Elgin Co., Ont. Mr. Henderson was burned out in the spring of 1911, not a building being left standing. His new barn, here illustrated, cost \$12,750, has a concrete floor, swing stanchions, improved windows, concrete approach with roof collar below, a metal plate and a wooden silo costing \$150. It will be noted that the high wind of last spring carved in the upper portion of the silo.

ing it over the post so it will come bottom side up about one foot from the floor, will protect the seed corn very nicely from mice.

One of the best places for storing corn is an attic over a kitchen, especially if the attic is provided with a couple of windows so that good air circulation may be secured. The heat from the stove helps to circulate the air and helps dry out the corn. Further, it helps to keep the corn from freezing later in the fall.

Corn that is thoroughly dry is not injured by freezing, but it is very difficult to get corn thoroughly dry, if it is possible. The basement in which a furnace is used is also a good place for storing seed corn. After the weather gets a little cool and a fire is started; but earlier in the season, when there is no fire, seed corn will be better hung up in a shed or other open building, unless the basement is unusually well ven-

editor of Farm and Dairy some points in his stable management. "It is cheap and effective. Not half enough of it is used throughout the country. I use lots of it, — in the stable, in the hog pens and in the hen house."

"How do I make it? Well, every second person who uses whitewash has some little wrinkle of his own for making it. But I'll give you mine. To a bushel of lime I add half a bushel or more of salt. Then I add just enough water to make a thin paste. I allow this to stand in an month or two. In fact I always plan to have some of this 'mother' on hand. When I want to do a bit of whitewashing I simply take some of this paste and dilute it. This makes a whitewash that will 'hang on' longer than the ordinary lime wash. Live lime gives better results than lime which has become air slaked."

"What do you prefer as a disinfectant about the stables?" we asked.

"The same old whitewash," was a reply. "I just add five per cent carbolic acid. The acid makes the whitewash a little yellow in appearance but that is only a minor point. Whitewash will 'cover a multitude of sins.'"

Owing to a typographical error, A. E. Hulet, Norwich, Ont., was credited with winning only 15 first prizes in the Holstein classes at Toronto in addition to the three championships and the two grand championships. When it should have been 15 first prizes in addition to championships.

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## Silo Filling Queries

Which is the best way to put corn into silos, by elevator or blower? Is it better to put corn in the silo before cutting the stalks and putting in silo, or is it better to let it stand before cutting? If it is better to let it stand, how long should it remain out? Should corn be soaked with lime water or does it hurt it? — J. D. L.

Equally satisfactory results may be secured whether corn is put into silos by means of the elevator or blower, provided always that it is cut into very short lengths. The use of lime usually makes a better mixture inasmuch as it rips the kernels loose from the ears and disinte-