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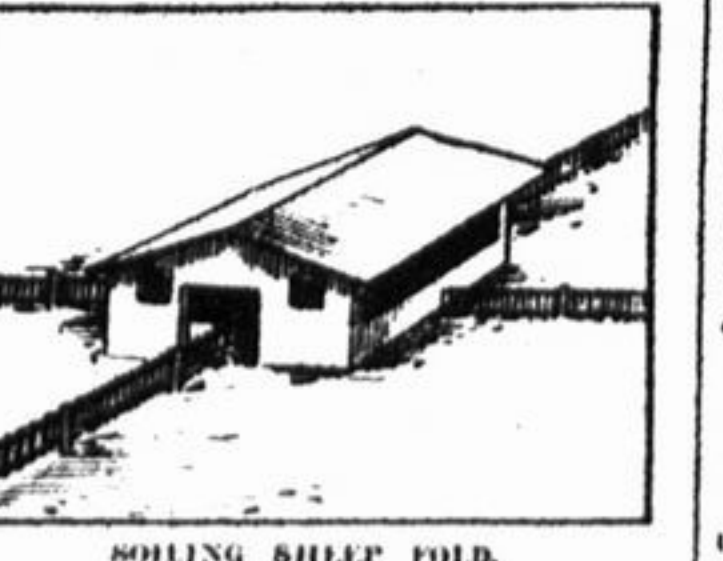
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FARMERS' CORNER

Good Sheep Barn a Poor One.
 A good sheep barn is a poor one. This may seem to be absurd, but the facts support such a statement. There is no question but that many flocks are rendered unhealthy and therefore less productive by reason of too close housing. In few sections do sheep need more than a windbreak and rain shed. Some of our best shepherds have kept their flocks for decades with only such sheds as would prevent the flock being exposed to direct winds, rain and snowstorms.



The cut shows the type of sheep barn found on the farm of a successful shepherd, which might be copied with success. In this instance the sheep are kept upon forage crops grown in four adjacent lots. The flock may be turned into any lot at pleasure. It is well to have this building equipped with a large ventilating window in the end near the gable or two small windows such as shown in the sketch. These, however, should be equipped with a sash that may be closed in severe weather.

Many farms where sheep are kept are equipped with a barn cellar in which the flock has been kept with varying success. The barn cellar is an excellent place for sheep if rightly arranged. There should be plenty of openings to the south, allowing sun to reach all parts of the stable so as to keep it thoroughly dry. Thorough drainage is essential.

There must be ventilation at the rear of the stable. A bad practice is to keep the sheep in stables on stable manure, says Farm and Home. The fermenting manure destroys the color and texture of wool. A hat which has been worn many dollars to me is to use only long straw, hay or weeds for bedding sheep. If short straw or sawdust is used it gets into the fleece and is an everlasting nuisance.

Profitable Cattle Feeding.
 The Missouri Experiment Station at Columbia has issued a very elaborate and handsomely illustrated bulletin on the most successful methods of fattening cattle, by Dean H. J. Waters. This bulletin summarizes the experience and conclusions of about 1,000 of the most experienced and successful cattle feeders of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, and contains also a summary of the results of a large number of tests with different kinds of feed, different ages of cattle, etc., conducted by the Experiment Station of Columbia.

Roots for Farm Animals.
 If roots are stored in a pit in the field a high dry place should be chosen. If the ground is clayey the roots should be placed on top of the ground. If it is gravelly and drainage is good a shallow pit about 5 feet wide and of necessary length may be shored out. The roots should be carefully placed in a gable shaped pile about 5 feet wide and as long as convenient. A thin layer of straw should then be laid over the pile and this covered with six or eight inches of earth. Another and thicker layer of straw and a final layer of earth will complete the work. Ventilators should be placed at intervals of ten or fifteen feet, which should be closed when sweating has ceased. The pit should not be opened on warm days in winter. A ditch for drainage should be cut around the pit. Roots stored in this way do not keep as well as when stored in a good cellar; therefore, they should be fed out as early as possible.—New York Cornell Experiment Station.

HINTS FOR FARMERS.

The following is furnished by the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.:
CARE OF FARM ANIMALS.

FEEDING THE HOG.
 As the amount of grain fed to brood sows must be small or they will get too fat, most farmers try to fill them up by making a thin slop.

Water is a poor filling material. Better use clover or alfalfa hay. This gives the animal the sensation of fullness and comfort and at the same time furnishes most valuable nutriment.

Mature hogs that are thin may be made to gain half a pound per day on alfalfa without grain.

It is high time that the value of skim milk and buttermilk as pig foods was fully appreciated. As an agency for rearing all young animals they have no equal.

If there is any tendency to constipation, feed a little oil meal or ground flaxseed.

A horse with a cold will usually recover without treatment unless it is very severe. In this case a vigorous dose of physic is useful, to be followed by careful feeding and a warm stable free from drafts. Be sure the horse's nostrils are not affected with glanders.

THE COW AND THE CALF.
 This is the month of raw winds and chilling storms. Keep the stock snug under shelter for a few weeks yet; it will pay.

Get the cows up in good shape before it comes time for them to go out to pasture. Then they will pour out the milk when they come to get the fresh feed.

Put the calves where they can get a sun bath every day. This is easy—put some ordinary window sash in the south side of a shed or stable. Fit some shutters to close light over these windows at night to keep them cold.

We know of calves that are growing this way, really under glass, and they are healthy and hardy and making splendid growth.

Abortion in cows may be largely prevented by the exercise of the proper precautions. Do not allow the cows about to come in to be exposed to rain or snow storms; do not feed them frozen roots or frosted vegetables, nor foods that are easily fermented, moldy or fermenting; do not allow them to drink stagnant water, and feed them sufficient nutritious food.

It is a shame to have the mother cow or horse moult when its young is weaned. This may be entirely avoided by leaving the two together, except for a few partitions. When the mother sees the baby fed and cared for properly and can touch it with her lips she is made happy and contented.

THE POULTRY YARD.
 If you have a sheltered place, not only to set the hens, but also to rear the young, March hatches will be profitable. Barrels laid on their sides under a shed or some outbuilding make ideal nests at this time of the year.

Do not make the common error of setting hens in the regular laying houses, and never be guilty of shutting up a hen on the nest. The barred method is far better, and if a small hatch is built in front of the nest the hen can get off and on her eggs as she deems best.

Some hens sit too closely to the nest and others not close enough. But it is not in the province of man to know just how long huddly should remain on or off her eggs. Her judgment is best in such matters.

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