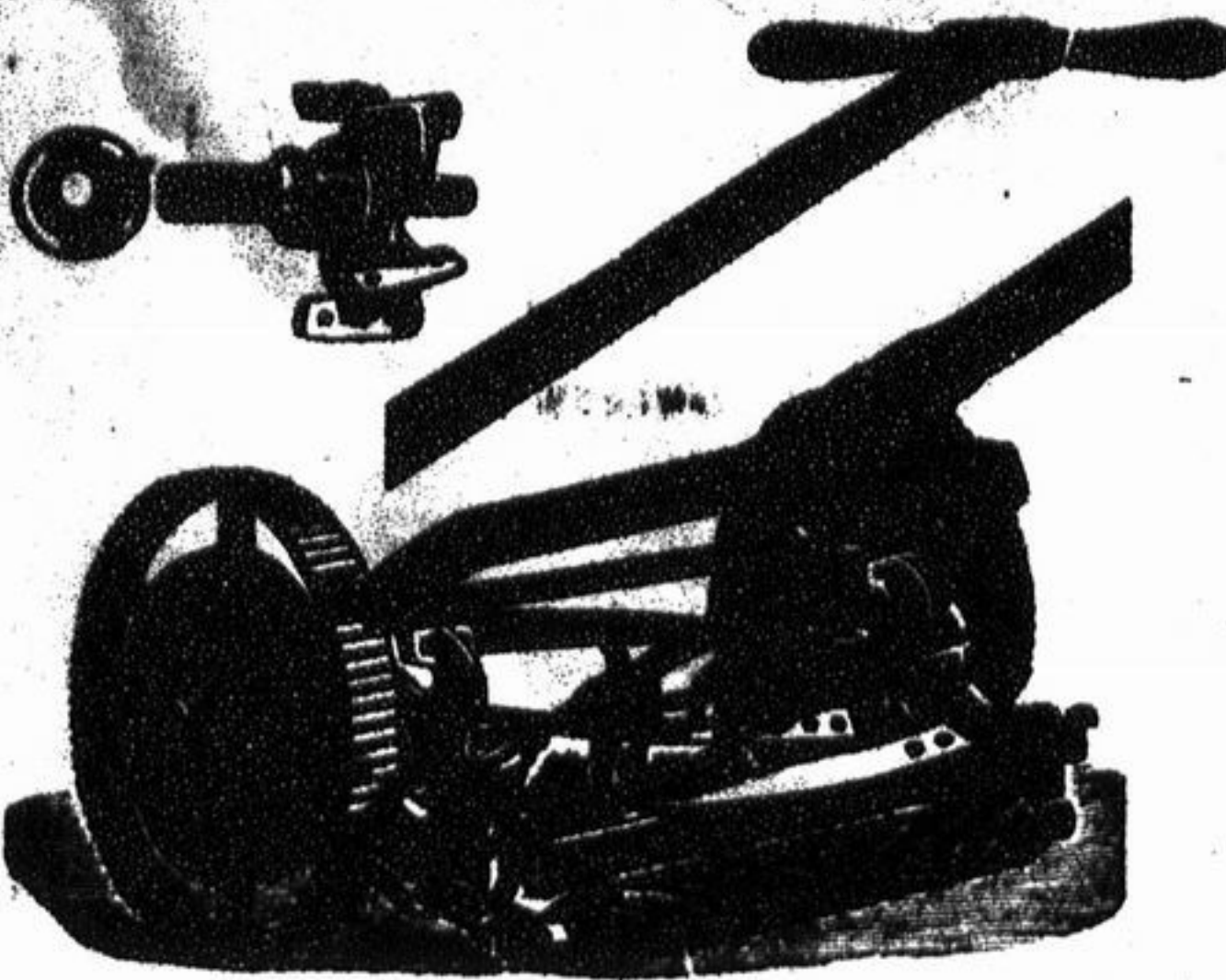


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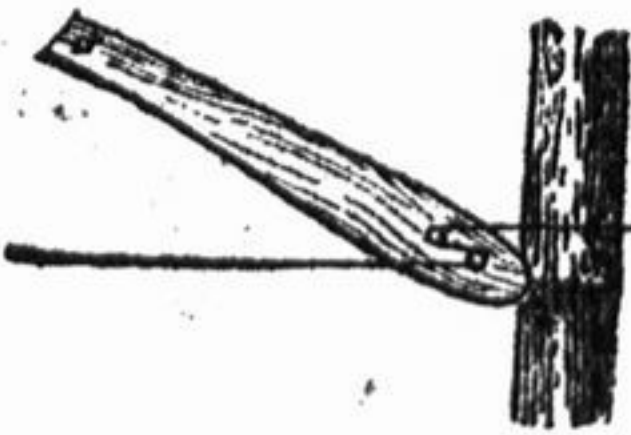
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Wire Fence Tightener.
Every farmer knows how hard it is to keep wire fences in good condition more than a year or two at a time. Cattle are bound to rub up against them, people will sag the wires in getting over the fence, and even the weight of snow has been known to break them. A wire fence looks all right as long as the wires are taut, but as soon as the strands begin to sag and loop it is no longer attractive, nor is it a sure means of keeping stock within bounds. Many devices have been suggested and even patented for stretching wire, but here is a simple little contrivance that anyone can make in a few minutes that will do the work quickly and well. For short spans it can be made of wood, although for heavy wires or for long stretches it would be better to make it out of iron. This little contrivance is about two feet long, with two pins about three inches apart at one end. Place the wire between these pins and turn the stretcher around until the wire is drawn tight. By engaging the pin at the other end of the stretcher the tension can be maintained while the wire is being nailed fast. With an arrangement of this sort one man can do rapid work alone and fix up a sagging fence in short order.



WIRE-FENCE TIGHTENER.

To Make a Good Cistern.
An absolutely water-tight cistern may be made as follows:
In digging, the sides should be made smooth and true perpendicularly. For the bottom use five parts of clean, coarse, sharp sand (plasterers call it fine gravel) to one part of cement. It only requires to be damp enough to work well. It should be thoroughly mixed, all at one time, and be lowered into the cistern quickly and spread more rapidly with a shovel or hoe, and should be beat down hard and smooth. Upon this bottom foundation the cistern should be walled up with brick or stone in cement to at least 6 inches above the top of the ground, which will keep all surface water out. For finishing the bottom use one part cement to one part sand; this is thoroughly mixed while dry, and then water should be added until it is like plastering mortar. Dump it on the bottom about 3 inches thick and smooth with a trowel. It will soon be hard as stone. For the sides of the cistern, which should be done before finishing the bottom, use equal parts of sand and cement and apply quickly as you would plaster a wall. It is not safe to use anything but the best Portland cement, which costs about \$3 a barrel.

How to Cool Milk.
Practical experiments seem to prove that many, if not all, of the benefits of aerating milk were due more to cooling than to any other cause. Cooling to the same degree will accomplish substantially the same results, but without aerator it may be difficult to reduce the temperature as rapidly, hence the aerator may be considered an advantage unless a patent cooler is used.

Manage in Hogs.
Following is a recommended cure for mange in hogs: Croscote, 1 1/2 ounces lard, 2 pounds. Mix well and apply to the affected parts of the body. Or, sulphur, one-half pound; lard, 2 pounds. Mix and apply as suggested above. Turpentine and sulphur at the rate of two parts of the former to one of the latter is another effective remedy.

Japan Millet for Poultry.
Japanese millet makes excellent poultry food. It may be sowed as late as the middle of June and mature a crop in the latitude of Chicago in a very satisfactory way. Prepare the land thoroughly and sow thickly.

Prevent Fowlty Work.
To stop hens from eating eggs put a little vinegar or something sour in their food.

Drop a Piece of Alum in the Drinking Water every two or three weeks; it will prevent throat and lung disease.

For all cuts, wounds and ulcers use Isterine. Nothing is better for a comb injured in fighting or for any raw surface.

Chlor with an ounce of lean meat a day will soon compel a hen to lay. Another good prescription is fresh meat and bone cut up with a bone cutter.

When the hens have plenty of sour milk to drink every day they do not need much ground food. Nothing makes eggs fatter, nor more of them, than sour milk.

WEEKLY WEATHER BULLETIN

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Illinois Section.

For the Week Ending July 27, 1908.

The mean temperature for the week ending Monday, July 27, was nearly normal. Maximum temperatures of 90 degrees and more were registered on several days and the minimum temperatures were above 60 degrees almost generally. The temperature extremes were 104 degrees on the 25th and 53 degrees on the 21st. Bright sunshine averaged about 70 per cent. This amount is a slight increase over the sunshine of the previous week. The rainfall was not equally distributed. In some parts of the state, especially in the southern district, ample rainfall occurred, but there are localities in the central district where moisture is much needed.

DECISION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

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are now a number in the field, the American Forwarding Company being the pioneer in Chicago.

The Commission decided in substance that: "Shippers may combine small quantities of their own product and of several ownerships, either by arrangement among themselves or through the medium of a forwarding company, and ship the combined lot at the relative lower rates applicable to larger shipments, and that the ownership of property tendered for shipment cannot be made a test as to the applicability of the carrier's rates. That the interstate Commerce law forbids the discrimination between shippers, and the fact that one shipper tenders a bulked shipment made up of property of various ownership consolidated before delivery to the carrier will not justify the carrier in making a different charge than for the shipment of a similar character tendered by a shipper who is also the owner."

EXPENSIVE WILD LUXURIES.

Massachusetts Paying High to Restock Woods with Game.

Restocking birds to restock the forests of Massachusetts with game for shooting is costing the State more than \$10 a bird for such as the hunters shoot, says the Worcester Telegram, as a direct result of the liberating of such birds as are raised in the State or imported from the south and turned loose. The efforts of the fish and game commissioner, have amounted to nothing but large expense, and the lecturing on this subject with the hope of getting more sections of the State interested in undertaking to raise several kinds of birds in what is called the next-to-nature way, costing a lot more money with very small prospects of success. Springfield is casting about for a man who would be glad to undertake the work and guarantee a good deal of knowledge of how to do it.

As long ago as 1843 there was a system of protection of the game in forests of Massachusetts. They had deer wardens then to prevent even the Indians shooting deer out of season. That such precautions ever benefited the population of the State to the amount of a cent for each individual during lifetime has never been demonstrated. It has resulted in long years of law protecting for deer, and large bills to be paid by the State for damages they have done to crops. The deer is the most expensive wild luxury the State has ever had, except possibly the gypsy moth.

The partridge and quail incurries stand high in the list. The attempts to raise partridges have failed in Worcester county only a little less completely than elsewhere. The importation of thousands of quail from the Southern States has not increased the hunting. The different kinds of pheasants have been another, though less expensive, luxury at the expense of the State.

There is more and better hunting in the countries where there are no game laws, or where the expense is borne by private enterprise. Conditions change and different kinds of game take up their own ways in sections where no attention is paid to the stocking and protecting. It has been proved to be useless to try to make certain kinds of game prosper in the localities their kind deserted years ago. It is always useless as a paying proposition to stock a section of country with the kinds of game, fish or fowl that are not there, because of changed conditions since the original habitation was sought by the same kinds. All the science in the world has not made the partridge prosper in the limits of a city. Such birds as may be domesticated are never fit to turn loose again, because they have in a measure lost the instinct to hide from the hunters. The trout brooks that are not stocked at all afford the best fishing when left alone for a time. The lakes and ponds that have been stocked, for the most part, have been spoiled as natural fishing places. Massachusetts is overdoing the game business.

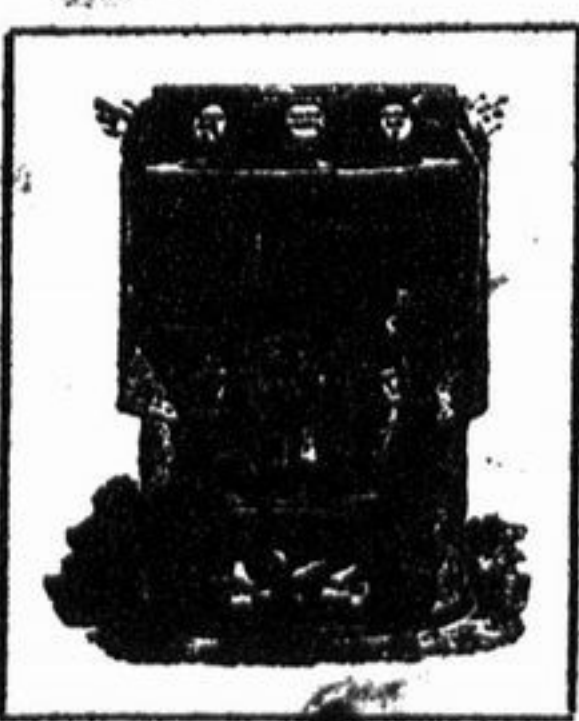
The Points Were There.
Little Clara's parents often discuss reincarnation, and the small maiden has acquired some of the phraseology. "Mamma," she said one day, "my kitten must have been a paper of pins in a previous state of existence." "Why do you think so?" asked her mother. "Because I can feel some of them in her toes yet," was the logical reply.

Would Take a Chance.
"Not a cent," replied the rich man coldly; "money is not good for the poor."
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Animals at Play.
Cats delight in racing about, but not so often, I think in circles, as dogs do. They prefer straight lines and sharp turns with the genuine goat jump. This sudden flight into the air, which appears to take place without the animal's knowledge or intention, cannot here be preparatory to life in the mountains, but the cat finds the high jump very useful, not only in pouncing on its prey, but in escaping its hereditary enemy. Brehm records a movement of young chamois. When in summer the young chamois climb up to the perpetual snow they delight to play on it. They throw themselves in a crouching position on the upper end of a steep snow covered incline, work all four legs with a swimming motion to get a start and then slide down on the surface of the snow, often traversing a distance of from 100 to 150 meters in this way, while the snow flies up and covers them with a fine powder. Arrived at the bottom, they spring to their feet and slowly lumber up again the distance they have slid down.—"The Play of Animals," by Karl Groos.

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