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ACCIDENTS IN FILLING SILOS

Practically All Are Result of Carelessness and Can Be Prevented—Three Excellent Rules.

(By W. E. MARKEY, Iowa Experiment Station.)

With the opening of the silo filling season there will be frequent reports of serious and fatal accidents. The manufacturers of silage cutters have greatly improved their construction in recent years, and most accidents nowadays are the result of carelessness; practically all of them can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care. In addition to the exercise of common sense at the feeding end of the machine, here are some things that the inexperienced man should do:

1. Be sure that the machine is being run at the proper speed.
2. Take care that corn is never put into the machine until the motion is up to full speed.
3. In stopping, be careful not to shut off the power until the elevator is empty. If the elevator is not empty, the cut material will fall back and lodge in the fans. Then when the machine is started again, the cut corn jams the fans, and as a result they are bent or broken.

PROPER SELECTION OF SEED

Determining Factor in Production of Maximum Crop of Potatoes—Bulletin Explains Methods.

- (1) Good seed is a determining factor in the production of maximum crops of potatoes.
- (2) Good seed may be obtained by the tuber-unit and hill-selection methods of selection through the elimination of unproductive and weak plants. These methods are explained in Farmers' Bulletin 533, "Good Seed Potatoes and How to Produce Them."
- (3) Like produces like. If tubers from unproductive or weak plants are used a similar harvest will be reaped.
- (4) All tubers showing marked discoloration of the flesh should be rejected.
- (5) Purity of seed stock is an essential quality of good seed. Serious losses are sustained by the grower through mixtures.

EFFECTIVE AS SCARECROW

Inflated Bags Tied to Arms of Ordinary Ragman Will Materially Aid in Keeping Birds Away.

The ordinary ragman used as a scarecrow can be made more effective by adding to it something to make it move, or some part that flutters in the wind. This can be accomplished in one way by blowing up paper bags to expand them to their full extent, tying



Scarecrow With Swinging Paper Bags on the Arms in Place of Hands.

the openings as if they were filled with some commodity for the household and fastening them to the arms of the dummy as shown, says Popular Mechanics. These will swing and flutter about in a way that will materially aid in scaring away the birds that damage the crops.

SAFEST FORM OF INSURANCE

Succulent Feed Assists Materially in Keeping Herd in Good Health and Insures Milk Flow.

(By ROY T. HARRIS, Wisconsin Experiment Station.)

A silo is not only the safest form of crop insurance for the farmer, but is stock insurance as well. The succulent form of feed helps to keep the herd in good health and insures a milk flow.

The farmers who have silos are not uneasy because of the backwardness of the corn crop. Even if the season has been backward they are confident that the crop will go into the silo in fine shape for the stock. And many farmers who, before this year, have not thought of investing in silos, are now asking themselves, "What kind shall I build?"

The value of silage as a feed cannot be overestimated during any year, but in a year like this the worth of a silo in making sure an otherwise somewhat doubtful harvest is emphasized.

UTILIZE ALL WASTE PLACES

Wet Spots Can Be Put to Good Use By Preparing Them Late and Sowing Quick-Maturing Crops.

Nearly every season there is more or less land on most farms that, on account of being too wet, cannot be put into corn or the early small grains. These spots can be utilized to good advantage by preparing them late and sowing quick-maturing forage crops like the sorghums or the millets. These spots are usually very fertile and produce heavy yields and the winter forage they may return is likely to be most acceptable. They should never be permitted to go to weeds in any year.

No Place for Milk. Don't let the milk stand in the sta-

Mrs. Vest Felt Like Crying.

Wallace, Va.—Mrs. Mary Vest, of this place, says, "I hadn't been very well for three years, and at last was taken bad. I could not stand on my feet, I had such pains. I ached all over; I felt like crying all the time. Mother insisted on my trying Cardui. Now I feel well and do nearly all my housework." No medicine for weak and ailing women, has been so successful as Cardui. It goes to the spot, relieving pain and distress, and building up womanly strength, in a way that will surely please you. Only try it once.—Advertisement.

Preferred Locals

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Smithson Water delivered Tuesdays and Saturdays. Phone 633-1. Advertisement.

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Good morning! Have you seen The Courier? Evansville's best paper. Advertisement.

Cockerels For Sale.

Plymouth Rock Cockerels for sale. Telephone 428-1. MRS. JOHN R. KNIGHT.

House For Sale.

My house on South Main street, a desirable home of 7 rooms, is for sale. Phone or see A. M. WALLIS.

BULBS.

We have just received from Holland our importation of bulbs, consisting of Hyacinths, Narcissus, yellow and white, Tulips, etc. T. L. METCALFE, Florist.

For Sale

Four H. P. Gasoline tank cooled International engine, in good condition, at a very low price. May be seen at PLANTERS HDW. CO. Incorporated. Advertisement.

Penalty on Taxes.

For the state and county will go on November, 30. Pay up now and save this penalty and possibly other expenses. JEWELL SMITH, S. C. Advertisement.

Seed Wheat For Sale.

I have a nice lot of No. 2 Gill wheat for seed, free of onions, that I will sell for \$1.25 per bushel, or \$1.35 per bushel, re-fanned and screened. G. HOWARD STOWE, Hopkinsville, Ky., R. F. D. No. 4.

PASTEURIZING MILK IN BULK

New Process Eliminates Danger of Bottle Infection—Saves Much Loss in Evaporation.

That the process of pasteurizing milk in bulk and then bottling it while hot in hot steaming bottles produces satisfactory bacterial reductions as pasteurizing the milk in bottles, is one of the conclusions of a recent investigation which the department of agriculture has conducted on this subject.

The investigators found that the new process eliminated the danger of bottle infection and had the further advantages of saving the loss in milk caused by evaporation over the cooler and of allowing the use of ordinary cardboard caps.

Pruning Bush Fruits.

Pruning currants and gooseberries; Cut back one-third of the length of last year's growth and thin out surplus, diseased or unthrifty old shoots. Old bushes may have two-thirds of last year's growth entirely removed.

Don't Keep Poor Ewes.

There is no excuse for a farmer keeping a poor lot of ewes when

LIME IS NOT A FERTILIZER

Applied to Soil to Correct Sourness or Acidity Where Such Exists—Some Other Effects.

(By M. P. MILLER, Missouri Experiment Station.)

There is a general impression among farmers that lime is a fertilizer. The prime reason for applying lime to the soil is to correct sourness by acidity where such exists. The legume crops, such as clover and alfalfa, do not thrive on sour soil, unless the soil is very rich. Sour soils are not well suited to the development of beneficial bacteria, which are found in the tubercles of these crops. It is mainly for the purpose of favoring the growth of these bacteria that lime is applied to soils. Ground limestone is the form of lime which is usually cheapest as a soil sweetener.

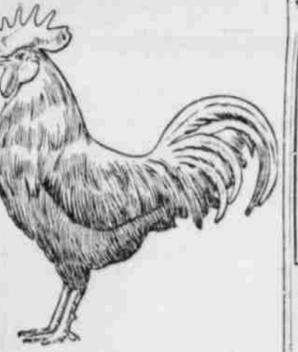
There are other effects of lime, but most of them are of less importance. Lime tends to make plant food available from the soil, although this is largely through its beneficial effect on the bacteria. In large quantities it tends to make clay soils more friable, but this effect of lime is usually observed only where the freshly water-slaked or air-slaked lime is applied in large quantities. Ground limestone has much less effect in this respect.

A fertilizer usually gives a quick response in the crop to which it is applied, provided the soil is in need of the plant food added. Lime, on the other hand, usually has a less immediate effect, the benefit being distributed through a number of seasons. On very sour soils, however, where enough lime is added to entirely sweeten the surface of six or seven inches, the effect upon crops, particularly clover and alfalfa, is often immediate and striking.

GOOD QUALITY OF LEGHORN

Does Not Require as Much Food as Larger Breeds and Produces More Eggs the Year Round.

Poultrymen who object to the Leghorn because its carcass is not so large as the Rocks, Reds or Wyandottes must bear in mind and consider in favor of the Leghorn, the fact that on the feed required for one Red or Rock or Wyandotte, two Leghorns may be readily maintained, and that two Leghorns will furnish the table the equivalent, at least, of one fowl of the larger breeds and, in the meantime, the year round, the two Leghorns will easily produce more than three times as many eggs. With fresh eggs commanding the present high price



Excellent Type of Cockerel.

throughout the year, the egg-producing side of the question should not be slighted or overlooked.

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