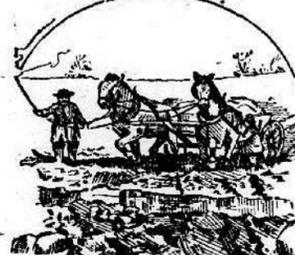


FARM AND GARDEN.

FAIR ROAD TAXES.

President Bates Offers Some Sound Arguments on the Subject. I have observed in various papers complaints by farmers that bicycle men advocate better roads, but bicycle men propose to make the farmers pay for the roads. Hence some farmers propose to tax bicycles and apply the proceeds to making better roads.



The total yearly road tax amounts to more than a hundred and twenty million dollars.

road improvements, while the value of the property directly along the lines of the good roads has increased over six times. The official records always show the same extraordinary increase in the values of property, wherever good roads have been constructed.

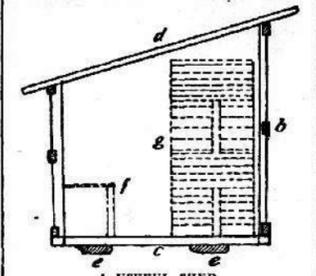
A Few Hints About Churning.

A girl edge butter-maker says it is not necessary to the good quality of butter that the cream be churned every day. Three times a week in summer and twice in winter will do provided the following points are observed: Not to let the milk stand longer than twenty-four hours in summer, or thirty-six in winter, without skimming.

FRUIT FARM SHED.

One That Can Be Moved About Without Much Labor.

A shanty or temporary shed is a necessity on any fruit farm where the berries are any distance from the house, and I shall build one this spring that can be moved from place to place with a minimum of labor.



A USEFUL SHED.

two rude runners, as shown at c, e, and drawn from place to place as needed, without taking down. The space above the side-girts, between the rafters, is to be left open for air and light.

NEW SECRET DISCOVERED.

This Time It's an Invention for Making Butter Without Churning.

It is reported that the butter secret has been discovered. Dr. Vaughn is the man who is credited with having found it, and it is regarded in scientific circles as perhaps the greatest of his discoveries.

Here, says Harper's Weekly, is another step taken toward the millennial period when man will press the button and nature will do the rest. Dr. Vaughn does away with the butter churn, the next inventor may be expected to abolish cows.

CONTROLLING A BULL.

A Device That Should Find a Place on Every Farm.

Mr. M. H. C. Gardner, of Orange county, N. Y., sends to the Rural New Yorker a sketch of the device shown in the picture or from one corner of the barnyard to another. A pulley runs on this with a small chain fastened to the bull's nose-ring. He can thus walk back and forth and is still held securely.

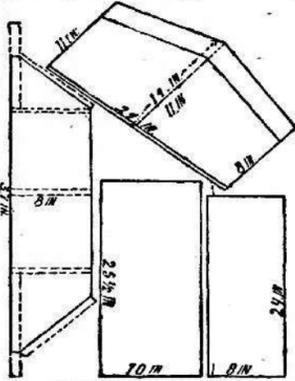
THE BULL TAKES A WALK.

HOMEMADE BOOKCASE.

Follow Directions and the Result Will Be Admirable.

A Case That Affords Two Ample Shelves for the Orderly Arrangement of Books and a Curtain to Screen Them from Dust.

Good books are very welcome companions in every household, and in order to preserve their respectable appearance they should have good care. The sketch given shows a design for a bookcase, unique in style and easily constructed.



DIMENSIONS OF THE PARTS.

constructed, by aid of the accompanying diagrams. This case affords two ample shelves for the orderly arrangement of books and a curtain to screen them from too much light and dust.

For the bottom saw out a board like the top, except that the width is 14 inches at the center and 11 inches at the ends; fasten in this back below the bottom shelf and nail on across the slanting front edges of the sides a piece of board 10 by 2 1/2 inches.



THE FINISHED BOOKCASE.

Fancy Jewelry All the Rage. The rage for fancy jewelry is on the increase. Flower and animal forms are still highly favored. All sorts of wild flowers are chosen for lace pins, brooches and bangles.

One Woman's Fear. Mrs. Outside-Gracious! How that drunken man scares me! Mrs. Candida—That's strange, my dear, considering that your own husband is that way six nights out of the seven.—Truth.

PRETTY WORK BASKET.

Something Which an Ingenious Boy Can Easily Construct.

There are many home conveniences that a boy can make in his spare time which will please his mother, make his big sisters proud of his abilities, and at the same time give him practical experience in mechanical work.



PARTS AND COMPLETED BASKET.

ing upon it through the corner holes is tied in a bowknot outside the basket. The string is passed under the inside interlocking the corner perforations at the base, and a knot in the center holds the partition firmly.

SUMMER BEVERAGES.

Directions for Preparing a Number of Delicious Iced Drinks.

The secret of delicious summer beverages is their iciness. They be unwholesome in their frigidity, but in this way only their "true virtue lies."

ICED LEMONADE.

Cut three lemons into halves, remove the seeds and squeeze into a large jug. Add whatever quantity of sugar you desire, a large quantity of ice and one quart of water. Stir thoroughly and serve in glasses. The edges of the glass rims have been wet from the squeezed lemon halves and afterward inverted into a bowl of pulverized or granulated sugar.

STRAWBERRY SHERBET.

Mash to smooth paste one quart of fresh berries, to which add the juice of one lemon and three pints of water. Let it stand for three hours, when strain it into three-quarters of a pound of white sugar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, and keep in ice for a few hours before using.

CURRENT SHERBET.

Mash currants sufficient to give a quart of liquor, first through a coarse sieve and then through a muslin bag, and to this add one quart of water, and sugar to taste. Strain after the sugar is dissolved and ice well before drinking.

RASPBERRY VINEGAR.

Four a quart of good cider-vinegar over two quarts of raspberries, and after covering closely set aside for forty-eight hours. At the end of this time drain the liquid and pour it over a third quart of berries and set aside for another forty-eight hours. Strain through a muslin bag and to every pint of liquor add one pound of sugar. Boil slowly for five minutes, remove the scum, let cool for fifteen minutes and bottle. A tablespoonful of this, added to a glass of water, makes a most refreshing drink.

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Mr. Manhattan Beach—There is something in these weather predictions, after all.

Mr. Murray Hill—As a general thing they are failures.

Mr. Manhattan Beach—Yes, but windy and blustering weather was predicted for to-day, and here is a telegram from your mother saying she will be here on the afternoon train.—Texas Sittings.

What a Pity!

Doctor (who had been married to a widow)—You see, my dear, I have pulled my patient through, after all; a very critical case, I can tell you. Wife—Yes, hubby; but, then, you are so clever in your profession. Ah! if I had only known you five years earlier, I feel certain my first husband, my poor Thomas, would have been saved.—Boston Globe.

A Blessing in Disguise.

Carrie Lamode—So we're not going to have crinoline, after all. What a pity we were all so wrought up about it! May Saver—I don't think it's a pity at all. Papa bought me the material for two new gowns, and now I can have six made out of it.—Puck.

Reason Enough.

"One thing more," said Mrs. McBride to the applicant for a place, after other details had been arranged satisfactorily. "Why did you leave your last place?" "The woman of the house wanted three evenings out a week," was the satisfactory reply.—Judge.

Discreet.

Mrs. Meadow (at city hotel)—Ooh! There's a fly in this soup. Mr. Meadow (who has traveled some)—Hush, Miranda, don't speak so loud. No use exposin' our ignorance. This ternal bill of fare is in French, and mebbe we ordered fly soup.—Life.

A Queer Order.

Mother—Johanne, your father went troutin' this morning. Go down to the fish market, and when he arrives there tell him to get a codfish instead of a trout, as tomorrow is Friday, and I expect company.—N. Y. Press.

RUINOUS.

The Housewife—Bridget, I smell gas-leaking. Do you suppose it comes from the hall burner? Bridget (after a sniff)—Lakin, is it? Bad luck to it! It'll be all over the new carpet. (Hastens for the mop).—Puck.

It Depends.

With a view to giving a performance in the evening the manager of the traveling dramatic company was inspecting the building called by the enterprising Arizona proprietor an opera house.

Where the Goods Went.

Mrs. Kerstyle—I gave you more material to make this dress than I ever used in a garment before and the skirt is hardly full enough to fit a churn. How does that happen? Dressmaker (shrugging her shoulders)—Madame inceased on having ze sleeves in ze height of ze fashion.—Demorest's Magazine.

ABSENCE OF MIND.

They passed just at the crossing's brink. She said: "We must turn back, think." She eyes the mud. He sees her shrink. "It does not matter. Turn back, think." That cloak upon his arm—in fact, Resolves to do the courtly act. Of good Sir Walter.

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A RECORD OF INFAMY.

The Pension Policy of the Harrison Administration.

The letter addressed to the president of the United States by a former employee of the pension bureau gives a clear view of the infamy of the record of the Harrison administration under Commissioners Tanager and Raum. The outcry against Tanager's recklessness was due to his outspoken candor, and it led to his withdrawal from office, but his successor was even more reckless and unscrupulous, and the new law of 1890 gave him greater scope.

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The value of Mr. Burnett's testimony lies in his citing actual cases and testifying from absolute personal knowledge. After having been years in the service of the pension bureau as clerk, assistant, and supervising examiner, and reviewer of field work, he finally gave up his place rather than be longer a party to the fraud and extravagance that saturated the administration of the bureau.

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THE PLUTOCRATIC RALLY.

Ineffectual Efforts of Millionaires to Control the Democratic Party.

The question in this country which involves all other questions is whether it shall be governed by its 65,000,000 people or by the few thousand plutocrats who own the bulk of its wealth and who, by virtue of such ownership, claim the right to rule.

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