

**Value of a Laugh.**  
When you go to visit the sick do not forget that a good laugh is one of the best tonics and a bit of humorous gossip or piquant saying is better than any drugs. Make the invalid smile if you cannot start up a laugh, but make your visit short; remember that too much of a good thing is as bad as too little.

**Landed at Last.**  
A man who was much in need of sleep rolled out of bed during the night. The jar did not awake him thoroughly, and his hand wandered in exploration. It encountered the mesh of some protruding springs and a sturdy, iron corner post. "In jail at last," he murmured as he passed away.

**Situations That Produce Indifference.**  
There are situations in which hope and fear run together, in which they mutually destroy one another, and lose themselves in a dull indifference. If it were not so, how could we bear to know of those who are most dear to us being in hourly peril, and yet go on as usual with our ordinary everyday life?

**Forests of Scotland.**  
Scotland contains a considerable number of well preserved and imposing forests, cared for and protected for centuries. One of these forests contains more than 5,000 acres, with many trees more than three feet in diameter.

# LIVE STOCK



## PURE-BRED CATTLE ARE BEST

To Be Successful Little Details Must Not Be Overlooked—Keep Up Records of Animals.

A well-selected breed of pure-bred cattle is a source of much pleasure as well as profit, but to be successful details must not be overlooked. Many breeders and beginners are too careless. They keep no accurate records of births, neglect their cattle, fail to keep up the records, do not take proper care of their cattle in winter, and are often caught with a lot of surplus and unmerchantable bulls on hand and no buyers. Let me add that the only way to dispose of surplus stock is by judicious advertising in some good farm and stock paper, says a writer in an exchange.

Keep your herd in nice, healthy condition, so you will not be ashamed to show your stock to prospective buyers. Make a yearly exhibit at a few leading state and county fairs and present your stock in the most attractive form at home, as well as at the fairs. In describing your sale stock to prospective



A Pure-Bred Hereford.

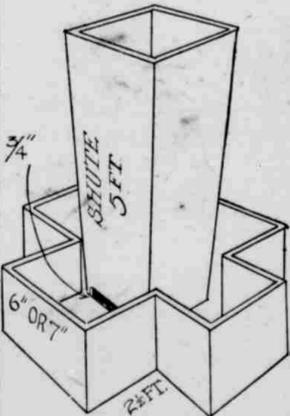
buyers by mail or otherwise, never overestimate the merits of an animal. Make good every statement, and make every buyer a friend. It is cheaper to retain your old customers than to hunt new ones.

There is no better way to restore or keep up the fertility of your soil than by keeping a herd of beef cattle, saving and applying the manure. A liberal supply of both grain and rough feed should be grown and consumed by the cattle. They should be kept well-bedded in the barns and all straw-stacks converted into manure and returned to the soil. A well-bred animal will not consume as much food as a scrub, and will always sell at a profit, even if sent to the butcher. The best individuals will bring a fair profit to the owner when sold for breeding purposes.

## SAVE GRAIN IN FEEDING HOGS

Two Troughs Conveniently Arranged That When Corn Is Devoured More Will Follow.

Make two troughs six or seven inches wide and two and one-half feet long. Fit these troughs together so they will cross in the middle, writes J. E. Spencer of Mount Pleasant, Tenn., in the Missouri Valley Farmer. Make a chute five feet high, large at the top and six inches square at the bottom.



Self-Feeder.

to fit into the cross of the troughs, leaving it three inches from the bottom of trough. Shell your corn and pour into the chute. As the hogs eat the corn in the trough mere will fall down. The hogs' feed is clean, and no corn is wasted.

## Raising Early Lambs.

The sole object in raising early lambs is to produce a fine animal of good size and flesh and get him to market at the earliest possible moment. To do that requires good feeding, good care and good management from the time he is born until he is sent to market.

## Watch Unshod Colts.

Unshod colts need inspection of the feet occasionally, as they are likely to grow more on one side than the other, or to develop too much toe. A very little rasping will keep the feet leveled.

## Gentle Work for Mare.

Gentle work for the mare with foal will not harm her, but she should not be worked for a week before foaling.

## HOLD ON TO GOOD BREEDERS

Pigs From Large-Bodied, Old Sows Number More and Often Double in Size When Farrowed.

(By J. W. INGHAM)

Sows should be retained for a number of years until their places can be filled with their equals.

It is well known that the progeny from mature parents are superior to those descended from young progenitors not fully developed. Boars and sows for breeding should be kept in a good thrifty condition but not fat.

The writer has always been troubled to keep his breeding sows from becoming too fat and consequently farrowing a small number of scrawny pigs.

I once took a large sow to fatten for one-half the pork. I did not know she was with pig and fed her all the corn meal and wheat middlings she would eat.

Imagine my astonishment and vexation when she had three little dwarfed pigs—not only smaller than pigs usually are when first farrowed, but emaciated.

Sows for breeding should not be allowed to run with the fattening hogs fed on corn but kept in a pasture by themselves and given a plentiful supply of slop made of equal parts of wheat shorts, corn meal and wheat bran.

Most young sows will breed when three months old if allowed to run with a boar, but eight or twelve months is as young as is judicious to breed them.

The pigs from large-bodied, old sows will be more in number and frequently double the size of pigs from young sows when farrowed, and this with the same feed and care and will frequently weigh 50 per cent more at a year old.

Not only this, but it stunts or dwarfs the growth of such young things permanently and they never attain good size.

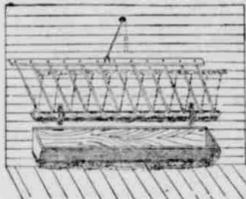
## GOOD FEED-RACK FOR SHEEP

Grain Trough Placed Beneath Saves Chaff and Leaves, Most Nourishing Part of Feed.

(By J. W. GOODWIN)

The rack is made with a pole for the bottom rail and a piece of 2x6 inch scantling for the top rail. The crossbars are pieces riven from an old piece of timber.

These crossbars are four feet long and about one and one-half inches in



Feed Rack for Sheep.

diameter, shaved smooth with a drawing-knife.

The holes in the top and bottom rails are made with an inch-auger. The crossbars are trimmed to fit the holes and then wedged to hold them.

The bottom rail is held in place against the side of the barn by two strips of heavy sheet-iron which has been bent to fit around the pole.

The top rail is secured by a piece of half-inch rope which passes over a pulley located in a hole in the wall above the rack, a weight being attached to the outside end of rope, serving to always keep the rack against the wall.

When the hay is put in, the rack is drawn down, and when filled is pushed back against the wall, holding the hay in place closely and kept in place by the weight.

The grain trough placed beneath and in front of the rack serves as a receptacle for the chaff and leaves of the hay—the best and most nourishing part of the feed which would otherwise be pulled under foot and lost as food.

## LIVE STOCK NOTES

Good cattle require good care and feed.

Pigs should be grown on pasture as nearly as possible.

Never raise a colt from a naturally vicious-tempered mare.

A couple of sheep in the front yard are as good as a lawn mower.

Hog cholera in Kansas is under control, at least for the present.

Cough affecting young pigs very often is due to dusty bedding.

Never save a sow for a breeder unless she has a large number of teats.

It is absolutely necessary that the stallion should have plenty of exercise.

Pasture and exercise develop a strong frame that responds quickly to feeding.

The boar should be an outstanding individual, possessing all the markings characteristic of the breed.

Some owners of land in the far west claim they can raise 14 sheep to the acre on alfalfa and beet pulp.

The stable that has plenty of pure air and is well flooded with sunshine is most comfortable and healthful.

A pure bred ram of the coarse wool breed crossed with Merino ewes produces a good lamb for early fattening.

Some farmers do not realize the importance of providing plenty of salt for all the different animals kept on the farm.

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