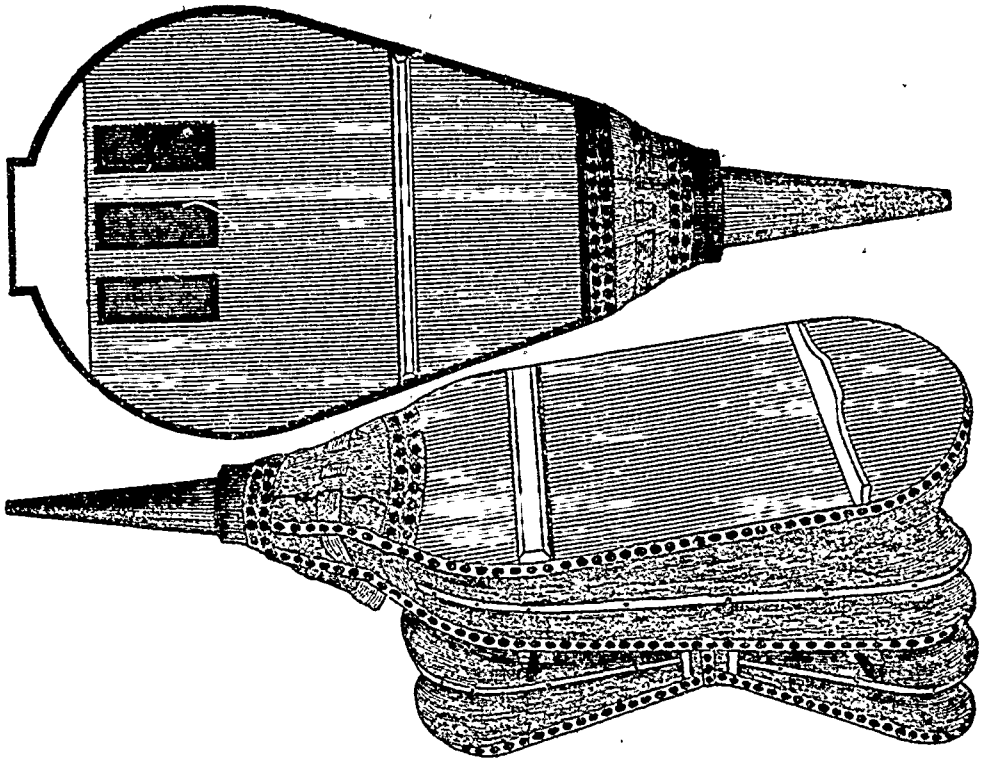


WESTMAN'S IMPROVED CANADIAN PATENT BELLOWS.



The above cut represents an improved Bellows which is manufactured in this city by Mr. Westman. These Bellows have given very general satisfaction, and are in use in *twenty five* blacksmiths' shops in the City of Toronto. They are also used pretty generally by the smiths in this neighborhood, and are held in higher favor with practical blacksmiths than the most improved patterns of English and American Bellows. Indeed, they have become so generally approved of, that imported Bellows no longer find a ready sale in those parts of the Province where their merits are known. There are blacksmiths in Toronto who have used these Bellows during the past two years, who are of opinion, that by their use, the saving of fuel alone will repay the cost of a Bellows in a single year. They are made of the very best material, and are sold at prices ranging from £5 10s. to £11, and are kept for sale at the Provincial Agricultural Warehouse.

Fish Ponds.—The pond should, if possible, be near a spring, and thence derive its supply of water; those upon larger streams are liable to be swept away by freshets. The lot in which the pond is situated should be kept permanently in grass; otherwise the water at every rain is liable

to become muddy, and the pond to fill up from the washing of the soil. To construct the dam, commence by sinking a ditch (until you reach the solid subsoil) four feet wide, and in the centre of the place to be occupied with the dam; the earth thrown out to be laid on each side. This ditch is to be gradually filled with clay, a little at a time, and that to be kept moist and well pounded. This wall (as it were) of clay to be carried quite to the top of the dam, and will form what is called the key. The dam should always be three times as wide at the base as it is high, and its width at top should equal its height. The more gentle the slope from the top of the dam each way, the greater its strength. Trees and shrubs should never be planted upon it, as the decay of their roots is liable to let the water through. The stream running from the pond might, in many locations, be turned to good account either as water power for the minor domestic purposes, such as forcing water, churning, &c., or for irrigation.

Burdock leaves will cure a horse of the slavers in five minutes; let him eat about two leaves. I have tried it many times. My horses will always eat them when the slavers are bad. —*Ploughman.*