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Senator McCumber's services on the stump are in great demand. He has received invitations to speak from committees in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio and South Carolina. The South Carolina committee wants McCumber because he so efficiently silenced Pitchfork Tillman in the senate last spring. The senator however, has put himself in the hands of the committee of the state, and will speak

wherever Chairman Budge directs him to.

The Forum makes this sensible comment: It seems to be a well established fact that—when people are prospering—they do not care to talk politics. Satisfied with the way things are going they become indifferent—confident that the good sense of the people will desire no change in the government. But there are always certain classes desirous of a change—a dissatisfied element, even in the years of greatest prosperity, which too often decides the elections. Hence, even in a time like the present, when there seems almost no doubt of the success of the republican candidates—it is necessary to arouse the people to a study of the issues to get them to attend the polls on election day. Over-confidence is carelessness—and it does not pay to be careless—when our country's future welfare is at stake. It is the duty of everyone who has a vote to exercise his right—to register his choice at the polls. It is not a mere privilege. He owes it to his fellow man to take an active part in determining which party shall dominate in the government. It was over-confidence that defeated President Harrison in 1892—and the country suffered for years under President Cleveland. In 1892, the last year of Harrison's administration, the exports of the United States—for the first time in history—amount to more than a billion dollars. We had prosperity and republicans so confident of President Harrison's re-election that it is estimated a half million remained away from the polls—the result being defeat. The people of this country have learned a lesson since 1892—but it cost them billions of dollars. They ought to bear in mind their experience of the past ten years. Study the issues. Don't let election day go by default. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The same is true of prosperity.

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#### FALL IRRIGATION.

Its Great Value and Its Dangers For Deciduous Trees.

Evidently water should be applied in advance of any suffering by the tree. It is a mistake to allow the tree to fall into distress and then seek suddenly to relieve it. One advantage of irrigation is that it may save the tree from unreasonable efforts which result in irregular growth, untimely blooming, etc. It is usually too late to apply water to the best advantage after the tree shows the need of it. Its wants should be anticipated.

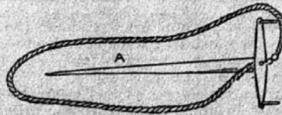
Irrigation after fruit picking is practiced where the moisture from rainfall is enough to properly mature the earlier fruits, but the effort so far exhausts available moisture that the tree would afterward fall of growth enough to fill out fruit buds for the following year. One irrigation at that time accompanied by a summer pruning of excessive wood growth has a tendency to develop fruit spurs, maintain verdure and leaf action and bring the tree to the close of the season in good condition for the next year's bearing.

Fall irrigation for deciduous trees is found advisable where the rain resources of the region are very scant, so that there may be too great drying of the tissues of the tree during the long hot autumn, and where prolonged activity of the tree does not encounter killing frosts. In some such places the too early dormancy of the tree is followed by undesirable fall bloom, which can be prevented by prolonging fall growth until a later dormancy.

In regions of greater cold, and especially in the interior valleys of the northerly portions of the arid region, late irrigation must usually be carefully guarded against, because it is very necessary that the tree should become dormant early and fully harden its new wood. For the same reason summer cultivation must stop sooner toward the north, so that a degree of dryness in the soil shall warn the tree to complete its work for the season and prepare for frosts. On the other hand, at some interior northern points it is necessary to use late fall irrigation to guard the tree against injury by evaporation in dry winter atmosphere. It has been demonstrated that trees adequately supplied with moisture are less liable to winter killing. These lessons of experience are akin to others previously cited—that adequate irrigation is of inestimable value and that excessive irrigation is dangerous.—E. J. Wickson.

#### Device to Tie Corn Fodder.

A reader sends Ohio Farmer the accompanying description of an appliance that he uses to tie the corn fodder in the shock: A is a piece of hard wood 3 feet long, round and tapered to a point. A



FODDER SHOCK BINDER.

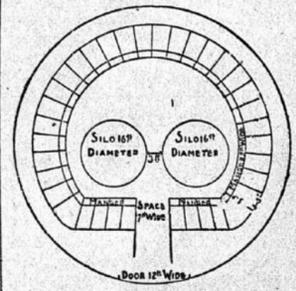
crossbar is solidly fastened upon the large end, and to one side of the middle of this crossbar is stapled a half inch rope, with a ring in the free end. Opposite the staple is a strong iron hook. To bind, insert sharp end into shock, put rope around shock and fasten ring in hook. Tighten by turning as you would an auger and bind with corn stalks or twine.

#### ROUND BARNS.

Advantages Claimed For a Round Barn Inclosing Round Silos.

Drawing some comparisons between the round and the square barn, Colonel F. D. Curtis of Wisconsin writes to The National Stockman and Farmer as follows: A neighbor is building one of the square order 30 by 60 feet, stone basement, stalls for 36 cattle, frame above 20 feet high to roof, requiring 7,000 feet of lumber for frame. It is 180 feet around it and has an area of 1,800 feet. A round barn 60 feet in diameter may have a stone basement and same height above, more or less. It will not take half as much lumber for its frame nor half as much labor to frame and put it up and be vastly stronger when completed. The area or space it incloses is 2,700 feet—half as much again as the square one compared with, and the area of the walls will be the same. It will give space for 40 to 45 cattle stalls instead of 36 in the square barn, room for two round silos 16 feet each in diameter, if properly filled holding not less than 300 tons, located as near as possible in the center of the circle of the stock to consume the slage, saving more than half of the labor of feeding slage when stored outside the stable.

The plan of basement here proposed is designed to make 30 to 50 cattle comfortable in winter. The outside circle represents the wall of the barn. Preferably I would have a circular row of stalls around the outside, but this is broken in upon to give room to drive in a horse and cart—drive around and out the same door to clean out the stable. The stall partitions are to be hung to a 2 by 10 piece of studding in the manger and the back end is to be



held in place by a sort of stud button, a 2 by 4 with one bolt to confine it to the partition, the ends of the stud to slide into slots in the floor above and below, confining the cow in the stall by a chain behind her.

Preferably I would grade into a bank 16 feet high above the basement, which would give space for a room between the stable and the floor above. It will be well if we can get an eight foot bank to drive in over the basement, better if we can get 16 feet and still better if we can get 24 feet to the gable. If a ridge roof with a third pitch, it would give us about 20 feet to the ridge of the roof where we would have a hay carrier. Our silos going into the earth ten feet below the stable could stop at the top floor or could go some ten feet more to the support of the purline, "high enough to weight itself."

A silo located as here recommended is scarcely more than 20 feet from any of the stock.

#### DANGEROUS BREEDING.

Striving For Pedigree at the Expense of Individual Merit.

One of the tendencies of breeders today is to produce a fine pedigree, says The National Stockman. A noted name in its pedigree helps to sell an animal. If it appears more than once, the pedigree is still "stronger," and it is an easy course of reasoning to the conclusion that the more times this name appears the better the pedigree; hence the more desirable the animal. Of course such pedigree building means inbreeding, one of the most common sources of disaster to breeders. It is true that inbreeding has produced wonderful results in the hands of a few masters, but it was necessary with them to produce their type. Nowadays it is not necessary. Type is not confined to one family or branch of that family. It can be had and improved without resort to the dangerous methods of earlier breeders.

Another mistake closely allied to the above is to give undue importance to certain strains of blood. In Short-horns, for example, the presence of Scotch tops has such an influence that it often sells an inferior animal for the price of a good one. The buyer of such pays too much for a pedigree that somebody has built; he pays too much for family. He departs from the rule of Cruikshank himself, who founded the useful families now so popular on the best individuals he could find regardless of "fashion" in their pedigrees. He worked upon the principle that the surest indication of good breeding is a good individual. The individual was the important thing with him, and it should be with all breeders; then the fancier the pedigree the better.

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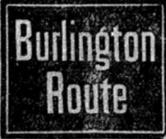
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