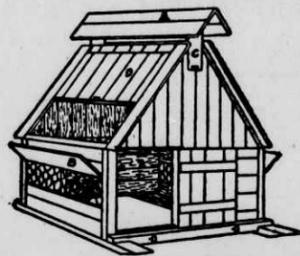




## LIVE STOCK

### FARROWING OR PASTURE PEN

Illustration Shows Such a Structure That Answers Requirements in Ideal Manner.



Farrowing or Pasture Pen.

It would certainly be hard to surpass the Roycroft plan for attractiveness and general usefulness. The accompanying drawing indicates the general plan of the cot. The dimensions of all cots are so near standard that it will hardly necessitate the repetition of these figures here. The main points of difference in the "bungalow" as compared with other pens are: The center board on each side are hinged so that they can be swung open in hot weather; the ridge cap is so mounted that it can be raised and lowered at will, thus further assisting in the ventilation of the pen and the roof boards are made into panels which may be raised or lowered over a window frame which is in place just below them. This last arrangement permits of making the pen into a hothouse whenever desired. The pen certainly has about as many adjustments on it as one could wish for. It is, moreover, one of the most attractive pens built. Its main objection is perhaps that the cost of construction is somewhat higher than is the case with more simple and less convenient types.

### CURING HORSE OF KICKING

Harness Devised by Two Missouri Men Teaches Animal Utility of Trying for Own Way.

Sooner or later domesticated animals learn that they cannot have their own way, but must bow to the



To Cure Kicking Horse.

law of humans. Every once in awhile, however, there is born a horse who thinks he is entitled to his own opinion, and his favorite way of asserting himself is in kicking the dashboard to bits. Two Missouri men have devised a harness which is warranted to cure this habit. Straps cross the horse's back and breast and at their junctions are fastened the ends of ropes which engage the fetlocks of the animal's hind legs in running loops. The other end of the ropes are fastened to staples in the horse's stall or to some other stationary object in front of which he is tied. The result is that when a horse is trussed up in this manner, if he tries to kick he finds he cannot get his hind feet beyond a certain point, and after making a number of ineffectual efforts he becomes discouraged. If he is a particularly bad kicker he can be goaded into making these attempts until his spirit is broken in that respect.

### Care of Horses.

As the busy season closes and the horses are idle more of the time, give them less grain feed and only twice each day, while they are not working. Give all of the horses the run of some field or pasture when they are idle. The exercise and fresh air alone will do them good. The horse, above all other domestic animals, needs abundance of exercise to harden the muscles.

### Barley for Hogs.

Canadian experimenters have found that barley is the best grain for finishing the prime bacon hog. As long as bacon hogs are not selling as high as fat hogs in this country, however, our feeders will stick to corn. It's good enough for the market hog, and it makes him good enough for the market.

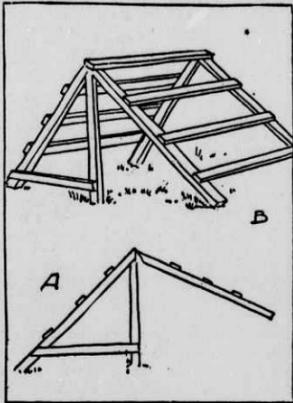


## POULTRY

### ROOSTS FOR POULTRY HOUSE

Excellent Plan is Shown in Illustration—One Side Can Be Raised During Cleaning.

To make the roost shown in the accompanying illustration, use four pieces of 2x3, five feet long for the frame. Cut each end at an angle of 45



Roost for Poultry House.

degrees and hinge over the top with eight-inch strap hinges. On these frames nail seven 2x2 strips seven feet long for roosta. Beginning at the top, nail these 15 inches apart, as indicated at B. Fig. A shows the end section with the support, which is a piece of 2x3, three feet four inches long, and the stay brace, which is a piece 1x2, three feet, four inches long. It also indicates how one side can be raised when the floor is cleaned.

### CARE OF POULTRY IN WINTER

Not Much Hard Work Required to Keep Flock in Summer, but Different in Cold Weather.

(By B. A. WELCH.)

It does not require much hard work to keep a flock in good condition in the summer, but absolute neglect will often completely destroy the winter egg producing qualities of not only the old hens but the pullets as well.

If you have not removed every window in the chicken house and substituted wire netting in order to provide perfect ventilation do so at once.

Better that the chicks roost in the trees than they be confined in a vermin ridden building.

Body lice will worry a flock to death, or so nearly so as to destroy its usefulness. These can be killed but not easily.

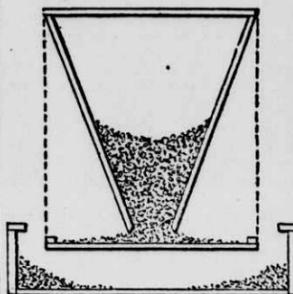
Persian insect powder will do the business. It should be applied with a powder spray by one person while another holds the fowls by the legs so that the powder may reach every part of the skin through the disturbed feathers.

### HANDY HOPPER FOR CHICKENS

May Be Constructed of Wood or Galvanized Iron and Will Prevent Birds Scattering Grain.

An economical and useful device in the poultry yard is shown in the illustration.

This hopper may be made of galvanized iron or of wood. It is intended to prevent hens from wasting feed when eating, says Orange Judd Farm-



Hopper for Saving Food.

er. The hopper proper is hung above the lower box, which may be emptied back into the hopper when desired.

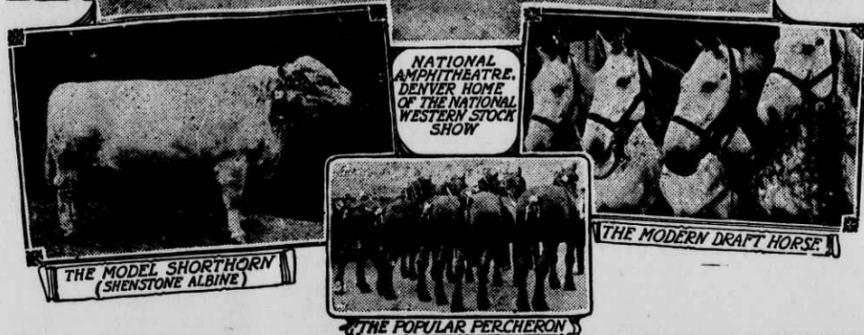
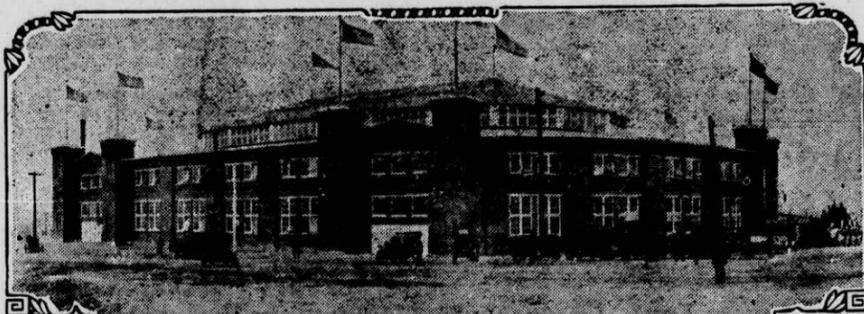
### Plan of Feeding.

By giving the hens just as much food as they will relish in the morning and scattering some small grain in the litter, they will start scratching and will keep it up until their crops are filled.

At night they can be given all they can eat of acceptable foods, varying as frequently as circumstances allow. With the variety of food obtainable in the summer time, even for confined fowls, there is little excuse for having overfed birds.

### Get Chicks to Roost.

To induce the young chicks to roost in the poultry house as soon as they are weaned, build a ladder of a wide board with narrow cleats nailed across at short intervals. Where the roosts are easy to reach the young birds are more ready to use them.



SNAP SHOTS AT THE NAT'L WESTERN STOCK SHOW, DENVER, JAN. 16-21

### BIG WESTERN STOCK SHOW.

Nearly Half Million Dollars Invested in Buildings for Annual Event.

The annual National Western Stock Show, which is held in Denver every January, has grown in six years to be one of the big live stock expositions of the country. It is backed by an organization of some 500 stockmen and people interested in live stock agriculture all over the west and is financed by the Denver Union Stock Yards. The show was started as an educational institution, to educate the Western farmers in the most modern lines and methods of producing live stock. It has already been a tremendous factor in improving the live stock of the west and the stock yards and business interests of Denver have backed it by providing buildings costing over \$400,000 which are used almost exclusively for this annual show. A magnificent amphitheater is the principal building and is one of the most convenient buildings of the kind ever constructed, providing seats for 10,000 people around a large arena in which the fine stock is exhibited. There is just being completed for the coming show, which will be held during the week of January 16-21, a fine three-story barn of the most modern construction and a club building which together will cost about \$80,000. It is expected that during the show week in January Denver will entertain about 50,000 visitors. The show will handle 150,000 people during the week. The premium lists and cost of the show will be over \$50,000. Railroads will make reduced rates from all parts of the west.

### TALLOW VS. LEAN MEAT.

Western Cattle Feeders Decline to Produce Overfat Beef.

The western stockman and farmer is nothing if not practical. An illustration of this was had by the promoters of the National Western Stock Show at Denver. Six years ago this show was started by a number of



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western stockmen and farmers and following along the lines of the stock shows for many years, big premiums were offered for carloads of prime fat steers. At first the stockmen took hold eagerly and at the first and second shows a fine display of fat cattle was made. Then the feeders began to figure the cost. They found that

block, just enough fat to make them good and with the maximum quantity of prime edible meat. The packers buy these cattle with avidity while the heavy fat steers shown at the International were purchased reluctantly. Most of the eastern show feeders are feeding for form. The western feeders are making a profit while the eastern feeder is out of pocket on every load he feeds.

### IMPROVING WESTERN CATTLE.

National Western Stock Show Big Factor in Distributing Pure Bred Animals.

With the passing of the live stock business of the western ranges into the hands of stock farmers and ranchmen, has come a tremendous change in the quality of the cattle. The old long horn, long legged cattle of ten and fifteen years ago have almost completely disappeared and their places have been taken with the broad backed cattle of the shorthorn, hereford and polled breeds. It is largely due to the big annual stock shows of the country that this evolution has been so rapid and none of the shows has been of more value to the west than the National Western Stock Show, which opens its sixth annual exhibition in Denver on January 16. This show was organized and continued by an association of some 500 western stockmen and business men who saw the importance of educating the people to the most modern ideas in live stock and in addition to exhibiting the best the country affords in cattle, the big breed associations hold



Selling the Prize Winning Carloads of Cattle at the Denver Stock Show, Jan. 16-21.

### GREATEST SHOW IN WORLD.

Exhibition of Carloads of Feeder Cattle at Denver Holds the Record.

The National Western Stock Show, which is held every January in Denver, holds the record of the world for the greatest exhibition of feeder cattle, both as to quality and quantity. The Denver show pays particular attention to the commercial end of the cattle business and while showing the stockmen the best there is in pure blood, in the carload exhibition is shown what can be accomplished with the good blood. Last January there were 150 carloads of feeder cattle exhibited and these were taken from shipments that aggregated over 10,000 cattle. The plan followed by the western cattlemen is to send in from two or three to twenty carloads of their best cattle, pick out a few loads to enter in the show and hold the rest for sale after the ribbons are awarded. As a rule, the man who buys the prize winning cattle usually wants anywhere from two loads to a trainload of the same kind of cattle, and he finds them waiting for his bid. Last January there were over fifty eastern cattle feeders at the Denver show to pick up some choice feeders and it has been found that these cattle are money makers, for they have the quality and health so essential.

Even in the fat cattle division of the show the commercial end is carefully looked after. Long fed cattle carrying more tallow than lean meat have been found unpopular and unprofitable in the west and the fat cattle exhibition in the car lot end, is limited to the short fed commercial cattle, which are the kind the packers want and which make money for all who handle them. The western men are being encour-

aged to feed for beef instead of tallow and the overfat animals are conspicuous in Denver by their absence. The sixth annual show opens in Denver, January 16th, for a week, and it will be the big live stock event of the year as far as the west is concerned.

They were producing a large amount of tallow which they were trying to force upon the packers at the price of lean meat. Even then it was found that at the highest lean meat price, the tallow product did not pay. At the third and fourth shows the number of prime fat cattle was exceedingly small and at the fifth show last January a classification was provided for the short fed cattle. As a result there was a good showing of short fed cattle and no long fed stock on exhibition.

For the next show, which will be held January 16-21 at Denver, the only cattle that will be shown in the carload division for fat cattle, will be what are known as "commercial" fat cattle. None of these cattle are fed grain to exceed ninety days and they will be in prime condition for the

public sales at which selected animals are sold without reserve. As a result of these annual sales herds of pure bred cattle are springing up all over the west and it is predicted that at the coming show in Denver, western herds will give the eastern herds a close run for the ribbons.

At the Denver show next month the American Shorthorn Association will sell fifty selected bulls and heifers and the Hereford Association will sell an equal number. The Aberdeen Angus Association will sell a number at private sale and the Galloway Association will sell about forty head. These cattle are all selected from the best herds in the country and this annual distribution of pure blood will have a tremendous effect upon the quality of the western cattle in the future.



Preparing for the Denver Stock Show, Jan. 16-21.

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