

DEVICE FOR HOLDING BAGS WHILE FILLING

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Contrivance is Made of Half a Pickle-Barrel and Attached to Side of Bin or Granary—One Man Does Work of Two.

This device for holding sacks while filling them should save backache and many useless adjectives.

It is made of half a pickle-barrel with the ends knocked out, attached by a small block of wood to the side of a bin or granary.

Five or six nails driven through the sides of the barrel from the inside and pointed at an upward angle when the barrel is in place, hold the sack in place during the filling. The sack is



With this Arrangement for holding the Sack, One Man Can Do the Work of Two.

pulled up over the bottom of the barrel as shown. It should be at the right height from the floor for filling, at the same time resting on the floor to prevent strain on the nails and tearing the sack.—Hale Van Horne, in Popular Science Monthly.

BOTH FRIEND AND NUISANCE

Crow Wages Warfare All Summer Long on Insect Pests—Raids Cornfield and Hen Yard.

That the crow's character is not so black as it is usually painted is disclosed by investigations made by the bureau of biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. In fact, the department's "birdmen" say that much of the work the crow does is of direct assistance to the farmer, for "Mister Crow" wages warfare all summer long on insect pests. In fact, insects supply about one-fifth of his food, and those which he prefers in his diet are the worst insect pests the farmer has to contend with—grasshoppers, caterpillars, and white grubs and their parents, May beetles.

DISTRIBUTE EXCESS PROFITS

Growers of 1918 Wool Crop Being Paid as Rapidly as Possible by Department of Agriculture.

Excess profits made by dealers who handled the wool clip in 1918 are being distributed to some 100,000 wool growers by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is estimated that the total amount of such excess profits is more than one million dollars, of which a little less than half has been turned over to the bureau of markets for distribution at the present time.

Some of the dealers who accumulated excess profits have failed or refused to refund the entire amount so far, and the bureau is working to secure the full amount. The department of justice is co-operating with the bureau, and it is hoped to complete the distribution of the funds at an early date.

DANGER OF DUST EXPLOSIONS

Cost 80 Lives and \$7,000,000 Property Damage in 1919—Evil Almost Eliminated.

Grain dust and similar mill siftings appear harmless, but filtered through the air and ignited in a closed structure, they are as deadly as dynamite. Such explosions cost 80 lives and \$7,000,000 property damages in 1919. The United States Department of Agriculture dust-explosion investigation service has practically eliminated the evil.

LEAD PENCIL MOST HELPFUL

Handy Little Tool Can Do Wonders in Pointing Out Profits and in Saving Losses.

The handiest, most helpful tool on the farm is a well-used lead pencil. Applied to a piece of paper, and moved as directed by a fair amount of brains it can do wonders in saving losses and in pointing out where profits are to be had.

PERSONALS

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Mrs. Frank Swailes passed away Wednesday afternoon, February 2nd. Funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from relatives in Montana.

The graceful acrobatic star, Fairbanks, puts over another sure-fire attraction. See him in your home theatre Dicke's, this Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods of Creston, Iowa, former residents of the village, visited the Riggsbee and the Chambers families and attended the Washington Birthday Banquet at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening.

Little Lois Winter, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Winter of North Prince avenue, who has been critically ill with bronchial pneumonia the past week, is improving slowly and is now out of danger.

The Banker house on Oakwood avenue was recently sold by Edward G. Lemon & Co. to Fred Widdick of Washington st. Mr. and Mrs. Widdick expect to move to their newly purchased house March first.

Those who enjoy Fairbanks at his best, with thrills, athletic stunts, good comedy and a continual round of action, should not miss being at the Dicke Theatre, Thursday and Friday, March 2nd, and 4th, adv.

Mrs. A. A. Shumaker entertained ten ladies from Chicago at luncheon Tuesday, the occasion being her birthday. The guests were former neighbors of Mrs. Shumaker when she was a bride.

The Junior Alliance of First Evangelical church were given an afternoon party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Knaak one day last week. A large gathering of little folks enjoyed a good time.

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Gardner Howland of Chicago, has bought the new seven room house at 107 Forest avenue built by Deach and Kerchner and expects to occupy the premises on or about the first of April. The transaction was handled by Edward G. Lemon & Co.

Chet Todd was just a plain country boy, but had high ideals and was ready to fight for them. William Robert Daly, the pathetic old man, plays "Joe Pelot". See them in "Down Home" at the Dicke Theatre, adv.

Vesta Juniors will meet next Tuesday evening, March 1st, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Barnhart on East Curtis street. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and members will draw lots for the stations on Vesta Junior night which will be held soon.

Mrs. A. T. Ogren of Lynn ave., entertained at a one o'clock luncheon Monday in honor of Mrs. Harry Hadi. Those present were Mesdames Bartle, Herrick, Anderson, Van Valen, Fenzell, Chester C. Hall, Perkins and Haydock.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lemon received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Bertrand wife of Dr. W. F. Bertrand of Coloma, Michigan, both the Doctor and Mrs. Bertrand have visited the Lemon home and were known by many in the village.

"The Mark of Zorro" Don't's greatest picture up to date can be seen at the Dicke Theatre, Thursday and Friday. As "Zorro" Fairbanks is a rip-roaring, swash-buckling, mysterious, cat-enalive bandit, adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindley returned yesterday from their sojourn in California. Somehow or other they always manage to get back to Illinois from their winter trip while we are in the throes of a cold spell. While it is not really cold, it is colder than we are used to this winter.

A meeting will be called at three o'clock, Saturday afternoon, February 26th, at the Congregational church for the purpose of organizing the

Women's Relief Corps. All those who have signed the charter and any lady or ladies interested in the work of the Relief Corps, will please be present.

Rev. J. F. Jenness, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, has accepted the position of Educational Director of the Methodist Child Welfare Society, one of the general organizations of the church with headquarters in New York City. Mr. Jenness desires to locate in the Grove and is now looking for a house.

H. S. Dum left Wednesday evening for Atlantic City, N. J. where he will attend the sessions of the National Education Association. En route he will stop over in Washington, D. C. where he will confer with the manager of the Department of Commerce who is interested in the dissemination of information via the motion picture route.

Miss Irene and Esther Gethman were the guests of honor at a "Coctie Party" given by the T. & T. girls of St. Pauls Evangelical church at the Buschmann home on East Maple avenue, last Friday evening. Miss

Mac Leibundguth received first and Miss Esther Gethman the booby prize in the game. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. The Misses Gethman will make their future home at Wheaton.

Mark of Bondage. Little Paul, visiting his cousins on the farm, had been taken down to see the pigs. Noticing several had rings in their noses, he said to his big brother: "Say, Ed, those pigs must be married, 'cause they are wearing rings." Chicago American

Best Wood to Resist Decay. The forest service says that this cannot be determined, since various species act differently in tropical and temperate climates. Lignum vitae probably comes nearest to living up to this term than any wood in the world. Generally speaking, the following woods may be classed as very durable: Black locust, cypress, greenheart, lignum vitae, mesquite, teak and the cedars.

Spiritual Alarm Clocks. Ministers, like alarm clocks, get most of their abuse for doing their duty. Kansas City Star.

Burlington Route advertisement: "You Can't Beat That Route for Scenery" said a much-traveled man, referring to the Burlington, Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific—that great central, scenic highway through Colorado and Salt Lake to California. J. L. REMMERS, Ticket Agent

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