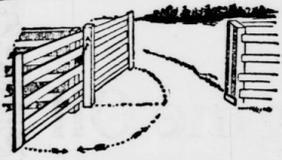




Simple Farm Gate.

The gate shown in the accompanying illustration is recommended by a correspondent of the Montreal Family Herald. The gate is intended for inside locations, upon a farm instead of bars or swinging gates which are troublesome and apt to get out of order. The correspondent has six of these gates on his ranch, and expects soon to put in as many more. It will be noticed that the gate is not hung on hinges. It consists simply of a hurdle which stands between two strong posts set so that the gate easily passes back between them. The second bar of the gate rests on a cleat A, shown in the illustration. This cleat consists of inch lumber, four inches wide and 12 or 14 inches long. The gate will slide easily if the top of the cleat is greased. As the gate is closed it slips between the two posts, which prevent it from being pushed either way.

Points in favor of this gate over



SLIDING GATE WIDE OPEN.

those in ordinary use are as follows: It is cheaply and easily made; it is not liable to get out of order; quickly and easily operated; requires only ordinary fence posts, no hinges, or latch, and it locks automatically.

This Year's Wheat Crop.

Another bumper wheat crop is in prospect. Estimates by the Department of Agriculture on grain in the field indicate a total yield of winter wheat of over 411,000,000 bushels against 401,885,887 in 1903 and 325,374,503 in 1904; a gain of 10,314,113 bushels over 1903 and 85,225,497 bushels over 1904. The estimate on spring wheat is 348,000,000 bushels, but there are good reasons for believing that the yield will be from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels greater than the present estimate. However, the comparison, accepting the estimate as correct, is interesting, showing an excess for 1905 over the yield of 1904 and less than 1903, as follows: Estimate of yield of spring wheat, 1905, 348,000,000 bushels, against 355,183,656 in 1903 and 279,606,656 bushels in 1904, about 7,000,000 bushels less than the yield of 1903 and 68,303,344 more than last year. According to the official estimate, the total wheat crop of the United States this year will be 670,000,000 bushels. Unless serious damage comes to spring wheat during its ripening, the total wheat yield of the United States will be about 118,000,000 greater than in 1904 and 33,000,000 in excess of 1903.—Epiomist.

Cost of Making Beef.

It has been accepted as proved that the younger an animal the lower is the cost of putting on flesh and fat. Some experiments have been made to prove this, but the data are too meager to permit of the building of very strong arguments on them. Professor Mumford of the Illinois station has taken up the question and is making an experiment that will at least add to the volume of the data if it does not settle the question, which it probably will not. Herds of various ages are being fed at the station, and these will be marketed as fast as ready and careful reports compiled of the cost of gain made on each lot. There is a point beyond which it does not pay a farmer to keep an animal, even though that animal is all the time gaining in weight. The station is trying to find the point at which steer feeding must stop, if a profit is to be made. Every day after that point the farmer is losing money and losing the time he is putting on the care of the animal.

A Kicking Cow.

There are many recommended methods of dealing with kicking cows. One, which is by some found to be very effective, is to rope or strap the hind legs together just above the hock. The rope or strap should be put on in the form of a figure eight, having it cross between the legs. Some milkers apply the rope close down to the feet and fasten it to a ring in the floor. Rather than fasten the rope securely, it is better at the first trial to have an attendant to hold the rope, so that he can loosen it in case the cow throws herself in her effort to kick. A plan that does no good and generally much harm is to beat the animal. This only increases the retaliation in the form of kicking. A kicking cow is an angry cow, and after one has exhausted his efforts in attempting to soothe her by means of patting, currying, giving mashes, etc., without success, the only thing to do is to secure her in a manner that she can neither kick nor injure herself.—American Cultivator.

The Oat Crop.

The oat crop is one that requires a great deal of moisture throughout the season, and the best crop is assured by preparing the soil so it will conserve moisture. The reason the old

plan of seeding oats in corn stubble falls so frequently is because the ground is stirred shallow and wet early in spring time and when a few weeks of dry weather come it bakes as hard as the road and remains in this condition until harvest. It is not a good plan to be in too big a hurry about sowing oats. When the ground has dried out so it is in good condition to break then start the plow.—Ohio Farmer.

The Shortage of Sheep.

"Michigan sheep and lamb feeders find themselves up against a peculiar situation, and many of them are at a loss how to proceed," says a writer in the Detroit Tribune. "There are many feeders who were of opinion that receipts of Western sheep at Chicago would be larger late in the season and have waited in the belief that they would be able to get their orders filled at lower prices. Present indications look as if there would be few of the bargains that have been offered in other years.

"Never before in the history of the Chicago yards has there been such a pressing demand for feeding sheep and lambs. Every day now the sheep pens are full of strangers who are looking for bargains, and every desirable bunch is caught up at high prices compared with other years. The outlook for wool and mutton was never brighter than at present, and the general belief is that sheep and lamb feeders will make plenty of money this year, no matter what they pay for feeding stock."

The Auto Nuisance.

During an English farmers' meeting, the chairman had suggested that he should instruct his teamsters to hold their wagons across the road when autos were approaching at a furious rate. He received the following amusing communication: "As I doubt the power of the average farm laborer to distinguish between the innocent and the guilty, I offer my services. I hold a discharge as a sergeant from the army, and am a trained shot. At least fifty autos pass my house every day. With an ordinary magazine rifle I could get about thirty daily, and I offer my trained services to the chamber at a charge of six pence per head. I should like to know to whom to forward the heads. I could use explosive or poisoned bullets if so desired."

How Sunday Affects the Cows.

The manager of the Wisconsin experimental farm once said that he could tell the Sundays in the calendar by looking at his milk record, which showed the daily yield, because the quantity obtained was invariably smaller than on a week day. "Our men milk a little later on Sunday morning, and a little earlier at night, probably hurrying the operation, and the cows resent the treatment by giving a somewhat smaller yield of milk." It was observed, also, apropos of the necessity for kind and gentle treatment of dairy cattle, that a new hand obtained as much milk from a cow than she would yield to a milker, not necessarily more expert, to whom she was accustomed.

For Sharpening Posts.

To save lots of work in sharpening posts, fix up the rig illustrated, advises Charles Hecht. The forked pole



is 12 feet long, the brace of 1x4 being about 5 feet high. A stump makes the best block upon which to sharpen post.

Sod Houses and Telephones.

Sod houses and telephones are the strange combination now offered by the prairies of the Middle West. Yet the combination is less strange than appears, for the present sod houses are by no means to be despised, particularly in cold weather. They are built with considerable attention to comfort, and, with an interior lining of Portland cement, offer almost the advantages of a stone building, and at the slightest cost, while the network of telephones overcomes the isolation of earlier days.

Poultry Pickings.

Save the cabbage for the hens. Leaves make good scratching material. Cracked corn will put fat on a fowl about the quickest of any feed. A lot of extra cockerels are a nuisance. Kill them off if you want eggs. Green cut bone or good beef scraps will force the pullets to early maturity. Dampness is one of the worst troubles of poultry keepers. Sunshine is sure cure. Lime water is a corrective of fowl diseases and is also a good remedy for soft shelled eggs. If eggs were sold by weight the talk about big eggs would give place to that of more of 'em. A duck grows faster than a chicken, sells for more in market, costs no more to feed and needs but little care. To obtain the best results from hens keep them in flocks of from thirty to forty with one or two males. Crowding never pays any breeder. As a rule hens fall off in egg production after they are three or four years old, and it is only in exceptional cases that it is advisable to keep them.

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"GRAFT" IS THE WORD.

Irregularities in Several Departments and Bureaus.

Graft in the government departments is the theme of the hour. Charges of irregularities have been laid at the door of the following departments and bureaus:

Agricultural department's bureau of statistics—Giving advance information on cotton crops.

The weather bureau—Lavish expenditure of appropriations for erection of buildings at Bluemont, Va. Entertaining week end parties at the station.

The bureau of animal industry—Official interested in patent tag for meat.

The geological survey—Exploiting discoveries, made at the expense of the government, in a publication in which officials own stock. Alleged that employes do work for private employers at times for large fees.

The fish commission—Photographs belonging to the government and information obtained at government's expense given to magazines in advance of official report.

The bureau of forestry—Doing work for private interests.

The government printing office—Contracting for typesetting machines in irregular manner. Officials owning stock in typesetting machines company.

Shot Him Dead.

San Francisco.—William W. Stevenson was shot dead recently by Chilton Bowen in a room of a Larkin street lodging house where the murdered man had found Bowen in company with Stevenson's wife. Bowen was arrested at the point of a revolver. Bowen admits having done the shooting. He says that he knew Stevenson had killed two men and he was not taking any chances.

Harris Acquitted.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 7.—Senator Frank H. Harris was acquitted by a jury in the circuit court on a charge of bribery in connection with a bill introduced at the session of the state legislature in 1901 to repeal the statute prohibiting the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder, commonly known as the "alum bill."

TEA

It is a companion in pleasure or misery, one or the other; and some of us don't know one from the other.

A tramp who slept in a newly made coffin in an Amsterdam undertakers' shop was sent to prison because, not being a corpse, he had "usurped a place that rightfully belonged to the dead."

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Robber Holds up 15 Men.

Gazelle, Cal., Aug. 6.—Behnke Brothers' saloon was entered last night by a masked robber who held up 15 men. Laying his revolver on the bar he commanded the men to line up and step forward one at a time and deposit their valuables. He got about \$100 from the crowd and took \$68 from the register. He was heavily masked and is known to have taken the northbound train.

Both Drowned.

Mary Garrigan of Los Angeles, aged 16 years, while engaged in a game at a campfire fell into the Merced river, near Yosemite Valley, Cal., and was drowned. John Yates, a soldier of the Fourth cavalry, was also drowned while trying to rescue her.

FIGHT IN CHINESE THEATER.

Murderous Chinks Fire Pointblank Into Crowd.

New York, Aug. 7.—As a result of a battle between members of the big Chinese societies in the theater in Doyers street Sunday night three Chinamen were killed, two others injured. When the police succeeded in breaking up the riot they had arrested more than enough of the Chinese residents of the district to fill the police stations in the vicinity.

According to a report made by the police, the Hip Sing tong started the trouble and deliberately selected the Chinese theater, which is seldom visited by the police, as the most favorable scene for operations. The theater holds about 400 people, and Sunday night, when the quarter is crowded with visiting celestials from all over the metropolitan district, it is always packed. When the battle began not a seat was to be had, as many were standing. Among the latter, in the back of the theater, were several of the Hip Sing tong members with big 44 caliber revolvers concealed beneath their flowing garments.

Government Gets Busy.

Attorney General Moody has wired the United States attorneys at Madison, Wis., Milwaukee, Wis., St. Paul, Minn., Fargo, N. D., Helena, Mont., Boise, Idaho, Spokane, Wash., Seattle, Wash. also Portland Ore. to investigate the facts as to the interruption of telegraph service on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways in view of the government's duty to keep unobstructed the avenues of interstate commerce.

Russia After Money.

The Russian government has decided on the issuance of another internal loan to the amount of \$100,000,000, of which, however, only \$75,000,000 may be issued at first. The loan will be practically of the same nature and under the same conditions as that of March last, and will probably be issued in about a fortnight.

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To Break in New Shoes.

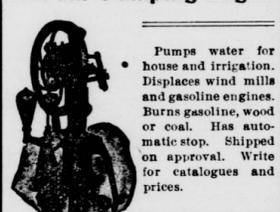
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Yokohama Puts on Boycott. Yokohama, Aug. 7.—The meeting of Chinese, which it was announced would be held Sunday, resolved to boycott American bankers, shippers and insurance companies, but deferred action with regard to other lines of business.

Coming Events. Spokane Interstate fair, October 9-15. Idaho Firemen's state convention, Lewiston, September 5-8. Montana Pioneers' annual reunion, Helena, October 3-5. Montana B. P. O. E. state convention, Anaconda, August 17-18. Montana A. O. U. W. grand lodge, August 23-24. Montana annual conference Methodist Episcopal church, Dillon, August 15. Chelan county fair, Wenatchee, September 27-30. Columbia River Methodist Episcopal conference, Moscow, Idaho, August 23. Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 to October 15. Events: August 21-24, International Irrigation congress; September 4-9, National Letter Carriers' association; September 9, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

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A restaurant keeper of Louvain, France, was recently fined \$25 for serving rabbit as hare.

The prince and princess of Wales are the owners of 19 pianos, every one of which was a wedding present.

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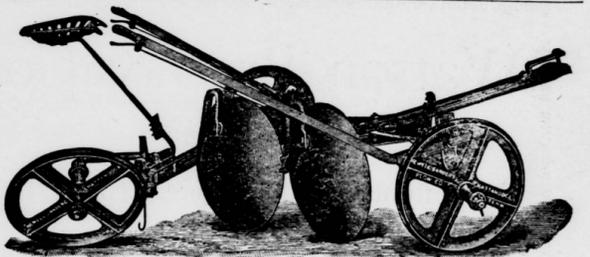
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