Farmers' Column.

Give fools their gold & knaves their power
Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;
Who sows a field or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree, is more than all.

Ice-Houses on the Farm.

It is hard to understand why more farmers have not ice-houses. It is a significant fact that wherever a farmer has built an ice-house, he has not allowed it to be unused or to fall into decay. After a man has once had his harvest drink—water, tea, and milk—cooled, he is not apt to subject himself to warm drinks again. Ice-water is to be condemned; but water cooled by ice is as much more wholesome than warm water as it is more palatable. The coolness imparted by ice adds as much to the palatableness and wholesomeness of food as it does to drink. Ice not only preserves and increases the palatableness of butter, but loss of sweetness certainly indicates loss of wholesomeness; and so with meats and fruits. Ice keeps meat from tainting, thereby keeping it wholesome as well as toothsome. The farmer can't go to the market every morning and purchase fresh meat, and he cannot keep meat in summer without ice; therefore the farmer without an ice-house must eat salt pork during hot weather, and that is just what a large majority of us do. Ice will often save meats, vegetables, and fruit from spoiling outright. An ice-house robs the swill-barrel, but how much it saves for the table is hard to be realized without the aid of practical experience.

I am decidedly of the opinion that the apparent indifference of farmers to the claims of ice-houses is due to a mistaken notion of their cost. I have frequently heard my neighbors say that they would have an ice-house if it did not cost so much. Now an ice-house is one of the most economical and cheap things in existence. The materials need cost but a trifle, and the farmer can construct the house himself. If it is desired that the house add to the attractiveness of the property, and is placed where it will be in plain view, then it must be made more expensive. But it can be put in some inconspicuous place, or hidden behind trees or vines, in which case the necessary cost of it will be very small.

All that is required is something that will ward off rain and keep a stratum of sawdust about the ice. The house need not be sunk in the ground. There is no need of double walls. All parts may be of the cheapest materials. Refuse boards, slabs, even poles, will do for the sides; and a roof of boards or clapboards will answer as well as any. Let me describe as satisfactory an ice-house as I have yet seen.: It was in a locality where timber was plenty, and the sides were made of poles. These were built up as you would build up a rail pen, being rather deeply notched to prevent rolling, and to make the sides rather close. As they projected out over the cracks, a driving rain did not beat in. This pen was covered over with boards, lapped to form a tight roof, and then weighted down with heavy poles. When the ice was put in, an opening between it and the poles a foot wide was left; and, as the pile of ice was built up, the sawdust was packed into this opening. Thus there was no need of double walls. The entire cost of the house—a good-sized one—was not twenty dollars.

There must be good drainage, and the best way to secure this is to make a foundation of broken stones; but these are not necessary. In localities—quite numerous in the West—where stones are not quite readily obtainable, sticks of wood or rail pieces may be used. Tramp them down solid till you have a layer a foot thick. Then put a layer of sawdust six to eight inches thick upon this, and it is then ready for the ice.

The more ice the better it will keep, and there must be a certain bulk for it to keep at all. The minimum bulk that will keep well is twenty-five tons. As a ton occupies about forty cubic feet you can calculate the dimensions of the house accordingly. A house ten feet each way inside the sawdust will hold twenty-five tons—the minimum amount.

It is very important to pack the ice closely. There must be no crevices. Shape the blocks so that they will fit closely together; cover with a layer of sawdust eighteen inches thick. Then it will require watching in the spring. Even March winds are sometimes so warm that they will melt the ice. As soon as this happens, get on it and tramp it down solid, closing all holes and crevices. When air-holes are allowed to form, the ice will waste rapidly. Ventilation must be provided for. Windows can be made in the gables, or make a projecting roof and leave the gables open. Get the ice from the purest source you can.

The proper time to build an ice-house is now. Have it ready and fill it at your convenience. After you have enjoyed the luxury of ice for one summer, you would not forego it for five times the labor and expense, provided you build an ice-house without going to too much expense to make it a nice house.—*Correspondence of the Country Gentleman.*

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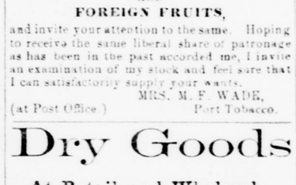

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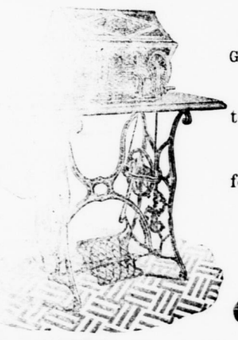

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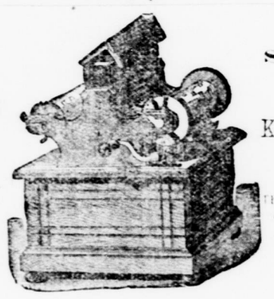

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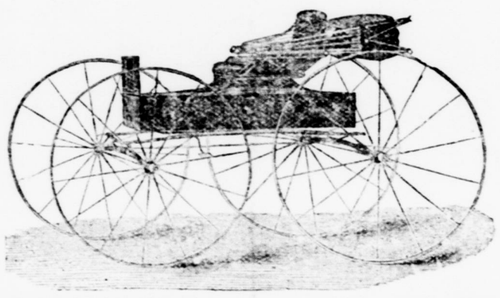

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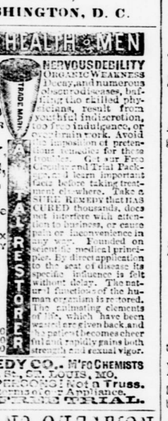
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