

LAWS JANE.



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AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

COW STABLES.

How to Build Them—Arrangements for Feeding, Ventilation, Etc.

The best adaptation of the stable for the feeding of cattle is an important matter as regards economy of food and labor and the best quality of the milk.

The arrangements for feeding should be made with a view to convenience and ease of labor. A sufficiently broad passage through the middle of the building will be found most desirable for large dairies.

The standing floor for the cows should be seven feet wide. Two feet of this is taken up with the mangers and five feet for the cows to stand upon.

The passages for the cows come next to the gutters. These should be three feet wide to afford room not only for the cows to reach their stalls, but for the milkers; and this passage should be kept clean and well littered with some dry absorbent.

The whole floor should rest on strong beams, well supported by piers or posts. The flooring should be double, and to preserve the timber a coating of hot tar or pitch is desirable to lay between the planks.

The standing spaces for the cows should not be too wide. In some stables 8 feet is given, but the writer, after many years' experience, prefers 4 feet, as giving more room for milking and preventing injury to the cows by the next neighbors stepping on the teats or udder as they move about.

This diagram shows the feeding-box or manger and the partition, about 4 feet high, in front of the cows, to prevent them getting over the manger to the feeding floor, which they will try to do at feeding times.

Stanchions are objectionable in several ways. They are apt to injure the necks or jaws of the cow and may be considered as a frequent cause of the common disease in dairies known as "big jaw," and which almost always turns out fatally.

Of course, why should you! It's for your interest, too. Well, so long, old boy. Keep your grit up and do your best, and I'll guarantee a first-class job or quit the business.—N. Y. Sun.

GET READY FOR ICE.

Every Farmer Should Have an Ice-House—Some of Its Advantages.

Regret in summer, which is indulged in by too many because no ice was packed in winter, can be avoided by making an ice-house in time.

Our readers remember an article by one of our contributors some months ago, in which he related his experience in keeping ice in an old barn.

Where it is desirable to put money into a retarding house one can be built on the following plan and perhaps some reader in building can improve upon this.

It is presumably built upon the side of a lake or pond, and the ice is run up an incline by power when the ice chamber is being filled.

If the building is situated high enough the storage-room can be placed in the basement. In this case the structure need not be so high and the cost will be lessened.

What Cheese Makers Want. The aim of the cheese maker should be to get out of 100 pounds of average milk 3 1/2 pounds of fat, 3 1/2 pounds of casein, a small amount of mineral matter, a fraction of the sugar to be transformed into lactic acid and keep the curd in a granular condition—otherwise it will be waxy and stringy—and about 3 1/2 pounds of water.

The effect of potash is to perfect the pollen and make a perfectly pollenized fruit that will resist cold and frosty weather far better than one poorly pollenized.

At least this has been confirmed in the experience of Eli Minch, who says: "My present peach crop shows the value of potash in making a more perfectly set fruit, being the most promising in my section, where the peach this year is almost a failure from cold, wet and unfavorable weather.

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Some of the latest fashions in dress are frequently seen even on large hats in Paris. Braiding is so popular that it is seen even on checked chevrons and tartans.

DESULTORY READING.

Most So-Called Reading Courses are Pretty Nearly Pure Idiotry.

Mr. Balfour has recently stepped aside from political ways to deliver an address at the opening of a new library, in which he won the approval of all true book lovers by saying a good word for what is among the self-elect known by the contemptuous term of "desultory reading."

The genuine love of books is perhaps a thing which one must be born with to enjoy it in its fullness, and it can, after all be largely cultivated.

Some of the Paris fashion writers predict the revival of old-fashioned large veils, completely covering the face and sometimes reaching to the waist line.

Some of the handsomest street dresses are of black cloth, fine and supple as French kid, with palm-leaf embroideries in dead gold on each side of the pleated skirt and the same figure repeated in smaller size on the collar, waistcoat, cuffs and revers, and pocket straps, when there are any of the habit-tasque.

Great kings and queens are the makers of manners." So said King Henry V. of England and so thinks the Queen of Spain. She is the first Queen of that country to allow smoking at a court dinner.

Parental Kindness Will Yield a Rich Harvest in After Years. It does not take much to make a child happy. It grows and thrives in the sunshine of good temper and cheerful surroundings, pleased with little things.

Children are often hurt by needless refusals of innocent requests. It is a nuisance to stop some important work just to listen to a child's request, but the child is a young, living soul, and as such is being trained by the atmosphere in which it daily lives.

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IN FASHION'S GLASS.

The Styles of the Hour Itemized for the Benefit of Lady Readers.

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ICE-HOUSE.

PLAN FOR ICE-HOUSE.

