

The Value of a Silo Cover

HOW much spoiled silage does the average farmer wheel out to the manure pile every year? The great number of silos over the province that are without covers from one end of the year to the other, makes me ask this question. Every farmer loses more or less of the top layer. In some silos the loss is as much as six or seven inches. This will mean approximately a ton, much of which could be saved if the silo were covered. In fact, the loss in a year or two would more than pay for the cost of putting on a roof.

Better Living

WHEN you come to think of it, the aim of most of us is to live better. By better I do not necessarily mean that we are trying to live more moralized but rather more comfortable and efficient lives. We want better homes, better clothes, better food. If we earn more, we are apt to spend more in the effort to make living more pleasant and agreeable. This is as it should be. It is the proper fruit of our advancing civilization, of better and more widely diffused education and culture.

This is one of the big reasons why every year we devote this issue of Farm and Dairy to the interests of the women folk and the home life on our farms. We hope that in every one of the homes that we reach the question is discussed "How can we make our home a better and more comfortable place in which to live?"

One way in which we can do it is by giving the good housewives on our farms more of the modern conveniences by which their work may be easily accomplished. We equip the farm right up to the minute—but so often at a sacrifice of things which the housewife should have.

Possibly there is some piece of household equipment that has been wanted in your home for a number of years. It may be a washing machine to save many hours of drudgery; possibly your wife is working along with a defective stove that handicaps her efforts; it may be a sewing machine; a piano for your growing family; a better light for your winter reading; a furnace for the coming winter, or even a system of running water in your home.

If you can afford these comforts, you owe it to your family, your good housewife and to yourself to have them. They are marks of your culture—of your keeping pace with the civilization about us—of your refinement. For to-day, there is a demand for the best things and there is; and life is lived on higher levels.

And what a "Re-Thanksgiving" it would be in the home to have any one of these improvements that may mean the saving of so much drudgery for your other "partner"—the good housewife.

The point I wish to make is that the world will be the better and richer, and life lived with greater ease, in greater comfort, and with multiplied blessings if we give more thought to the comforts and conveniences of the home.

Now with this thought in mind we want you to go over the advertisements in this Women's Issue of Farm and Dairy, taking note of those that are especially directed to the home. From them you will get suggestions. They are in our pages for you. You will find too, those who serve you best, and provide the best values, are those who advertise. Any catalogue will be gladly sent you if you mention Farm and Dairy.

Our first silo was the common stave kind, made of hemlock planks, 8 by 2 inches, unmatched, unplanned, unpainted. Every year, of course, we lost a considerable amount around the edges. The first year we did not have a cover except for just as soon as we threshed. We tried the silage about a month after filling. The damage done then seemed very little. But by the time we opened it, late in December, fully six inches was missing for feed. The next year we put a roof on, and I am quite satisfied that our loss was only one-third as much.

Not only will a roof save its cost in a year or two, but it will protect the silo during the summer, and make it a good deal more pleasant for working in during the winter. A high, steep roof was found preferable, as it then could be filled to the peak, allowing for settling, and at the same time you never had to shovel any snow off. Now just when most of us are filling our silos is a good time to make provision to get a cover on it before much damage is done. The first couple of rains won't hurt it very much, as with overripe or frosted corn you have to add water to keep the silage from fire-fanging. But if you don't plan for a roof now, you will probably do as we did, put it off for a year at considerable loss of silage. Where shingled, rubber-roofing, asbestos or metal, your silo will last the longer if covered. The putting on of the roof can be made a very simple matter, as a number of our big metal firms are making them complete to fit any size of silo. This year every farmer should plan to have a roof put on as soon as filling is through. It will save its cost, not only in silage, but in satisfaction and appearance.—J.E.S., Grey Co., Ont.

What is a Fair Price?

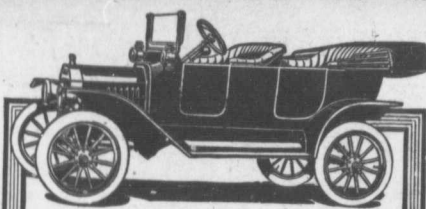
"NO, sir, I can not afford to carry your advertisement longer at this rate," said the printer-unlazier to a neighbor grocer. "I will charge you only on the basis of actual cost, as shown by my cost system, plus a living profit. That is fair to all concerned."

Are you, Mr. Farmer, as certain that the prices you are asking for your produce is the proper one? Have you records to furnish you with definite information regarding the cost of producing each crop? Do you know the number of hours of man and horse labor that you expended on that 10-acre field of wheat? Have you carefully calculated the cost of seed, fertilizer, depreciation of machinery, interest on the land, and so forth? If you have not, how do you know whether your wheat is a fair price or not? How do you know, even, that you can afford to continue growing wheat?

What are the unprofitable lines you are following? You sold last bunch of hogs at \$3.40. A good price, you said. How do you know? Can you produce a record of feed consumed, hours of labor, cost of sow up to farrowing time, depreciation of building and the dozen and one incidental expenses that enter into the growing of a bunch of hogs for seven months?

Perhaps you have paid better to have disinterested men come together and given you feed and your labor to increasing the dairy herd. In other words, have you that real knowledge of your business affairs which the cost-system printer possesses? He is lengthening his life by easily and accurately recording on paper what some farmers, and merchants too, attempt to carry in their heads? To which class do you belong?—A.H.D.

Use the best and most up-to-date machinery possible to obtain. Where large areas are to be cropped the machine requiring the least effort for the most work is desirable.



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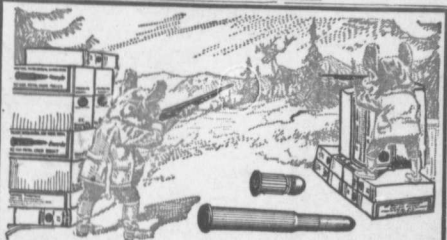
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