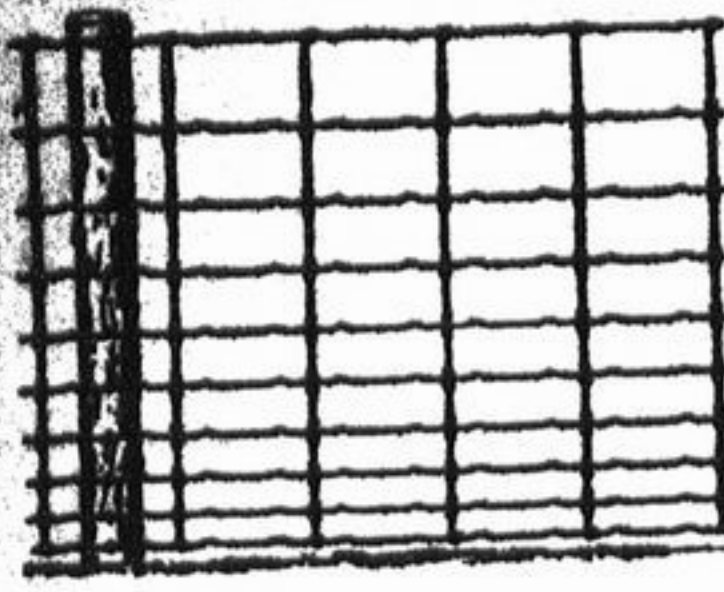


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Look Out for Sore Shoulders.

The shoulders and neck of the horse will be tender when heavy spring work is started. Then, too, the horses are covered with a heavy coat of hair, which will cause them to perspire easily. This makes it very necessary to keep close watch on the shoulders and neck where the collar rubs.

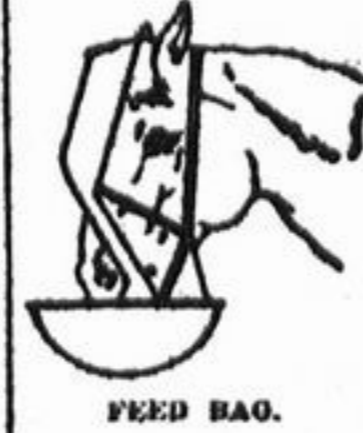
The collar should be a perfect fit; one too large is more dangerous than one a little small. The inside of the collar should be scraped each morning before it is again put upon the horse.

The harness should be oiled before spring work is begun, so that it will be soft and pliable. It is a good plan to bathe the shoulders with cold wa-

these correctives, and they will do it every time they require them.—Farm Journal.

Fountain-Like Feed Bag.

Almost everyone has noticed the painful efforts of the unfortunate horse which is compelled to take out of a day meal out of a feed bag. In order to get the feed the horse must throw the bag and its contents into the air and catch a mouthful as he can. Besides the industry he is compelled to exercise in the pursuit of his feed, the horse loses about half the grain by reason of the fact that it is thrown over the top of the bag.

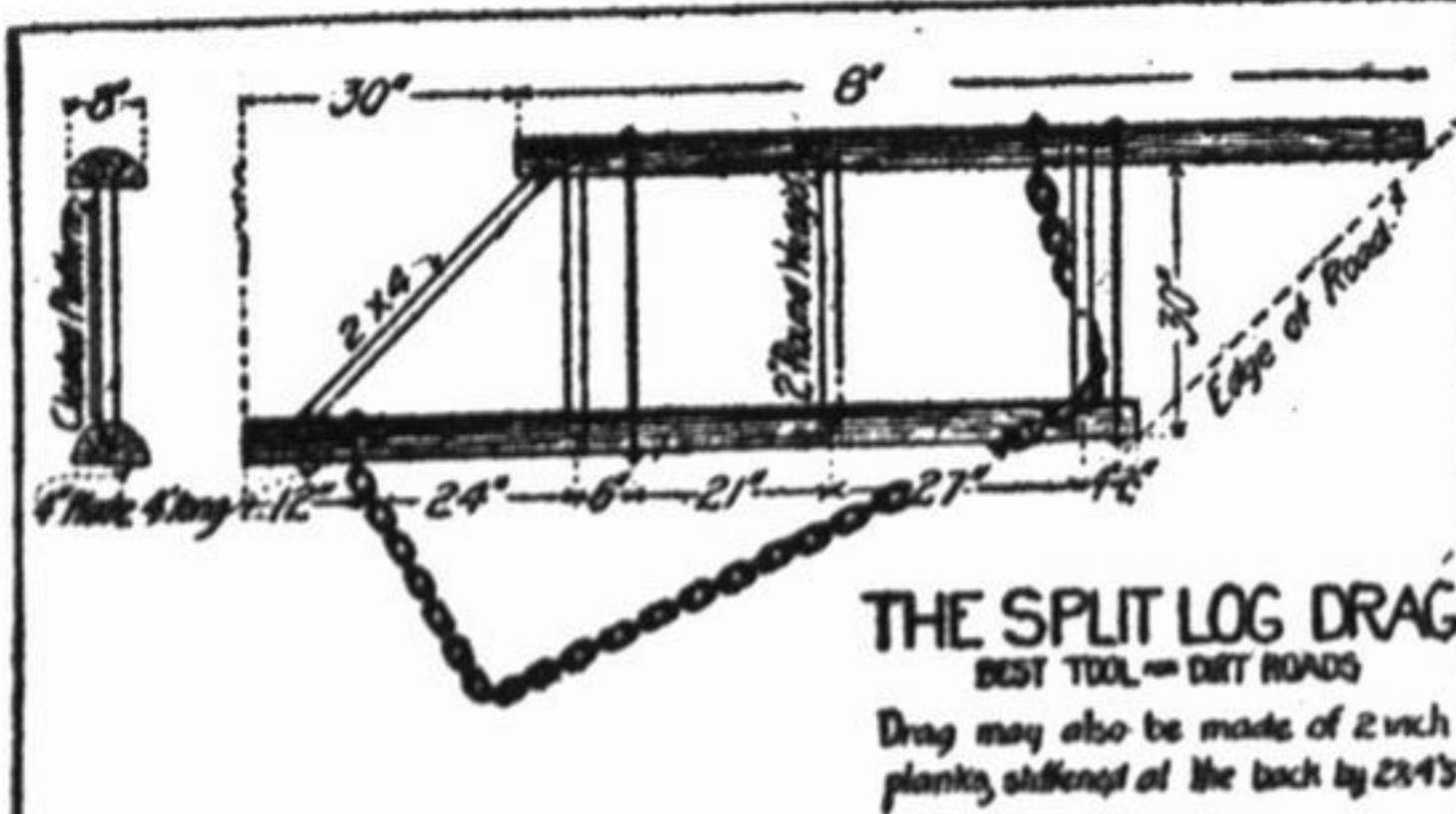


The nose bag shown in the accompanying cut is of recent invention and is designed to overcome this trouble. The feed supply is contained in a reservoir which is secured to the bridle and is suspended between the animal's eyes. The feed flows down of its own weight into a saucer-like receptacle which is held under the animal's mouth. The feed is always in reach and there is no occasion for the painful gymnastics which are so commonly seen under the circumstances.

Feeding Horses. It might be said that grass is the natural ration for the horse, but when confined to a barn and also when worked, the animal needs a more strengthening and nutritious food. To feed properly there must be a mixed diet. The intention of the food is to supply heat and muscle, but not an oversupply of fat.

The quantity of food given should be

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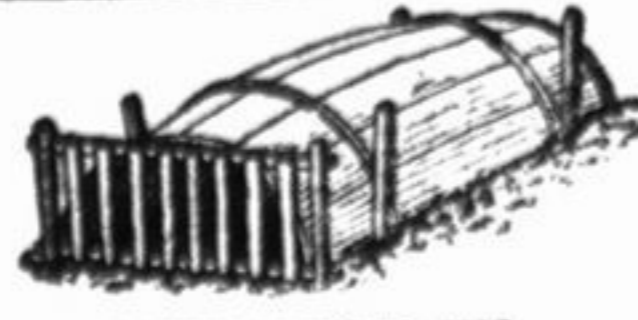
On behalf of a number of farmers who wish to construct splitting drags, a correspondent asks for publication of a plan. The dimensions of the several parts are indicated in the illustration. D. W. King of Missouri, who has been the most prominent advocate of this road implement, describes it as a lever for smoothing down the rough places and packing the surface soil. Best results are obtained on clay roads. It will improve even sandy soils, though it cannot make a hard roadbed of such material.

ter every night after the harness is removed. You will also find that it will pay to remove the harness while the horse is eating his dinner.—Ex.

Inexpensive Chicken Coops.

Very good coops can be made at small cost from empty barrels, as shown in cut. First, drive shingle nails through the hoops on both sides of each stave, and clinch them down on the inside. Then divide the barrel in halves, if it is big enough, by cutting through the hoops and the bottom. Drive sticks into the ground to hold the coop in place, and drive a long stick at each side of the open end just far enough from coop to allow the front door to be slipped out and in.

The night door can be made of the head from the barrel or any solid



BARREL CHICKEN COOP.

board, and the slatted door, used to confine the hen, by nailing upright strips of lath to a cross lath at top and bottom.—D. H. F. in Farm and Home.

Take Care of the Orchard.

Now and then we hear of farmers with an apple orchard who cannot see that it will pay them to take good care of it, says the Rural New Yorker. In one case a farmer sold apples enough from his orchard to buy him ten good cows for his dairy, yet he cannot see that it would pay him to spray and prune the trees. There is some scale in this orchard, and the fruit is usually wormy. Taken in hand now with oil and later with arsenic for the Codling worm this orchard would give the easiest money on the farm. We would like to shake such men up and let them see the future. The demand for good apples is sure to increase, while bearing trees are not keeping pace with the demand. Young trees are better planted, while many orchards are dying through lack of care. Do not, under any circumstances, neglect good apple trees. Stay by them with all the care you can muster.

Heating Farm Produce.

It is said that a Pennsylvania farmer does not average more than one ton of marketing to two horses, and he must send one man with every two horses. English and Scotch farmers generally put two tons of marketing on a one-horse cart, and place two of those carts in charge of one driver. The driver ties one of those carts behind the other, and walks alongside of the first one. Thus we have a foreign farmer doing with one man and two horses the work an American farmer takes four men and eight horses to do.

Old Sows.

Don't be in a hurry to dispose of the old sow. If she is a good one to raise pigs she will be profitable to keep until she is seven or eight years old. Keep them in a thrifty, growing condition. Keep charcoal, salt and sulphur in a clean box in every feeding pen. Let the sows take themselves in

based on the amount of work the horse has done—the more work the greater the amount of food that should be given.

The foods that are generally fed are hay, grass, corn, oats, barley, rye, bran, carrots, turnips and apples. Of the grains oats is best, with corn second, but both are improved if fed in a crushed state. Oats build up the muscles, make blood and put nerve and endurance in the horse. On account of the price, oats are not generally used, and in such cases care must be taken that the hay given is rather rich in protein.

Corn and timothy hay are of a heating nature and hard on the digestion, causing the animal to perspire freely. If corn is liberally used, some bran, with clover or some well-cured pea-vine hay, or clover with corn, will help balance up the ration and keep the digestive organs in a healthy state. In feeding green food care must be taken.

Feeding Sheep.

It is always advisable in feeding sheep not to feed too much corn. Clover, hay and corn in equal parts, by weight, should be given during the fattening period. Except for fattening purpose it is better not to feed sheep on corn at all. Corn is said to contain about 60 per cent of starch and 6 per cent of oil, both being very digestible. Oil makes fat and the starch produces heat and also fat. On account of its heat-producing power it is inadvisable to feed corn. Because of there not being any great quantity of protein in corn it is necessary to feed something else with it—either clover or alfalfa.

Breeding Up Stock.

A Western stock breeder advises farmers to breed up stock rather than buy all pure-breds. He says that to establish a herd of pure-breds costs more money than the average farmer can afford, when the progeny is to be sold to the packers or the butchers. Good females of pure-bred beef stock bring high prices, and the farmer would need a considerable number to make a good start. But with a pure-bred bull he can in a few years have a herd of cows that will make it possible to market beaves of high grade

Strawberries.

Strawberry beds coming into bearing should be cultivated as soon as the land is in good order, and have a top dressing of 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 400 pounds of muriate of potash applied per acre. This should be spread down each side of the rows, and be worked in with the cultivator. Mutch between the rows next month to keep the berries clean and conserve moisture, using pine tags, white hay or other clean vegetable trash.

Cheese.

The Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture has come out flat-footed in answer to the question, "When is cheese not cheese?" They say that when it is "soaked curd" it cannot be sold as cheese. Pseudo-cheese is produced by soaking the curd at a certain age in cold water, draining it and putting the curd to press. This treatment is carried on solely for fraudulent purposes.



He—How is it you are always out when I call? She—Just luck.—Life.

Many a girl thinks she has broken her heart when she has only sprained her imagination.—Life.

"Does your son profit by your example?" "Thunder, no! Why, he wants to get married."—New York Herald.

"My wife can cook," said the benedict, proudly. "Don't worry. Maybe she won't," answered the bachelor.—Life.

Sentimental young lady—Ah, professor! what would this old oak say if it could talk? Professor—It would say, "I am an elm."—Fliegende Blätter.

Lady (to applicant for post of caretaker)—And your name? Applicant—Mrs. Edge, please, ma'am. Spelt with a haitch, same as the 'edges outside!—Punch.

"Say, Daisy, did yer see when I took hold of yer hand the funny look yer ma gave me?" "Go on, Tim, ma didn't give it to yer; you've always had it."—Life.

The Husband—Well, say what you will, my dear, you'll find worse men than me in the world. The Wife—Oh, Tom, how can you be so bitter?—The Sketch.

Economy is a human eccentricity which will cause a woman to spend half a day and 10 cents street car fare in order to get a 5-cent spool of thread for 4.—Judge.

Jack—So your engagement with Miss Upson is off, eh? How did it happen? Tom—Oh, it was all my fault. I flattered her until she got too proud to speak to me.

"Don't you suffer with ennui out here on the farm?" asked the fair summer boarder. "No, indeed," replied the farmer's wife. "This is the healthiest place in the state."

"Have you ever loved and lost?" sighed the swain. "Nope," responded the maiden, promptly. "I've won every breach of promise suit I ever brought."—Cleveland Leader.

Hubbubs—Hello! Subbubs. Have you a good cook now? Subbubs—I really don't know. I haven't been home since eight o'clock this morning.—Philadelphia Record.

First Burglar—I tackled the residence of a real-estate agent last night. Second Burglar—Did you get anything. First Burglar—Yes; I got away without buying a house and lot.

Mistress—What did you tell those ladies who just called? Servant—Oh told 'em you was out, mum. Mistress—And what did they say? Servant—"How fortunate," mum.—Pick-Me-Up.

"How's collection at your church, Brudder Shinn?" "Well, we ain't never had to stop in de middle of a collection to go 'n empty de box."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Doctor—Young man, I will not do for you to stick in an office. You must get outdoors—must have air. By the way, what is your occupation? Patient—I am an aeronaut.—Life.

Son—What is the meaning of economy? Mother—Economy, my son, is going without something you do want in case some day you should want something which you probably won't want.—Life.

The Barn-Stormer was playing Richard the Third. "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!" he roared. "If ye quit now ye'll be able to catch the ten-thirty trolley," came a tired voice from the gallery.

Brown—I hear you celebrated your silver wedding a few weeks ago? Green—So we thought at the time. Brown—What do you mean by that? Green—Late returns show that it was a silver-plated affair.

"I'm afraid," said the lady to a diminutive applicant, "that you are too small to act as nurse maid to my children." "Oh, I'm not too small," replied the applicant. "I guess the trouble is your children are too large."

"Those apples you sent up," said Bifkins, "were not half bad." "I'm glad you liked them," rejoined the grocer, cheerfully. "Yes," continued Bifkins, "only about a third of them were bad."—Chicago Daily News.

Hissoner—You are charged with breaking a chair over your wife's head. Prisoner—It was an accident, your honor. Hissoner—What! Didn't you intend to hit her? Prisoner—Yes, but I didn't intend to break the chair.—Tit-Bits.

Hardup—I'll never go to that restaurant again. The last time I was there a man got my overcoat, and left his in its place. Well!—But the proprietor wasn't to blame, was he? Hardup—No; but I might meet the other man!—Stray Stories.

"If you struck one of those golf balls and hit a man in the eye, what would you do?" asked the man who was interested in first aid to the injured. "Oh, I'd have to play it from just where I found it," replied the enthusiastic golfer. "A player can't touch a ball after the drive, you know."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Hi!" exclaimed the injured party, "you struck your umbrella into my eye." "Oh, no," replied the cheerful offender, "you are mistaken." "Mistaken!" demanded the irate man. "You idiot! I know when my eye is hurt, I think!" "Doubtless," replied the cheerful offender, "but you don't know my umbrella. I borrowed this one from a friend. Good day."—Boston Globe.

The Abyssical Cause.

Mother (in desperation)—Willie, you're a very naughty boy. Willie—Boo-hoo! It's your own fault. I warned ye I wanted some candy, an' ye wouldn't take my advice.—Harper's Bazar.

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