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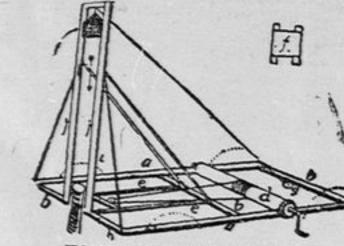
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HOMEMADE POST DRIVER. mer passes through pulley at g and through block at c to Windlass (d). For my wagon pieces h h are each 1x6 inches and 11/2 feet long, fastened to ends of a and e, leaving space for hammer to work in. Wagon wheels are shown at i i. The two centerpieces (j j) the runners for hammer (f) to work up and down in and are placed upright on end e e, being braced, as shown, with four pieces. A strip of 1x2 inches and 10 feet long is fastened on the inner face of j j, leaving 1 inch space on each side of the runner. A corresponding groove is made in each side of hammer (f) (shown more clearly in the small figure), which is 2 inches wide and 1 inch deep, and slides up and down on j j. About 30 feet of small rope for hoisting the hammer is required. A line may be attached to trip hook on hammer and by simply pulling on it the hammer may be dropped at any desired height. Fifty pounds is weight enough for hammer. Two blows of hammer, under ordinary conditions, will drive a post. A team, one man

THE WEANLING COLTS-

and a boy can operate it.

How to Develop Them Into Horses That Will Command Good Prices.

The time is at hand when the colts dropped last spring will, as a rule, be weaned, and as the latter-day demand for work horses lays great stress on weight the management of the colts from now until grass comes again is of the highest importance, because the desired weights cannot be made without feed nor by allowing the colt to rough it through the winter as best it may on frosted grass, poor hay, cornstacks and strawstacks. Given the start of the right kind of breeding, and some-Principal thing more is wanted during the colt's first winter to produce a horse that will bring money on the market, for if left to shift for itself even the best bred colt will in this way sustain an injury from which no after care will enable it to recover. The colt ought to be brought up to weaning time with such training as to self-feeding that it will miss the milk of the dam as little as possible. Indeed, to grow a colt as it should be grown, the mother's milk is not sufficient for the colt longer than for the first three months of its life; supplementing the milk with meals or grain should begin then or even earlier, so that by weaning time it will be about ready to wean itself without any interruption of thrift. After that feed grain pretty well up to the maximum of its power to clean up, and let it consist largely of oats. Good, well-To the peoplf this bred hogs and cattle give the farmer a higher price for his corn than he district in thurni- can obtain for it in any other way, and there is no way by which he can get a better price for his oats than to feed it to a well-bred draught colt. There is something about oats that makes it fill the bill as a horse feed as no other grain does, and three or four quarts a day is none too much during the first winter and We sl try until the youngster can go on grass in the spring. There ought to be are plenty of opportunity for and encouragement to exerrise, too, if it is a well-muscled animal that is to be raised. At the same time, without coddling the colt, it should be made comfortable and not exposed to the storms that occur every winter. in view we haput There is a happy mean between the hothouse product on the one hand and the gaunt, wish-I-were-deadlooking colt on the other, and the owner of a good colt ought to fine

How to Build Grain Bins. Considerable labor may be saved by proper construction of grain, bins. Na work is more disagreeable than that of shoveling grain out of a bin, frequently the work being done by getting into the bin when the grain is low. This labor can be saved by attaching a spout to the lower portion of the bin, or the front boards may be made removable. The removable boards should be preferred if bins are used for the storage of roots. It is much easier to take roots from bins than from pits in the the roots in the bing they can be kept in good condition until spring.

The Live Stock Industry.

According to the report of the U.S. member when a 1,400 or 1,500 pound articles of food a greater quantity of Commissioner of Labor the value of horse was a heavy draft horse, or a oats may be given. Wheat is the the annual products of the slaughter- the e-minute trotter a speedy road- best all-round food, and with the ing and meat packing was next in Ster. Times have changed, however, waste of the farm, in conjunction value to that of the textile manu- and the heavy draft horse must with meat and the hot morning facturers in 1890, textiles of all wigh 300 to 500 pounds more and meal, and exercise, will bring an kinds amounting to \$722,000,000 and the roadster go a good many seconds abundance of eggs. meats or meat products being \$565,- faster to be classed as good ones of 000,000, while flour and milling pro- their kind. It takes a better horse ducts were \$514,000,000. These fig- to be a good one nowadays than it ures will probably be much increased did ten or twenty or thirty years a tract of land near Crawfordville, in the next census report, or were ago. The ideals of those days will Ind., and will make a fish preserve of increased last year, when that coun- not serve. The breeder must aim to it. The land is watered by a num-

VALUABLE LECTURE.

Management of Live Stock in Health and | Heard's Dairyman Gives Two Very Fine

At the recent West York Farmers' Institute at Weston Mr. J. G. Davidson gave his lecture on "The Management of Live Stock in Health and Disease," and gave some new well-tried remedies for various a sure remedy for white worms in Wisconsin. the throat. For horses or cows, as a sure death to the gadfly he sug- decided points of excellence. First of gested a spray made of sulphide of all, it will be seen that he has This would prevent the flies from bothering the cattle and should there be any in the larval state under the skin, a small application of this remedy would soon kill them. In the matter of feeding, water, the great solvent, is of prime importance and should be given freely. Mangels were not good food and, unless well matured, contained a bud oil, whilst on the other hand beets contained more sugar and were ready to fed when only four inches through. Mr. John Bryans of Summerville asked for an opinion upon feeding carrots, and said that he had been

very successful on his farm in Etobicoke in raising and feeding them. His crop ran 25 tons to the acre. Mr. Davidson, in reply, said that he looked upon the carrot as a dangerous food. Fed indiscriminately to horses it was always their ruin. Even for a man in its raw state it was unhealthy, whilst no vegetable dairy animals, is to see how was better when cooked. The carrot well they are fortified in this parcan be made from nearly all roots, the carrot is the only one from which it can not be made, and science has never been able to explain the

reason why. A discussion or killing weeds followed, led by Mr. R. L. Crawford. He suggested sulphide of potassium, 20 lbs. to the acre, as a remedy against wild mustard; but Mr. Davidson said that a cheaper remedy was sulphide of iron, sprayed over the field about the time mustard is beginning to bloom, the ratio of 10 lbs. to the acre. The spray was death to thistles and mustard, whilst in no other way injuring wheat. On the question of killing wild oats, no conclusion appeared to be arrived at. Mr. Grubbe said the last few dry seasons had almost Mercury, whom he greatly resembles. thought that the seed in the ground would come up in tuture years under favorable conditions.

Measuring Cattle.

An old stockman says the following a rule of determining approximately the weight of cattle by measurement; but the weight will vary much with animals of the same girth, according to build and degree of fatness. Cattle girthing five feet ordinarily weigh from 650 to 750 pounds; for each additional inch in girth add 25 pounds up to six feet, and for each inch after six feet add 50 pounds. This is the simplest rule known and is probably as good, as any; but of course the only reliable test is that of the scales. Strange as it may seem, the English have not yet got fully in the habit of determining the weight of cattle by scales. They kicked against it vigorously at first as impuging their judgment of weights, calling the platform scales ally for the splendid udder. In short, 'nothing but a Yankee weigh this cow in her entirety presents a bridge." Many years ago I edited symphony of dairy harmony. The the memoirs of an octogenarian cat- dairy temperament shines out in every tle dealer who had bought cattle in lineament. There need be no fears Ohio and drove them to Syracuse, of her taking feed and turning it into N.Y., before the Erie canal was con- flesh. structed. He paid for the cattle in salt when he could. He took the salt from Syracuse where it was made, down the Oswego River to Lake Ontario, thence shipped it by sailboat. His standard for an animal was one that girthed six feet. for every inch over that he allowed \$1, and for every inch short of that he deducted \$1. He paid two barrels of salt worth \$20 for a standard animal. He bought a small bunch of cattle of a judge who had to pay the purchaser a dollar for taking one of the cattle away. It was a long, slim steer that girthed 21 inches short of six feet. The judge said he could "hardly see through that, but supposed it was all right."

A Barrel Carrier.

The cut shows a very handy device for carrying barrels of apples, vegetables or of any farm produce. When barrels must be handled carefully, two men must take hold of each barrel, for it is an unhandy



BARREL CARRIER.

thing to get hold of. The holder is made of iron rods by a blacksmith, with handles and straps. It can be opened wide and slipped down over a barrel, then brought together under it, as shown in the figure. It can then be picked up and carried away with ease. Where there are large numbers of barrels to be handled such a device will prove very effective. To keep the iron rods from slipping on the bottom of the barrel the upper open air, and by properly packing part of the rods can be flattened to handfuls of oats in each pen to keep

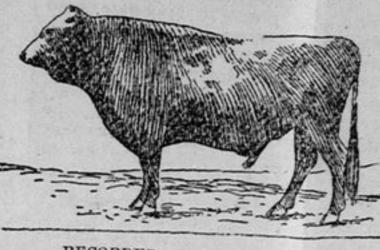
Progress in Horse Breeding.

try exported \$156,000,000 worth of get the kind that ranks high to-day, ber of excellent creeks and springs, the live stock interest is a large one. going to pay for his oats hereafter. pose of trout breeding.

STUDY IN DAIRY FORM.

Examples of Eminent Dairy Cattle With Appropriate Remarks.

We present this week, says Hoard's Dairyman, illustrations of one of the noted Jersey bulls of America, Reand corder 29239, a son of the World's ail- Fair cow Brown Bessie; also of a ments. Sulphate of iron, he said, most typical Jersey mother, Teasel should be in every stable and was of 75358, the only living daughter of incalculable benefit for all forms of Brown Bessie-and both from the vermin, and mixed with milk was a herd of H. C. Taylor, Orfordville,



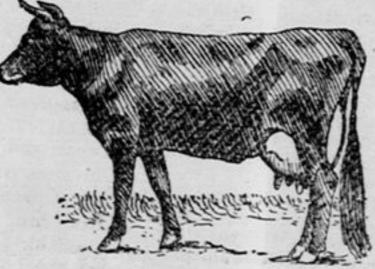
RECORDER, A. J. C. C. 29239

strong backbone. Note how full it rises just back of the withers, and continues strong and full (but not straight) to the point of the rump. This indicates a full flow of nervous force to all of the organs. The same predominance will be seen in the cow Teasel. The mammary organs require a constant and powerful flow nerve force from the brain spinal marrow, and the

From the joining of the neck on the shoulders, to the tip of his tail, Recorder is a thorough dairy bull. His head is also fine, but the neck is too short, although it bears a fine under outline. He has a strong belly and vigorous vitality, as is shown by the pendant navel; a high arching flank, and well incurved thigh at the rear line, indicate his descent from dairy ancestors.

He is the getter of talented cows, with records ranging from 15 pounds ounces to 20 pounds 10 ounces, and by the character of his stock demonstrates the value of long, persistent breeding in a selected line from a clear fountain of dairy blood, tracing in this case through his dam to Combination, and from him to old

The cow Teasel, as can be seen at a glance, is a dairy cow all over. She is not only a typical Jersey, but is more—a thorough exponent of dairy performance and capacity. The head and neck are decidedly feminine; the lean shoulder, a strong backbone



not imbedded in fleshy muscle, the strong, deep barrel, the rising pelvic arch, the thin incurving thighs, and the whole rear part of the cow show plainly a conformation made especi-

Pure Breeds and Profit.

It is a fact well recognized that no branch of the live stock business suits the masses of people better than fowl-raising. It is a paying vocation, and is adapted to the young as well as the old, and all sections of the country. poultry is desirable in every poulterer's beginning. The wisest methods are those learned by experience and with small flocks at the start. Purebred stocks cost more at the start, but once established in the breeder's yard its beauty, prolificacy, and the consequent value of all the specimens produced from the original breeding-birds more than make up for the extra outlay spent in the outset in producing the very best stock that money can buy.

How to Keep Seed Potatoes. To save potatoes for seed one should store them where they will be kept as cool as possible without freezing. One who has only a cellar in which TOWN OFFICE - 77 they will wilt, grow soft and flabby, MILL OFFICE - 78 and sprout long before planting, will do better to store them in a pit out of doors, if he needs many, and if he plants but few, buy them of some one who can keep them in better condition. We have chought that a part of the advantages of sending north for seed every year was due to the potatoes being kept cooler there until shipped in the spring than they are kept in the ordinary house cellar, rather than to the necessity for a change of soil, or any running out of the potato when planted many years

Meat and Grain for Hens.

When meat is given it is not necessary to allow much grain. For instance, if meat is fed at noon it will only be necessary to scatter a few the inmates at work. When a hen becomes too fat she will lay softshelled eggs. When plenty of meat A man need not be very old to relis to be had as one of the cheapest

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