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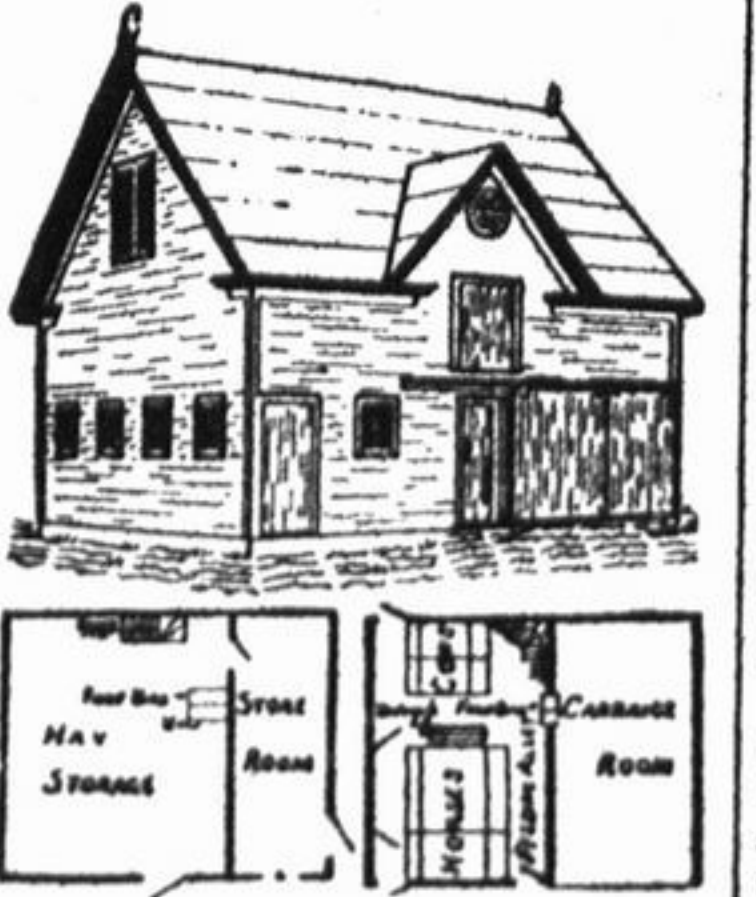
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# FARM AND GARDEN

### Suburban or Village Barn.

The building herewith shown is well suited to the needs of the suburban or village resident, or of the man owning a small tract of land, and making a specialty of gardening, poultry, bees, or fruit. Size can be varied within certain limits.

As shown it has one single and one double horse stall. The latter can be used as a box stall. There are two single cow stalls. The cows are loose, being kept in by chains behind them. There is a harness room, shelves for milk pail, etc., medicine cupboard, ventilator, three feed bins in hopper form so as to take little room in the stable and filling from above, and stairway with door balanced with weights at top. The carriage room is large enough for a set of vehicles, or part can be used as a repair shop. The hay loft will hold at least two loads, and some bedding. The store-



GOOD BARN PLAN.

room fills a general need. Outside walls are covered with drop siding, and roof has prepared roofing. Foundation is of grout, brick, or cement blocks. Stable floors are of cement, with wood blocks in stalls. The style of exterior finish may be varied to harmonize with that of the other buildings. A cupola may be substituted for the iron vent cap. This design gives in compact form a complete small barn and stable, at moderate cost.—F. L. Marsh.

### Fresh Water for Poultry.

It is essential that water for fowls be changed twice daily, at least, and unless it is kept clean it will occasion disease. Should a fowl be ill, and the owner not be aware of it, as it drinks it is bound to contaminate the water from some discharge, perhaps from its nostrils or from the breath, says the Mirror and Farmer. A sick bird, of course, should always be removed, but sometimes the farmer or poultryman is unaware that the fowl is sick until it is too late to undo the harm it has done by contaminating the drinking water. The best plan is to keep the water as fresh and the drinking vessels as clean as it is possible to do. A few drops of carbolic acid in the drinking water will assist in keeping it pure, but the acid should be used carefully on account of its poisonous qualities. Washing the drinking fountains or vessels daily will do more to keep the water fresh and pure than anything else. When water is allowed to stand, even if only for a few hours, on throwing it out there will be the smallest accumulation of slime in the fountain, and if they are refilled without washing them, the coating increases until the water, although freshly put in, is unfit for the fowls' use. As the warm weather advances there is more necessity of watching the drinking vessels.

### Corn Crop of 1909.

The Indian corn crop for 1909, amounted to 2,643,000,000 bushels. The crops of three years have exceeded this, but only the crop of one year (1906) exceeded it very much. The value of the crop is estimated at \$1,615,000,000. The price of corn is exceptionally high. There are only two years in which the farm price of this crop was as high as it is for this year. In 1881 the price was 63.6 cents; in 1901, when there was only two-thirds of an ordinary crop, the price was 60.5 cents. The total value of this crop is by far the highest ever reached. The crop of 1902 was worth a billion dollars, and the crops of 1904, 1905 and 1906 were worth \$100,000,000 more; the great increase of \$300,000,000 over the crop of 1902 was made in 1907, and now the increase is \$600,000,000—equal to the gold in the treasury of a rich nation.

### Sowing Vegetable Seeds.

If the soil has been properly watered after the sowing of vegetable seeds little attention in this direction will be needed before the proper time for transplanting. This will depend largely upon the character of the weather. In bright, sunny weather, when free ventilation is required, the flats may need an application of water almost daily. Excessive watering, however, should be guarded against, as it tends to produce tender, spindling plants.

### To Revive Grass.

No top dressing or fertilizer will do more to revive grass than nitrate of soda, and it should be used in combination with materials containing phosphoric acid and potash. A mixture of 150 pounds of nitrate of soda, 150 pounds of acid phosphate and 75 pounds of muriate of potash is recommended. Grass, even in the old meadows, will respond very quickly to this treatment.

### Testing Eggs.

It is claimed that a freshly laid egg placed in a bucketful of water will sink nearly to the bottom; two days old, about half way up; three days old,

will float not quite at the top; four days old, just touch the top; five and six days, rise a little above the top, rising a little higher as it daily grows older.

### Farm Mechanisms.

Every farm should have a workshop. The building may be large or small. It is not necessary to have it very expensive. The tools may be few or many, but what there are should be good. No man can do good work with poor tools, and good tools cost but little more than poor ones. A building 10 by 12 feet will answer for a blacksmith shop with a small vice bench in one corner. If this is fitted with a good chimney, forge, anvil, hammer, tongs and good steel vice, considerable blacksmithing work can be done to advantage.

There should be a small stove to make the shop comfortable in winter. This is very important, because there is more time to work in a shop in the winter, and you can't work with blacksmith's tools in a frosty atmosphere. Carpenter's work is different. A carpenter's bench may be placed against the side of the building and covered with a shed roof, for, if necessary, carpenter work may be done outside if you have a covered place for the bench and tools.

A much better arrangement is to have a blacksmith shop in one end of a larger building and a carpenter shop in the other end, with a partition between. There should be no shavings lying about a blacksmith shop; there is too much danger from fire. For another reason, the two kinds of work do not jibe well together. It is comparatively easy to keep a blacksmith shop in order, but there is a great deal of litter about a woodworking shop, and a farmer never finds time to keep such things neatly in order.

In buying woodworking tools the best are the cheapest. It is poor economy to buy cheap tools. Not many are needed for common repair work, and a good kit may be had for a few dollars.

Instruction books on mechanics may help a good deal. The principles may be studied out and applied in the shop. The boys on the farm take up such things easily and often make good mechanics.—Agricultural Epitomist.

### Increase in Farm Animals.

The Crop Reporting Board of Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates the numbers and values of farm animals on farms and ranges in the United States on January 1, 1909, as follows: Compared with January 1, 1908, the following changes are indicated: Horses have increased 648,000; mules, 184,000; milch cows, 526,000; other cattle decreased 694,000; sheep increased 1,453,000; swine decreased 1,937,000. In average value per head, horses increased \$2.23; mules, 8 cents; milch cows, \$1.69; other cattle, 60 cents; sheep decreased 45 cents; swine increased 50 cents. In total value milch cows increased \$2,583,000; other cattle, \$17,816,000; sheep decreased \$19,104,000; swine increased \$15,764,000. The total value of all animals enumerated above on January 1, 1909, was \$4,525,359,000, as compared with \$4,321,230,000 on January 1, 1908, an increase of \$194,029,000, or 4.5 per cent.

### Packing the Fleeces.

One of the best ways to pack the fleece is to lay it upon a table, turn in the head and tail, then the flanks. After this roll it up into a neat roll and tie it firmly, using such a device as here illustrated.



SIMPLE FLEECE-PACKING BOX.

have the fleece loose, light to handle and elastic and tied up so that it can be easily opened if needed.—Farm and Home.

### The Silo.

The silo should be depended upon, not only for winter feeding, but for the entire year, in case pasture is scarce or poor in quality. It is the cheapest way to get succulent summer feed if the land is at all limited in area, or if the pastures are not such as to produce good feed in dry weather. In parts of Massachusetts large milk producers consider that it costs 1 cent a quart more to produce milk without silage than with it.

### Hours of Labor on Farm.

Prof. Boss of the Minnesota Agricultural College says that statistics of the actual hours of labor on the farms investigated show that farmers work nine hours a day in the summer and between four and five in the winter. Prof. Bailey of the Roosevelt Farm Life Commission tells the story of the school man working from 9 until 4 until she married a farmer, and had to work from 4 to 9.

### The First Baldwin Apple.

The place where the first Baldwin apple tree grew is marked by a monument. This first tree was a chance seedling that came to maturity on a farm near Lowell, Mass., about 1740. It was not until 1784 that Col. Baldwin became interested in the apple, developed it and gave it his name. The original tree lived till after 1817, and did not live in vain. For the Baldwin apple is one of the best.

# HINTS FOR FARMERS.

The following is furnished by the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.:

## THE POULTRY YARD.

### The house is a night hawk.

Rush the broilers along. The quicker you can get them on the market the better for you.

What is prettier than a bunch of thrifty chicks, all of one color and breed, and as much alike as so many peas?

As every chick hatched carries the blood of the male, it is important that great care be taken in selecting the head of the flock.

Hens feel the warm weather as much as other flocks. Give them a shady place to sit down once in a while and rest. They will do all the better for it.

Some folks think that hens do not need oyster-shells when they can run out. Just try giving them some and see how that is. You will be wiser after that.

My method for keeping lice from troubling the poultry at night, is to suspend the roosting poles by wires from the rafters of the house. If the poles are smooth, the lice will not remain on them if they are there at all.

Turkey hens are profitable until five years old, but it is a good plan to change the gobblers every year. It requires twenty-eight days to hatch a turkey egg, and seven eggs are considered a setting. The nests should be on the ground.

"Advertising was a great invention," said the successful business man. "I wonder who was the first to advertise his manufactures." "There's no exact data on the subject," answered the farmer, "but I guess the hen's the person you're looking for."

A fowl house should not be a foul house. Wake up and clean up. Lice and disease germs thrive in filth. When cleaning up look in the cracks and crevices about the walls and roosts for mites. These pests do not stay on the birds except when hunting for blood.

We reap what we sow. The fruit of careful breeding and housing is young stock ready for market while prices are good. Fowls intended for early market should be kept in close quarters. For a fattening ration we like corn-meal and ground oats best.

Charity always goes farther than it is sent.

Preaching and practice are twins that often get separated. Caring for things is better than working hard to get money to buy things.

A woman without a wrinkle on her brow seldom knows much of the real joys or sorrows of life.

Put your dried sweet corn through a coffee-mill before cooking. This will make it much more tender.

The side of an old berry crate cut to fit the bottom of the boiler makes a good support to set jars on when canning.

Few of us ever have all we would like. It is better for us so. It is like a spoiled child that gets everything he craves for.

Cut out some of the really unnecessary household work and take some time out-of-doors with the children, and thus renew your youth.

When you go to bed at night, sweep your mind clear of everything and go to sleep. Failures, hopes, dreams—everything; let all go and rest up for the day that is coming.

A safe cure for constipation, which has relieved chronic cases, is the free use of cold water; drinking a glassful after each meal and one between meals. This simple practice has rendered the use of drugs unnecessary to persons who had depended on them.

Don't think it is a waste of time to rest a little while, now and then. Lie flat on the bed, or even on the floor; stretch out at full length, let go of everything and shut the eyes and rest. Most of us keep keyed up too tight; it wears us out more than the work we do.

When peas or string beans have lost some of their first freshness, the half of a small onion cooked with them seems to bring out the flavor and make them more savory. Some cream added to the other seasoning after the water is poured off, also improves them.

Do you watch for the loads of hay as they come into the barn and have a nice pitcher of water ready for the men when the wagon is empty? The men folks appreciate that more than you know. And say, men folks, let the women know that you think them kind. Just a word will brighten a whole day.

Did you ever try to sew on a coat button with a single thread? Few folks do—they think they must have it double. But tailors never do that way, because they know how apt the thread is to draw through uneven and get tangled up. Just try it with a single thread and see if you will ever want to go back to the old way.

Does it seem to you that he isn't quite so kind and attentive to you as he used to be? Maybe that is so; but don't get mad and scold! Keep your face bright and cheery; look the very best you can, even about your work. Make up for his lack of kindness by being more so yourself. Win your loved one back again. You can do it, you will do it, too!

To make a berry pie that will not run over, line the tin with crust, then mix in two tablespoonfuls of sugar and put with two tablespoonfuls of flour. Fill with fruit; sweeten, sprinkle over this a few cracker crumbs. Make plenty of slashes in the crust; wet the edge of the lower crust, then put on top crust and pinch upper crust well on to the lower one.

In consequence of fresh and pressing representations made by France to the federal council, the Swiss government has agreed to a second Franco-Swiss conference being held to settle the question of approaches to the Simplon tunnel.



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The lagging hours creep on apace Until the newsboards one can face, Or till spectators tell with grace, "What's the score?"

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