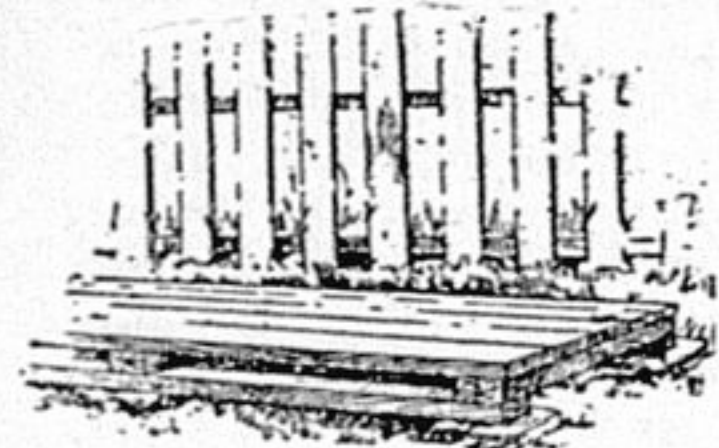


ACTICAL FARMING.

Constructing a Plank Sidewalk.

In many villages and farming communities the sidewalks are constructed entirely of planks. When this is the case it is one of the greatest importance that they be properly laid, or decay or a tilting walk will soon follow construction. The sidewalk must be laid up from the ground and it must have a broader, firmer foundation than is usually given it, if it is to remain useful for any length of time. The illus-



tration shows a sidewalk, and its foundation, that is now in actual use and is very firm and true. Lengthwise strips of 3x4 inch stuff are laid upon flat rocks well bedded in the ground, the broader these rocks and the more firmly established the better. Crosswise over the lengthwise strips are laid strips of 3x4 inch stuff just the width of the walk, upon which the planks are laid lengthwise. A sidewalk should never be laid with crosswise planks. Such a walk is a continued source of annoyance. The planks rot around the nail holes and soon each individual plank will fly up if one steps upon an end. Besides it is difficult to secure a smooth walk with crosswise planking. As to the planks, it is a mistake to use inferior material, or such as is inclined to splinter. Let the planks be run through a planer to make them all of a thickness. A walk made in this way will prove satisfactory in use and will last.

Feeding Fodder.

Corn fodder, to give the best results must be exposed to the elements as little as possible. If stacked outside, the outer layer of sheaves should be kept all winter for protection, while those drawn from the inside, as much as possible, should be used. Water-soaked and frozen corn-stalks probably represent as poor food as any that can be thrown in the cattle yard. As soon after harvesting as possible the stalks should be carted into the barn or stacked outside properly for winter in such a way that the rain will be shed. Top capping is quite essential to preserve the full nutritive value of the fodder. It is always better stored in the barn, but with a good dry foundation and capping, it will stand the exposure pretty well. In feeding, this outside should first be disposed of before that in the barn is touched.

The small stalks may be fed whole, but the large ones should be cut for feeding. Even then, the cattle will leave some of the hard butts. If one had the means and facilities for crushing these hard wasted stalks they would decompose in the manure heap much faster. Some cut the fodder all at once in the fall of the year, but generally it is better to cut as needed, or only a week in advance. The succulence of the stalks oozes out more or less when cut in small pieces, and there is quite a percentage of loss. Where a cutting machine is not owned, and it is necessary to borrow or hire one, the whole quantity will have to be cut at once; but after all, cutting machines are so cheap that it is quite essential to have one on the farm where many cattle are kept. If the stalks are cut when in a wet condition they will surely mould and spoil, and it is quite essential in having the whole crop cut at once to see that the stalks are in the proper condition for manipulation.

Butchering on the Farm.

In these days of low prices for farm products, a part of the farmer's time can very profitably be employed in butchering as much meat as his household can use fresh, or cured, for future needs. There is also more or less of a demand in the local market for dressed carcasses, especially of hogs. It is best to kill the latter during the coldest weather. The night and morning before they are butchered the hogs should not be fed, as the resulting emptiness of the stomach and intestines allows the carcass to be more easily dressed and the meat to cool more quickly. In catching the animals, do not chase them to overheat the blood and taint the flesh, nor bruise or whip them, as the meat is killed along the welt, and is pale and tasteless. Sticking the hogs through the throat to the heart kills and bleeds the animals at the same operation, though a previous well-directed blow on the head stuns the brain and prevents pain.

In scalding hogs, the boiling water should be cooled considerably, for if too warm it sets the hair instead of loosening it. Either have plenty of help or convenient apparatus to handle the carcasses rapidly. Save the heat by covering the water barrel or tank whenever possible, and stones heated in the fire may be used to warm the water when it gets too cool. The hair should be pulled out, not shaved off, and a very dull corn-knife or draw-shave will do rapid work on the body, while a trowel will scrape the grooves about the head. Hang up a carcass from a gambrel stick in the hamstrings, remove the insides as soon as possible, and drench the meat, both inside and out, with the coldest water obtainable, so as to cool the flesh rapidly. As soon as the carcass is thoroughly cooled, but before it is frozen, cut it up into such pieces as are desirable for home use. The parts that are to be used fresh or for making headcheese should be frozen, and if it is not convenient to render the lard immediately it may be treated in the same way, as also the offal which is to be boiled into soap grease. Pork for future use should be salted.

To cure pork, dry salt is rubbed into the cut pieces thoroughly, especially around the end of the bones in the hams and should-

ders, and the salted meat is piled, skin side down, for twenty-four hours in a place where it will not freeze. Then the meat is packed closely into barrels, with a quarter inch of dry salt between the layers, and heavy weights, such as clean stones, are placed on the top. Then enough salt is dissolved in boiling water to make a brine strong enough when cooled to float a potato or an egg. The salted meat in the barrel is now kept covered with a cold brine, and left to cure for five or six weeks, according to the thickness of the meat. It is then removed from the brine, washed, and dried off for use. It will keep best if hung up in a smoke-house, and smoked occasionally with a smudge of corn-cobs green wood, or hickory bark. It will also keep very well if packed with clean hay or straw in tight, covered barrels and stored in a cool, dry place.

A TALE FROM WINNIPEG.

How Two Prominent Citizens of the Prairie Capital Regained Health.

One Suffered from the Effects of Malaria And Indigestion, the Other from Nervous Prostration—Their Story as Told a Tribune Reporter.

From the Winnipeg Tribune.

The modern world is decidedly skeptical, and in the case of cures by advertised medicines, it is sometimes remarked that they occur at long distances. Recently, however, the Tribune was told that a Winnipeg gentleman had passed through an experience as remarkable as any of those published, and inquiry into the matter revealed the fact that several prominent citizens of Winnipeg had been greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. One of these citizens is Mr. W. A. Charlesworth, the well known contractor, who during his residence in Winnipeg has added to the beauty and wealth of the Prairie Capital by erecting some of its finest and most substantial buildings. Naturally what Mr. Charlesworth would say as to the merits of a medical preparation would be read with interest by the many citizens who have met him in business and socially, and a Tribune reporter was detailed to get from him some particulars in the matter. Mr. Charlesworth was seen at his beautiful and cosy home on William street, a few days since, and while unwilling to attract publicity, yet for the benefit of those suffering as he once was he consented to give a simple statement of his case. About thirteen years ago, while living in the southern part of Illinois, near Cairo, he had several attacks of malarial fever and ague, which left his blood poor and thin, and so deranged his system that for about ten years after he was a sufferer from chronic indigestion. He came north after residing there for some years in order to try to shake off the effects of the malaria, but without much success. He has not had, while in the north, another real attack of ague, but every season he has had incipient attacks, which were only warded off by the prompt use of quinine. Bilious fever also threatened in the same way. He also suffered severely from indigestion. Determining to make a decided effort to get rid of his complication of disorders, he began in the fall of 1912 to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the advertisement of which he had read in the newspapers. Mr. Charlesworth began to use the pills in October, and for the first month scarcely felt any improvement. However, from that time on improvement was rapid and the effect marvellous. The cold of the winter of 1891-2, as will be remembered, was intense, and yet so great was the toning up of the system and the enrichment of the blood, that he scarcely felt the cold at all that winter. His indigestion was removed, and since that time he has not had another attack of malaria fever. He continued taking the pills up to about the middle of January. In closing his interview Mr. Charlesworth said:—"However, do not rely upon my authority alone, but see Mr. Fairchild, who has used the pills."

The Mr. Fairchild, it is needless to say is Mr. Frank Fairchild, the largest dealer in vehicles and farm machinery in western Canada. Mr. Fairchild's name is too well known to readers of the Tribune to need any further introduction. He was also seen and fully confirmed what Mr. Charlesworth said. Some time ago Mr. Fairchild suffered from nervous prostration brought on by overwork, and suffered also from a dull pain in the back of the head. After spending some time at a famous Chicago sanitarium he was advised to take something to build up his blood, the doctors mentioning Pink Pills in the things advised. At first he took a fluid preparation, but as he found this unhandy to take with him as he travelled, he decided to try Pink Pills, as Mr. Charlesworth had strongly recommended them. He found great benefit from their use and continued taking them until restored to health. He has no hesitation in recommending them as a great builder up and purifier of the blood.

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Trouble With English.

The attempts at translating "la belle langue" into English by the French have sometimes resulted in extraordinary productions. "Times is money" is often quoted in Paris newspapers. "High life" is put into "big life" and is so pronounced. Even Paul Bourget makes a slip now and again. But I have seen nothing funnier than the sign-board of a modest shoemaker who addresses himself to a much-desired English clientele thus:

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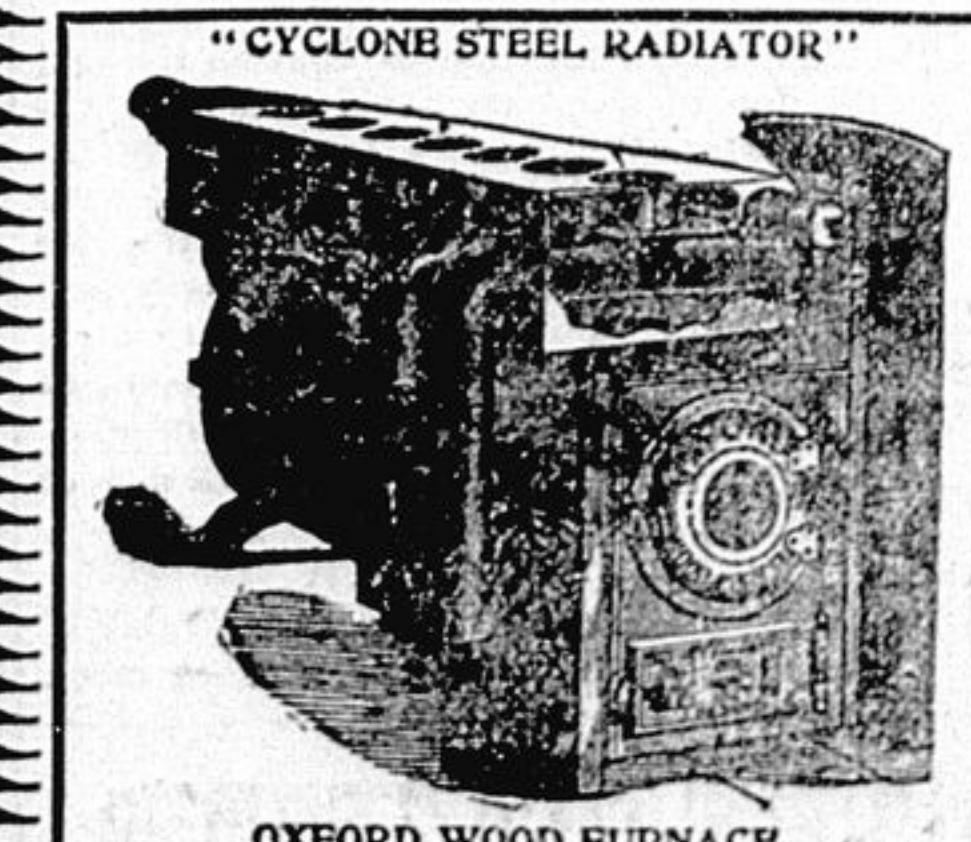
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