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Farm Telephones. In some parts of the country tele phones are becoming very common. It seems that once a telephone is established in the family it is there to stay. Other sections of the country are very much behind the times in this respect, probably because no one has gone ahead with the preliminary arrange-

A farm telephone is not only a great luxury, but it is fast becoming an absolute necessity. With the addition of more business to the farm every year and the scarcity of labor anything that saves steps is worth money. When you get accustomed to doing business over the telephone you realize its great value.

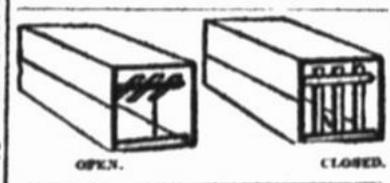
A short time ago I heard a farmer order 100 bushels of seed oats by phone from another farmer about ten miles away. He had seen a sample at the fair last rall and made the negotiations accordingly. The business was transacted in about five minutes while the farmer was sitting at his desk after reading his morning mail left at the box by the rural delivery man. It would have taken him all day to get his mail and drive to the other farmer and buy his seed oats.

But there is a social side to farm life that is fostered by the telephone. It often happens that a woman is left alone for the day and she can easily make arrangements to have a neighbor call and spend the time pleasantly, instead of feeling lonely. Then it is so easy to make social arrangements for evenings or to meet friends as oc casion requires.

There are always people in a neighborhood who are public-spirited enough to go ahead with the necessary arrangements to establish a telephone service. Others should encourage them promptly by subscribing to the fund required. Everybody is benefited, be cause the arrangement is mutual in neighborhood. - Agricultural Epitomist.

A Trap Nest.

The accompanying plan of trap nest is quite simple and can be made from box of sultable size. It should be 12 or 14 Inches square by 20 or 24



inches long. The state should be nailed to a crosspiece about one-quarter the distance from the top. A couple of nalls are driven through the box and into the crosspiece to swing on. Half way back, on the inside, a parrow piece of board is nailed, back of which the nest is made.

To set the trap simply raise the slats inward from the bottom 8 or tuches high and place a small stick under one of the slats. As the hen enters the door is raised off the stick. which falls to the floor. There should be about five slats for a box 12 or 14 inches in width, slats close against inch strip at bottom.

When Vegetables Mature. The following list will show the gariener how long after planting the various common vegetables will mature their growth and be ready for use: Hush beans 40 to 65 days Pole beans 50 to 80 days Early cabbage 10 to 130 days Carrots 75 to 100 dars

Casliflowers 100 to 130 days Celery 120 to 150 days Bush squashes 60 to 80 days Tomatoes 100 to 140 days Turnips 110 to 140 days

Water for the Chicks. Take an ordinary baking pan and have the tinsmith rivet on an "ear on one side for nailing to a tree Have him also make a hole in the bottom in one corner, that the water can be let out every day and the pan he kept clean. Nail the pan to a tree about twelve inches from the ground. so the chicks can drink without getting into it with their feet. The birds will soon discover that it is a fine place from which to get a drink on hot days. Sometimes they find, too, that it is a convenient place for bath, and this of course makes the water dirty. But it is not much trouble to refill the pan with clean water. and this should be done two or three times a day. Chickens and birds require a great deal of water, and they often suffer for lack of it. Don't neglect them.-Boston Herald.

Getting Even with the "Town Man." We have a neighbor who has two cows and 104 hens. From these he sold eggs and butter amounting to \$75 between Jan. 1 and May 1, 1908. While this is not such a great sum, it helps wonderfully when we consider that large family had all the butter, milk and eggs they wanted at the same time. In this case there is just \$150 petween this farmer and the man in town. Where our neighbor took in \$75 the town man had that much to pay out.-Missouri Valley Farmer.

Hog Cholora. In the way of treatment the United States Bureau of Animal Industry has discovered a vaccine which saves about 80-odd per cent after chalers ap | ers to fellow.

If vaccinated before the disease is introduced. Time will demonstrate the practicability of this method. The bacteriology department of the Kansas State Agricultural College is also working along these lines, but is not yet ready to announce anything but

in a herd, it is wise to dip the whole herd, disinfect their quarters thoroughly, give them a slight change in feed, and add to this about five drops of tincture of prickly ash for each hundred pounds of hog once or twice a day. The old remedy of wood ashes and salt is good in many instances. A little powdered sulphate of copper dried sulphate of iron or charcoa given daily when the animals are not perfectly healthy frequently does much good. After all, the old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound

Saves the Fertiliser. Fertilizer is expensive. By the old method of distributing it there was usually enough wasted to represent a

of cure, holds good here.

pretty penny. Then came along a Virginia man and invented the hand fertilizer dropper. This device consists of an oddshaped bucket, running to a point at the bottom and having a small open ing there, through which the contents filters. hinged valve, operated by

a rod that leads to the handle of the bucket, controls the flow. The top of the rod is connected to a crossbar, which runs under the handle of the bucket. This bar is in close reach, and, when resting on the top of the bucket the valve is open. To close the valve the operator merely extends a finger and lifts the bar, thus shutting off the fertilizer. The valve flares the bottom, spreading the fertilizer in a broad, fine stream. For small farms, gardens and lawns this device is of great convenience, and is a money-

An Uoual. He bought a hoe, a rake, a spade, Some little seeds to sow, At last he got the garden made

And saw the green things grow. He work'd the rows and beds each day; Each little plant he knew, And as he smiled and sweat away

Oh, joy; how fast they grew. No floods came down to wash things out, No frosts to kill or blight;

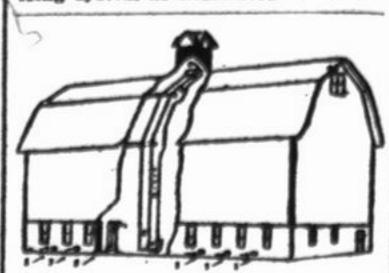
No neighbor's chickens scratched about; No kine strayed in at night, Each seed he planted did its best And not a one did rot-

No other garden, East or West, Such veg'tables begot. But still this man did not enjoy

These veg'tables so new. For every night a neighbor's boy Stole what the garden grew.

Earnings of Good Cours. To demonstrate that all the good cows are not confined to any one breed and to show that the net profit per year is from a good cow attention is called to the records of the best five cows at the Wisconsin experiment station as follows: Johanna, Holstein, 13,186.2 pounds milk, 444.96 pounds fat, average test, 3.62 per cent, net profit \$95.31; Marcella, Jersey, 7,783.1 pounds milk, 442.33 pounds butter fat, average test, 5.68 per cent, net profit \$80.01; Margaret, Guernsey, 8,652.7 pounds milk, 403.25 pounds fat, average test, 4.66 per cent, net profit \$73.20; Christiana, Ayrshire, 9,037.4 pounds milk, 366.58 pounds fat, average test, 4.66 per cent, net profit \$66.21. The cost of feed at market prices has been charged to each cow and the figures represent the sale of butter fat less the cost of feed. The skim milk, calf, and manure are products in addition.

The King System of Ventilation. Ventilation for stables and barns is now regarded as one of the essentials to be provided for in construction. The King avetem as illustrated in the dis-



SHOWING THE VENTILATING FLUES.

gram consists of two sets of flues, one set to admit the fresh air, the other to furnish an escape for the vitiated air. The inlet or fresh air flues should be placed not more than ten feet apart and located in the exterior walls of the barn. The outlet may include one

or more flues.

Study Pertiliser. A few simple fertilizer maxims are so important that they should be fixed in the mind. Per cent is only another way for saying parts in 100. Fertilizers may be direct or indirect in action. The former contains needed plant food, the latter enables the plant to get feed from soil or air. Lime is not plant food under common conditions; it corrects a bad condition of soil-sourness-and unlocks soil materials. Sulphate of iron (copper as), sulphate of copper (blue stone) sulphate of magnesia (Epsom salts) and sulphate of lime (gypsum) are among these indirect fertilizers.

Scientific Small Farming. An experiment from which much may be learned is being tried in Hungary. It is embodied in the new land bill, which is now coming into operation. The proposal is to break up 24. 000 acres into settlements, which set tlements will be subdivided into plots of seven acres each. But the interesting point is that in the center of each group of small holdings there will be did." a larger holding of not more than 666 acres, which will be in the hands of a capable and experienced farmer. who will set an example for the othCURIOUS FLOWER CLOCK.

Timepiece With Pecaliar Horafostest Postures.

In Waterworks Park, Detroit, Mich., is one of the most interesting objects of the city. The place is always sought by visitors for a view of the flower clock which, by its floral beauty and horological ingenuity of construction, impresses all those interested in the odd and picturesque. The dial is upright, and is on a mound of green velvety moss, artistically embellished with rare species of plants. The dial proper is about six feet in diameter. A gardener carefully trims the plants

at regular intervals lest their superfluous growth should interfere with the movement of the hands or the easy legibility of the time at a distance. The hands are made of wood and are painted white. The horological features of the

clock are unique, the mechanism being operated by water from a pumping station nearby. Numerous experiments were made in the beginning in order to make the clock keep accurate time, which it now does very satisfactorily. The movement is located in a small chamber within the mound. A 24-inch wheel of gal vanized iron is hung in a large iron frame. The rim of this wheel consists of a series of buckets. A jet of water from a reservoir strikes the buckets on one side so that they sink when filled, turning the wheel and emptying into a spillway. The series of wheels which move the hands is actuated by means of gear wheels which are set on an axle of this large wheel, the smaller wheels being pinloned and bung on the frame, as in an ordinary clock case. By substituting a reservoir for a direct jet from a standpipe, which was formerly used, the pressure, and consequent speed of the wheel, is rendered uni-Every spring the face of the mound

is renewed. The earth is hammered hard, after which the surface is planted with moss. The varicolored plants are embedded in the moss and are held in place by a wire screen of fine mesh until they take firm root. When once prepared for the season, the plants need no extraordinary attention. The month, the day of the month, and the day of the week are indicated by a calendar flower bed, which adjoins the flower clock.

SHORT METER SERMONS.

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Monastic Life. A life of prayer is more helpful than a life of contention.-Rev. John P. Chidwick, Roman Catholic, New

York City. Competition. Competition as practiced in a great many cases, is unjust, unchristian, ungodly and inhuman.-Rev. B. C. War-

ren, Methodist, Newburgh, N. Y.

Trusting the Bible. We do not follow cunningly devised fables when we trust the Bible as a revelation from God.-Rev. Robert Bruce Hull, Baptist, Brooklyn.

Measuring Success. Victory comes by battle. Success ! measured in direct ratio to the effort we have put forth in times of danger and temptation,-Rev. E. P. Thomas Presbyterian, Fernando, Cal. Pragmatism.

Pragmatism has raised its head and

in perfect harmony with the spirit of our age insists that truth is that which "works."-Rev. M. DeRoy Burton, Congregationalist, New Haven. Clothes versus Character.

Men and women both, to-day, put emphasis in clothesand give more con aideration to dress than they do to the question of character.--Rev. J. W. Brougher, Methodist, Portland, Ore.

Whatever stops the flow of your sympathies, and removes you away from the common joys and sorrows and burdens of humanity is not gain but loss.-Rev. Statom, Presbyterian, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Correct View of Life.

The young man who has the right view of God and Christ will have the correct view of life and will make a life and not merely a living.-Rev. Weston Bruner, Baptist, San Antonio,

The Order of Faith. Faith has its own order; there is but one entrance to its shrine. We must first hear the stern preacher of righteousness; and then, when this lesson is mastered, follow Christ,-Rev. H. H. Henson, Congregationalist, Westminster, Eng.

Unrighteons Indulgence. The numerous instances of wrecked lives because of its unrighteous in dulgence should be a constant warning to every young man seeking to win for himself the crowns of this life.-Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, Methodist, San Antonio, Texas.

.. Where Wisdom Lies, Wisdom lies in discriminating between sound and unsound social practice. One may sacrifice something of individual preference for the sake of peace and fellowship, but he need not become abject.-Rev. C. E. Nash, Universalist, Los Angeles,

Irreligious People. There are to be included among evil of irreligious people not only whose conduct is wicked, but those who would do wrong if were no external restraints them. The majority of bad live lives of such self-restraint and outward rectitude as to compare favorably with the conduct of truly religious people.-Rev. Hiram Vrooman, Presbyterian, Providence.

Pat's Deficiencies.

Mrs. McCarthy's husband went out in a boat alone. The boat overturned. and he was drowned. A friend met her some weeks later.

"I hear," said he, "that Pat left you very well off-that he left you \$20,-"True," said Mrs. McCarthy; "he

"How was that?" asked her friend.

"Pat could not read or write, could "No," said Mrs. McCarthy. "nor mistaken again? It cannot be that ed up to Solly, while the youngest gen-

swim."-New York Press.

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A BOLT FROM THE BLUE.

·******** *********** He was standing in front of the ho tel, smoking a long, fat eigar, with gold sash about his corpulent waist The creases in his trousers were new and pronounced, his shoes were freshly blacked, and all about him proclaimed a man who had finished his work for the day, eaten a good dinper and was now in the frame of mind to regard the world as a good place to play in.

low, with a stubby beard and a hat several seasons ago, glanced at the step or two, hesitated, and went back, of fruit and flowers. The white straw-

gan, "but-" "Ah!" the other interrupted. "What is it this time?. I suppose you would like to have a little assistance toward buying a ticket to the course of lectures on 'Creeds that have moved the world,' in order-"

"No, excuse me, mister-" "No? Then it must be that you want the price of admission to the ad- Baker. dress before the Mycological Center on the 'Edible Mushrooms of the Middle West,' so that when you order mushrooms-"

"Say, mister-" "What, wrong again? You don't mean to tell me that you have just buried your father and mother and that your youngest child is-"

"No, I just wanted-" Oh, now I have it! You have walked all the way from Pittsburg to get a job at-"

"You needn't think--" "I don't-after office hours. I can't you want a nickel to buy a drink? erally got Tiddy.

******* That you would accept anything so

sordid as money?" The young fellow had his chance at last. With a grim glint in his eye

"I don't want anything," he said. "only if I could make chin-music as fast and easy as you do, I'd have my clothes made to order by a good tailor. There's a tag on the back of your coat that says '40 stout. Price: \$15." I thought mebbe you didn't know it." Youth's Companion.

The production of a white strawberry which bears all the year round. A rather shabby looking young fel- instead of at certain seasons only. is claimed by Hugo H. Lillenthal, a that may have cost ninety-five cents Berkeley horticulturist. He is a German, who has produced various creacomfortable looking man, passed on a tions of an unusual kind in the way "I beg your pardon, mister," he be- berry, his most recent creation, is the result of a long series of experiments with crossing varieties under different conditions. Lilienthal claims to have produced two distinct varieties of berries, which will bear through the full year, making a Christmas berry easily obtainable. One of these is white, the other red, and both are said to be of excellent flavor. Confectioner and

Salary Grabbing.

The bookkeeper timidly approached. "If you please," he sa'd, "I would like a raise of pay."

"You, too!" fairly mouned the cap-Italist. "Say, do you want to sink to the moral level of a congressman? won't be a party to your downfall."-Philadelphia Ledger.

It was a musical man who gave his four daughters the following names: Do-re, Mi-fa, So-la, Ti-do. The first escaped with the nickname Dora, the afford to. But is it possible that I am second answered Miffy, the third own-