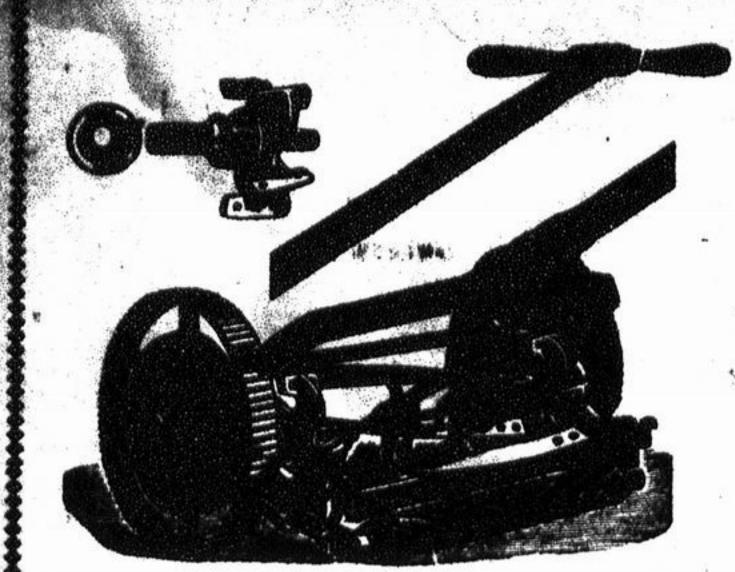
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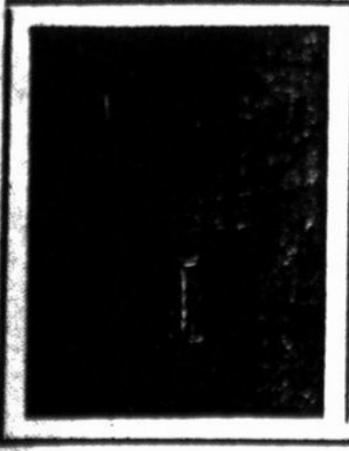
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simple little contrivance that anyone must be cut early enough—when can make in a few minutes that will beads have just become real reddo the work quickly and well. For handled without much rain although for heavy wires or for long about two feet long, with two plus the making. - Weekly Witness. about three inches apart at one end Place the wire between these pins and turn the stretcher around wire is drawn tight. By engaging the pin at the other end of the stretcher the tension can be maintained the wire is being nailed fast. an arrangement of this sort one can do rapid work alone and tix up sagging fence in short order.

To Make a Good Clatera. An absolutely water-tight cluteru

may be made us 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 only requires to be damp enough 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 best down hard and smooth

Upon this bottom foundation the cistern should be walled up with brici 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 mix ed while dry, and then water should be added until it is like plastering mortar Dump it on the bottom about 3 inches sides of the cistern, which should be done before finishing the bottom, us equal parts of sand and cement apply quickly as you would plaster a wall. It is not eafe to use anything

Put Humas in the Soil. If your soil needs humas, plow under all the coarse manure you can get this fall. Every farmer realizes the nevessity of having more manure, and one way to secure it is by providing an abundant supply of absorbing material. Eren if there appears to be a large proportion of this naterial in the manure. making it strawy and coarse, it can be plowed under and will answer an excellent purpose. Every effort should be made to secure all the manure that is made on the farm, so that nothing shall be lost. This manure, properly apalled on the meadows, should be worth \$1 per two-horse lond in the extra amount of hay that will thus be secured from its use.

Argentina Animal Statistics. Consul General Alban G. Sayder sends from Buenos Ayres a tabulated list from a report just issued by the minister of agriculture showing the numbers of live stock in Argentina. They total 114,842,440, divided as follows: Cattle, 25.844.800; sheep, 77,-581,160; horses, 5,462,170; mules and donkeys, 545,870; gonts, 2,566,800; pigs, 2,841,700.

The province of Buenos Ayres con tains one-half of the live stock of the republic, having 7,000,000 cattle and 48,000,000 sheep. Entre Rice province has 9,006,300 animals, Corrientes 7,911,-900, and Cordoba and Santa Fe each nearly 7,000,000.

Give Plants Plenty of Water. To the Editor: When you water plants soak them and have done with ft. It is the little dahe of water all the time that do mischief. Out of doors face. it doesn't rain every few minutes, but when it does it soaks and then stops. Morning is the best time to water. Stand the pots in a tub of water deep enough to reach almost to the rim of the pot. When the soil turns black on top take them out and drain,-Mrs. A.

Chapin, New Jersey.

Uncle Sam's Slim Land Reserve. pleasure has passed, and, in general, it may be said that the son of the | ter. farmer of to-day must look for his sole heritage in the land his father holds. In 1905 we had less thun \$6,000,000 | than sour milk.

What a slim reserve that is may be normal. Maximum temperatures of realized from the fact that one-fourth | 90 degrees and more were registered on of it was disposed of in the following several days and the minimum temperyear. We cannot add to our agri- atures were above 60 degrees almost cultural areas except by irrigation and | generally. The temperature extremes drainage, but we may, by intelligent were 36 degrees on the 25th and 53 deselection of crops, by scientific cultiva- grees on the 21st. Bright sunshine make it produce three or four times amount is a slight increase over the as much as it does at present. And sunshine of the previous week. this is the direction in which our development should proceed, for we must | uted. In some parts of the state, esfind room within the next 30 years for pecially in the southern district, ample a doubled population according to out rainful occurred, but there are localiundiscerning ideas. The American ties in the central district where moistfurmer of the future must be a man of | are is much needed. broad mind and technical knowledge.

Clover and Timothy.

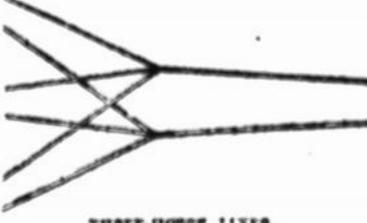
The Missouri station has conducted rery careful experiments in steer-feeding, using different kinds of roughage. These experiments show that, as an average result, a bushel of corn with timothy hay produced 4.93 pounds of grain, while the same amount of corn with clover hay produced 6.58 pounds. Ruting the gain at the low price of tive that : cents per pound, the feeder gets something more than eight cents per bushel for his corn when he feeds it with clover than when he feeds it with timothy. Put the hay away having in mind to feed the clover to the steers ship the combined lot at the relative and to all growing and all mileh ani- lower rates applicable to larger shipis it a sure means of keeping mals, and to sell the timothy. Good stock within bounds. Many devices real good-clover hay is as good for erty tendered for shipment cannot be have been suggested and even patented work horses as timothy. If you don't for stretching wire, but here is a believe it, try it out. But the clover short spans it can be made of wood, and not be overcured—that means the use of the best having machinery. metches it would be better to make it cidentally, the use of the best having machinery means hav at less cost for

To Advance Agriculture.

With the \$15,000,000 the United States Department of Agraculture has available for this year's use consider able progress should be made in agri cultural advancement. While all lines of work are to be carried out as usual most attention will be given the for cutry service. Forestry is one of more important problems now before the American people and it is be proper that it should receive first at tention. The Department of Agri culture is doing a good work. There are those who belittle its efforts and rlaim the money given anually for its support is wasted, but much of standing agriculture enjoys to-day due to this division of the government. Let the good work go on. - Exchange.

Lines For Three Horses.

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horse and buckle into the regular buckle. It works fine and gives one full control of his team.

How to Cost Milk.

Practical experiments seem to prove that many, if not all, of the benefits of than to any other cause. Cooling to the same degree will accomplish substanconperature as capidly, hence the acra for mar be considered an advantage unless a patent cooler is med.

Mange to Hogs.

Following is a recommended cure for mange in hogs: Creosofe, 1% owners lard, 2 pounds. Mix well and apply to the affected parts of the body. Or, sul phur, one-half pound; lard, 2 pounds Mix and apply as suggested above. Turpentine and sulphur at the rate of tea. s another effective remede.

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

Pracaical Poultry Work. To stop hens from eating eggs put a little vinegar or something sour in their

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 Haterine. Nothing is better for a camb injured in fighting or for any raw sur-

If you have not already done so, cull out all surplus stock. Do not waste feed on birds that are of no value to

Adopt the plan of making the poultry | tie must have been a paper of plan nests and rocets movable. They are a previous state of existence." then easily taken out and cleaned when necessary.

Clover with an ounce of lean meat The time when a man might move a day will soon compel a hen to lay. westward and take up virgin soil at his Another good prescription is fresh meat and bone cut up with a bone cut-

When the hens have plenty of sour milk to drink every day they do not It is now a barren boast that "Uncle | gred much ground food. Nothing Sam has a farm for every one of ma" anales eggs faster, nor more of them,

WEEKLY WEATHER BULLETIN

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Illinois Section.

For the Week Ending July 27, 1908.

The mean temperature for the week res of unoccupied habitable land, | ending Monday, July 27, was nearly ion and by careful treatment of land, averaged about 70 per cent. This

The rainfall was not equally distrib-

DECISION OF INTERSTATE COM-MERCE.

(Continued from first page.)

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

The Commission decided in substance

"Shippers may combine small quantities of their own product and of several ownership, either by arrangement among themselves or through the medium of a forwarding company, and ments, and that the ownership of propstate Commerce law forbids the dis crimination between shippers, and the fact that one shipper tenders a bulked shipment made up of property of varions 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 tiame.

Raising 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 di rect 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 commission have amounted to nothing but large expense, and the lecturing on that 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 i costing a lot more money with very small prospects of success. Springfield is custing about for a man who would be glad to un-

deal of knowledge of how to do it. As long ago as 1845 there was a system of protection of the game in forests of Massachusetts. They had deer wardens then to prevent even the Itdiana 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 de notstrated. 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 leer is the most expensive wild laxury the State has ever had, except possibly the gypsy moth.

dertake the work and guarantee a good

The partridge and quail luxuries stand high in the list. The attempts to raise partridges have failed in Worrester county only a little less comaerating milk were due more to cooling pletely than elsewhere. The importatlos, of thousands of quail from the Southern States has not increased the tially the same results, but without at hunting. The different kinds of pheasacrator it may be difficult to reduce the anta have been another, though less expensive, luxury at the expense of

There is more and better hunting in the countries where there are game laws, or where the expense 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 localifles their kind deserted years ago. It is always necless 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 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. Mas sachusetts is overdoing the game busi-

The Points Were There. Little Clara's parents often discuss

has acquired some of the phraseology. "Mamma," she said one day, "my kit-

"Because I can feel some of them her toes yet," was the logical reply.

"Why do you think so?" asked her

Would Take a Chance. "Not a cent," replied the rich man coldly: "money is not good for the

"Well," remarked the applicant, "just pretend that you have a gradge against me."-Philadelphia Ledger.

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do. They prefer straight lines and sharp turns with the geiuine goat jump. prountains, but the cat finds the high and covers them with a fine powder. on its prey, but in escaping its heredit- their feet and slowing planter up again ary enemy. Brehm records a move- the distance they will down.

summer the young chamois climb up to Cats delight in racing about, but the perpetual snow they delight to play not so often, I think in circles, as dogs on it. They throw themselves in a erouching position on the upper end of a steep snow covered incline, work all four legs with a swimming motion to This sudden flight into the air, which get a start and then slide down on the ampears to take place without the ani- surface of the snow, often traversing mal's knowledge or intention, cannot a distance of from 100 to 150 meters here be preparatory to life in the in this way, while the snow files up Jump very useful, not only in pouncing Arrived at the bottom, they spring to ment play of young chamols. When in "The Play of Animals," by Karl Groos,