

THE FARMING WORLD.

HAY GENERATES FIRE.

Reasonably Well Authenticated Cases of Spontaneous Combustion.

Whether or not hay ignites spontaneously has never been determined. Usually the fire has originated where considerable quantities of clover have been stored.

Investigation proved that the fire was confined to a mow of hay 18x23 and about 23 feet high. The draughts were stopped and the top of the mow kept covered with wet blankets.

The holes burned through the mow floor were above the middle of the stable and not near the walls. It was evident that the fire could not have been accidental or incendiary.

For several days previous to the fire, a peculiar odor had been noticed about the barn and examination seemed to indicate that the rowen was heating.

ABOUT EARTHWORMS.

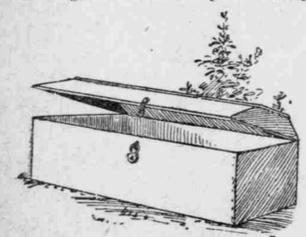
How they Maintain the Living Layer of Vegetable Mold.

A discussion on the subject of earthworms and vegetable mold appeared in a recent issue of Longman's Magazine. The writer, Grant Allen, states that it was Gilbert White, of Selborne, who first of all pointed out the importance of earthworms as producers and maintainers of living layers of vegetable mold.

GARDEN TOOLCHEST.

It Saves Hundreds of Steps in Doing the Work.

Where it is possible a little garden house, to hold tools, wheelbarrow, fertilizer, etc., should be built on the edge of the garden, to save steps in hunting



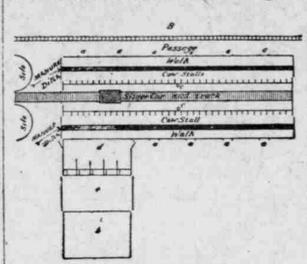
HANDY TOOL CHEST.

for tools. But many think this out of the question. In such a case the garden tool chest may prove serviceable. It is made to stand the weather, and long enough to hold any garden tool that is ordinarily used, such as rakes, forks, shovels, etc.

MODEL DAIRY BARN.

It Contains Every Known Convenience and Labor-Saving Device.

This dairy barn is one designed and built for a wealthy dairy farmer just outside of the city of New York. It is a basement barn 36x100. The excavation was made in a side hill, and the wall B, some 150 feet long, was built some years ago.



PLAN OF DAIRY BARN.

Sludge from the feed car. The manure carts were driven through the basement in rear of the cows. Two large cisterns were provided in a subcellar for collecting the liquid manure.

Horse stable, room for the milk wagons and ice house occupied the wing with roof cellar beneath, and storage for hay above. The superstructure was fitted up with feed bins, feed mills, etc.

Automatic watering devices were supplied for each cow, and the water furnished by a large spring some half a mile to the eastward on a hill. It is a very convenient arrangement, and the cost was a surprise to the owner, who had been told that such a barn could not be erected for much less than \$5,000.

PROGRESSIVE METHODS.

Butter Put Up in Attractive Packages Always Sells Well.

People who buy butter place greater stress upon the appearance of the package as it comes from the hands of the dairyman than many of us are inclined to think.

For many years it was the fortune of the writer to buy the butter used in his household. Such an experience will soon convince one of the value of neatness in butter-making.

Recently we have procured a butter-carrier with trays, etc., and a fine print. Butter put up in this way presents a charming appearance. The other day I offered a fine line put up in this way to the city trade.

Why Eggs Should Be Washed.

When eggs come to market they are assorted according to quality and appearance. If a case containing 30 dozens has in it half a dozen eggs that are soiled the whole case is condemned and reduced in grade, selling at a lower price than clean eggs, no matter how fresh the dirty ones are.

Anything that adds to the comfort of the cow will put dimes in her owner's pocket.

TONG-PAK-SUK AND THE DEVIL.

Corean Legend as to How Their Methuselah Beat the Adversary.

The Coreans have an interesting legend concerning the manner in which Tong-Pak-Suk, the Methuselah of their mythology, got the better of Satan.

Realizing that sooner or later the devil who did death's errands would be looking him up, he changed his name and abode with each generation, and thus eluded him.

Old Tong, in his astonishment, was thrown off his guard, and said: "I have lived in Corea hundreds of years, and, of course, have met many fools, but I never saw a big enough fool to try to wash charcoal white."

The devil at once knew his man, and unfolding his tail by way of exhibiting his warrant of arrest, seized Tong and hurried him along in the direction of the dark portals through which all mortals must pass.

On the way the devil, being in good humor over his success, chatted pleasantly with Tong, who ventured to ask him what he most abhorred and was most afraid of.

In return the devil asked Tong what he most feared. Tong, being wise and experienced, led and said he was in mortal terror of a roasted ox head and mackalee—a kind of beer.

Shortly after the exchange of confidence Tong noticed that they were passing a thorn tree, around the roots of which foxtail grass was growing, and, curiously enough, under it was an old salt bag and a cast-off ox candle; so, making a sudden spring from the side of the devil, he gathered up the bag, the brass and sandal, and hanging them on the branch of the tree his charm was perfect.

The Danger Side of Lightning Rods. The conventional lightning rods that one sees over houses and barns in the country and small towns afford but little protection to the buildings.

It is probable, therefore, all things considered, that a building is as well, if not better, protected without such conductors as are in general use as with them.

The Bet Was Off. One morning recently a Chicago lady named Brown proceeded from the breakfast table to the telephone in the hall closet to order things from her market man.

"Hello!" said Mrs. Brown; "is this the Oakland market?" "Yes."

"Well, this is Mrs. Brown's residence. Will you please send me a large, thick, juicy steak by four o'clock."

"Do you know, sir, to whom you are speaking?" indignantly inquired Mrs. Brown.

"Sure I do," said the boy. "You're Jenny Brown's cook."

"You are mistaken, young man. You are speaking with Mrs. Brown herself."

ABOUT STAMPS.

The British government has resolutely refused to issue any jubilee stamps this year, although the temptation must have been very great to thus easily add to the revenues of the kingdom.

A young school-teacher of Aargau, Switzerland, found among some old papers an envelope franked with a strip of six Basle 2 1/2-rappen stamps.

Before stamps came into use postage was paid over the counter to the postmaster and the amount written on the envelope. It is amusing to hear that people of high social standing did not consider a postage stamp an ornament to a letter, and preferred to pay the postage in money.

When the first perforated issue United States (1855-60) came upon the scene some post offices had large quantities of the 1851 imperforates on hand, which were not exchanged for the new stamps.

IN CYCLEDOM.

The Associated Cycling clubs of California are preparing to fight the L. A. W. on the question of Sunday racing.

John S. Johnson, the professional, will not be able to ride until next fall, as he has not fully recovered from his illness.

It is a singular fact, but true, that the majority of cyclists depend principally upon the right foot to push the machine along. In proof of that, if the balls on a crank axle are examined, those on one side will be found more worn than on the other.

One of the best methods known for keeping bright the nickel work about a bicycle is to wet a rag with a solution of hyposulphite of soda and wipe the article with it, drying with a soft towel, and afterwards rubbing with a piece of chamois skin.

In Mexico the roads are being improved as a result of bicycle riding, not because of a demand from the riders as a class, but because the wheel has made its way into the families of the governors and other high officials of the various states.

An exchange admits that the habit of gripping the handle-bars in the middle is ungraceful, but wants to know why it is called injurious. The writer must be very unobservant if he has not noticed that when the hands are brought together on the bar, the shoulders are thrown forward, thus compressing the chest. Surely that is injurious, if anything can be.

TESTED RECIPES.

Marshmallow Cake.—One cupful sugar, five tablespoonfuls butter, one cupful milk, whites of four eggs, two cupfuls flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Flavor with lemon.

Stella Pudding.—Three eggs, 2 1/2 tablespoonfuls brown sugar, one cupful chopped raisins, three-quarters cupful of milk, one heaping tablespoonful of baking powder, flour to make as stiff as cake dough. Steam 35 minutes.

Snow Pudding.—Dissolve one-half box gelatine in one quart hot water, add one cupful sugar and the juice of two lemons. When this begins to jelly add the whites of three eggs, beaten; mix thoroughly and put on ice. Serve with cream.

Omelet with Corn.—Prepare as you do baked omelet, but at the last, before putting into the pan, add a cupful of green corn cut from the cob. Pour the omelet into the frying-pan containing two tablespoonfuls of butter, and cook, loosening it constantly from the bottom to prevent its scorching. When done, double over and serve.—Leisure Hours.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including LIVE STOCK, GRAIN, FLOUR, and BUTTER in Cincinnati, Chicago, Baltimore, and Indianapolis.

Hints to Hunters.

To get good results in any kind of shooting, uniform, reliable ammunition is absolutely necessary. Experience has taught the most successful hunters that it pays to always use ammunition made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Ct., as it is unequalled for accuracy, reliability, uniformity and strong shooting quality.

Always Doing. "What does that man Slicko do for a living?" "For board and lodging he does the hotels, and for clothes he does his tailor. Outside of that he does the best he can."—Detroit Free Press.

Highly Illustrated Publications. Descriptive of Yellowstone National Park, Black Hills, Summer Tours to the North and Northwest, Tours to Colorado, Pacific Coast and Puget Sound, Farm Lands in Northern Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming and Homes in Washington and the Puget Sound Region will be mailed free by the undersigned. Send fifteen cents for a large colored wall map of the United States or a pack of superior playing cards. L. W. Wakeley, G. P. A., Burlington Route, St. Louis, Mo.

It often happens when it is predicted that a man will come to some bad end that he comes to two or three.—Atchison Globe.

"Cows were once used for money." "Well, I don't believe people had much money in their pockets in those days."

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or sweating, callous, hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE. Write to Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

"His valet got even with Reginald for discharging him," said one young man. "How?" inquired the other. "Set his watch ahead, so that Reginald got his evening clothes on at half-past five!"—Washington Star.

The Mead Cycle Company, Chicago, is the original house to sell reliable bicycles at low prices direct to the rider. They have built up a large business by their honorable dealings and have won the confidence of their customers. They ask the public to believe that the house which leads and controls the best source of supply is the best house to do business with.

Dead beats all know just what property is exempt from execution.—Washington Democrat.

I have found Piso's Cure for Consumption an unfailing medicine.—F. R. Lotz, 1305 Scott St., Covington, Ky., Oct. 1, 1894.

Every man thinks he is the hardest man to shave in town.—Washington Democrat.

Hall's Catarrh Cure Is taken internally. Price 75c.

A cold church can only be warmed by fire that comes from Heaven.

Pertinent Questions.

Why Will a Woman Throw Away Her Good Looks and Comfort?



Why will a woman drag out a sickly, half-hearted existence and miss three-quarters of the joy of living, when she has health almost within her grasp? If she does not value her good looks, does she not value her comfort?

Why, my sister, will you suffer that dull pain in the small of your back, those bearing-down, dragging sensations in the loins, that terrible fullness in the lower bowel, caused by constipation proceeding from the womb lying over and pressing on the rectum? Do you know that these are signs of displacement, and that you will never be well while that lasts?

What a woman needs who is thus affected is to strengthen the ligaments so they will keep her organs in place. There the Compound is constantly curing thousands of just such cases.

is nothing better for this purpose than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The great volume of testimony which is constantly rolling in, proves that the Compound is constantly curing thousands of just such cases.

The following letter from Mrs. Marlow is only one of many thousands which Mrs. Pinkham has received this year from those she has relieved—surely such testimony is convincing:

"My trouble commenced after the birth of my last child. I did not know what was the matter with me. My husband went to our family physician and described my symptoms, and he said I had displacement and falling of the womb. He sent me some medicine, but it did little good. I let it go on about two years, and every time I did any hard work my womb would come down. Finally a lady friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did. The first bottle helped me so much, I continued to take it right along. My back was almost the same as no back. I could not lift scarcely any weight. My life was just a drag to me. To-day I am well of my womb trouble, and have a good, strong back, thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. L. MARLOW, Milford, Ill.

Advertisement for Cascarets Candy Cathartic, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its benefits for constipation.

Advertisement for Sapolio, a cleaning product, with the slogan 'A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSEFUL OF SHAME.'

Advertisement for Hires Rootbeer, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its cooling and refreshing properties.

Advertisement for Nebraska Farm Lands, highlighting the benefits of a dry healthy climate and pure water.

Advertisement for Hartshorn's Shade-Acting Notice, a product for eye relief.

Advertisement for Silos, providing information on how to build them.

Advertisement for Weeks Scale Works, specializing in stock, coal, and grain scales.

Advertisement for Opium and Dropsy, including information on quick relief and contact details.