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Questions and Answers.

Miscellaneous.

Married Woman's Property. 1. Can a married woman, owning a house and lot, which she has paid for by working in a factory, sell it and give

a deed without her husband's signature? 2. Can he register a claim against it for carpenter repairs which he did on tne house ten or twelve years ago? Ontario

Ans.-1. Yes.

2. He is not legally entitled to do so. Surplus Corn Stalks.

INQUIRER.

W. F. C.

I have more cornstalks than I need to feed this season. They are husked, well cured, and in the barn. Would they be worth keeping over for another winter, or would they lose their feeding value?

Ans.-You would pretty nearly have to starve your cattle to make them eat those stalks next winter. Most of the leaves would break off, and the stalks would be pretty nearly like elderberry The thought occurs to us that you might try mixing a few of them in with green corn next fall when filling a silo, if you have one, but we do not know that this would be advisable, except in a small way, as an experiment. Bedding, or covering the bottom of a barnyard, is about the best use to make of the surplus stalks. If used for bedding now, they should be cut, if convenient, else they will give trouble in the manure unless it is well rotted before applying.

Poultry House for 50 Birds-Tying Cows Tails.

1. Will a 20 x 10-foot house, shed roof 7-ft. front, 5-ft. rear, accommodate 50 hens properly? If not, how much would have to be added to it in length, the same width and height? What would be best way to arrange interior? possible, would like to have roosts at end. It faces the south-east, and is glass and cotton front. Was thinking of partitioning off about ten feet for a roosting - room (or, rather, building on ten feet at end for that purpose), and having it more warmly built. nests be arranged in same part?

2. Have you ever tried tying the cows tails to keep them out of the gutter? Tie about one foot from the end of switch, and suspend from ceiling directly above tail. They can then switch all the want to, and are kept perfectly clean.

Ans.-1. This house will give a fair amount of room for fifty birds. Arrange perches in the north-east end, and if you, use dropping - boards, the nests may be under them. Would not advise partitioning off the roosting portion of the house.

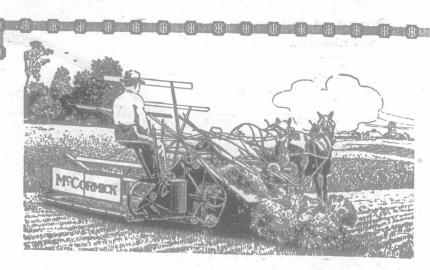
2. Have never tried this, but might experiment if short of bedding and gutter absorbents

Butter-Worker-Ferns.

1. Could you kindly show, through the columns of your paper, a design of a butter - worker of 25 - lb. capacity, for farm use?

2. How should a sword fern be grown? Do they need much water, or a very warm temperature? Mine is often covered with little white lice. The older leaves have little brown scales underneath. After a leaf, or spear, has been in this condition a few times, they turn brown and die. I gave water and sun baths. Would root also need treatment? F. F.

Ans.-1. See answer to a similar question in the issue of March 27, page 609. 2. Ferns require that the roots shall never get dry, but there should be plenty of drainage material at the bottom of each pot. The soil should be light and spongy, a mixture of leaf-mould and sand, and the atmosphere should be rather moist. This condition may be secured by keeping water constantly vaporating on stoves or radiators, Keep he plants out of the sun. To destroy the white lice, dip the plants in a solution of Ivory soap and water, 1 lb. somp (melted) to the pail. For the scale, use lemon or fir-tree oil, which may be secured from any dealer in greenhouse supplies. Directions for preparing the wash are sent with the oil.



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