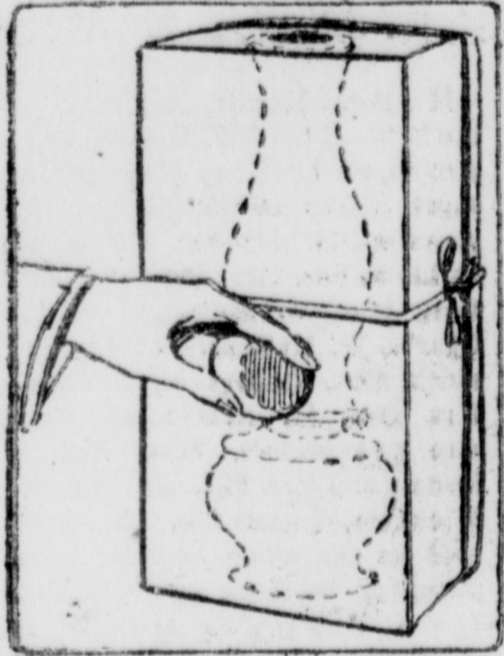


EGG TESTER

Experts Say You Cannot Improve This Variety

If you're going to set any hens this spring or put eggs in an incubator you ought to have an egg tester. Don't buy one. The Department of Agriculture experts admit they cannot improve on this home-made contrivance.



It consists simply of a pasteboard shoe box and an ordinary kerosene lamp. The box is provided with a hole at the top and one on the side, the latter being just a bit smaller than an egg. The lamp is lighted, put in the box and the eggs are held against the hole in the side.

After the eggs have been under the lamp, or in the incubator, 7 days a fertile egg will show a dark spot in the center with a lot of little veins running out in all directions from it. An infertile egg will be clear.

BAT FOR BUNTING

Big League Players May Soon Carry Their Own Bats

If the present tendency of specialization in baseball continues it will soon be customary for the average big league player to carry a bag of bats as varied in shape, size and purpose as a golf player. There are a dozen or more different kinds of bats now in use, though usually the great hit-fare use but one kind.

Now, however, there has been developed a bat made solely for bunting and the patent office recently issued a patent on the device.

The bat is of ordinary shape and



size, but it has two deep slots on either side extending from the butt end about one-third of the way toward the handle or grip end. Slips of a non-resilient material, such as cardboard are placed in these slots.

The result is that when the ball is struck with the side presenting the cardboard strips the force of the rebound is deadened and a slow bunt is made. When the other side of the bat is turned the effect is the same as with an ordinary bat.

Mud Guard For Shoes

There are numerous devices for avoiding mud. One of the most unique is a mud guard for shoes. This guard fully protects the heel of the shoe, but it is said to afford the most ample protection to the heel. It is a properly shaped piece of leather or rubberized



fabric permanently attached to the shoe between the heel and the upper. It is so made that it juts out from the heel and keeps the mud from being plastered on the shoe. In fine weather the guard may be turned up and it is provided with a snap-like a glove fastener to hold it in place when not in use.

CAMP LAMP MADE FROM FRUIT JAR

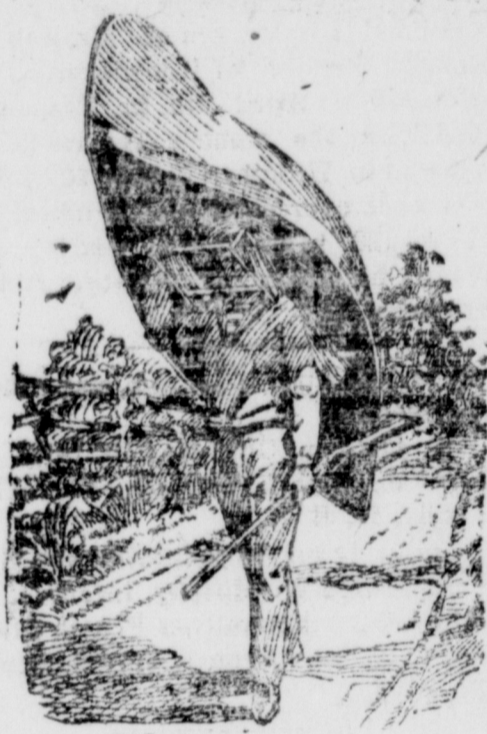


It is packed. It can be packed with the oil in it, if desired. An ordinary wick and chimney complete the lamp.

MAKING A PORTAGE

How to Ease the Weight of a Canoe

It has been said that the portages are more people of the woods fever than anything else to be found in the wild lake country. The burdens one must carry at the portages are certainly discouraging even to the most



enthusiastic and cause much backache and general soreness.

The carrying of the canoe over the portages has always been a problem. Some of the canoes are so large that it is impossible for one man to manage them. This device would not do for them. But for the smaller and lighter boats a much easier method of portage has been invented than the old custom of raising the canoe over the head and walking with it in this uncomfortable manner, with the arms bearing much of the weight.

A canoe rest for the shoulders has been devised that is made of four pieces of stout board and lets the entire weight fall on the shoulders without straining the canoe or the man who is carrying it. The four pieces of board are fashioned into a frame which is provided with padded notches for the shoulders, on one side and on the other smaller notches at each end to which fall the battens of the canoe.

THOUGHTFUL FARMER FORESEES EVERYTHING

"Down at the Barn" He Has Every Little Trouble-saver All Ready For Use

A writer in the British Columbia Fruit and Farm Magazine says: Down at the barn I've got a box in which I keep bolts and scraps of iron that might be utilized for repair purposes. Say, it comes in mighty handy oftentimes. Down at the barn I've got a place to hang all the harness. Just nailed up a strip across the two-by-fours and drove spikes into them. Find it better than throwing the harness on the floor.

Down at the barn I've got a box for hammer, hatchet and nails. Don't have to look all over the place for the nails or something to drive them with. Mighty handy when you are in a hurry.

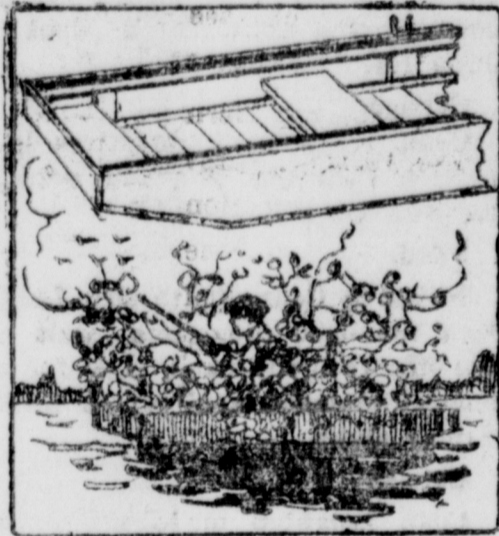
Down at the barn I've got a lot of rivets and everything just ready to mend a broken piece of the work or buggy harness. I've plenty of axle grease for the wagon and buggies, and some washers handy to keep wheels from rattling.

Down at the barn I've a ball of binder twine ready to use when I need strings for sacks or any other purpose. I've got the surrey sheltered from all the rain and the hot sun. I haven't had the tires tightened for six years. They don't need it. I have a cozy stall for every horse and cow. Makes a fellow feel good when the storms are sweeping cold nights.

FOR DUCK HUNTERS

How to Successfully Decoy the Elusive Bird

Every duck hunter requires a blind so that he can go out into the open and wait for the elusive bird. The man who hasn't a blind can easily construct one by using a flat bottomed boat or punt as a basis for his structure. The one shown in the illustration is an excellent shape to follow. It is 15 feet long, 4 feet wide and about 20 inches deep in the centre and can be rowed from either end with the additional advantage of having plenty of room for the hunter to lie down. The sides are made with boards held together with battens on the inside of the boat near the ends and at the middle. Two pins are driven in the top of each side board to be used as row locks. The bottom is made of matched boards 5 inches wide nailed to the side pieces and to a keel strip which runs the length of the boat inside, with galvanized nails. These boards should be placed as closely together as possible, with white lead liberally applied to the joints. Before

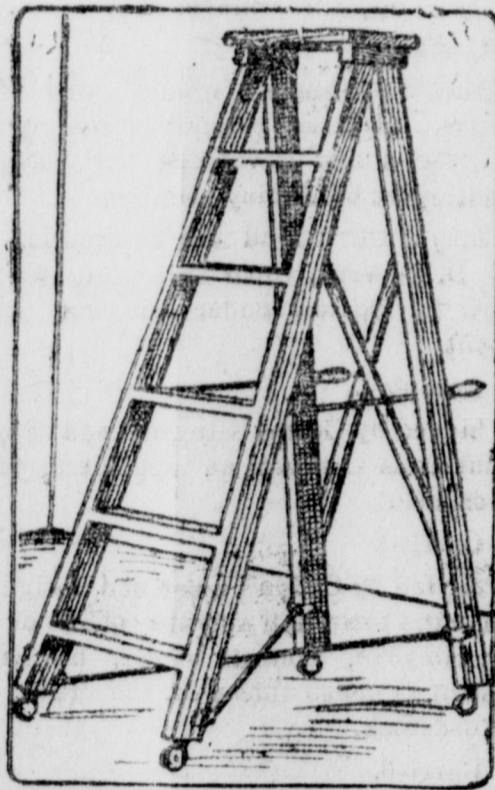


nailing, place strips of lamp wick between them and the side boards.

On the inside of the boat along the tops of the side boards nail a narrow strip of wood, lathing will do, held away from the side with small cleats. A similar strip should be placed near the bottom.

When ready to be placed in commission as a blind, reeds or weeds similar to those growing in the river should be stuck under these strips all around the boat so as to form a complete screen. It is well to anchor the blind out in the river and keep it there for some time during the duck season so that the ducks can become accustomed to seeing it.

Roll the Ladder

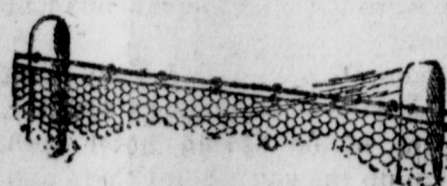


A step ladder is an awkward thing to trail about from place to place. Let's not trail it any longer. Put casters on each of its four legs and push it around. You'll find it's a whole lot easier.

Wire Netting Fence

The wire netting on the chicken yard fence gives a lot of trouble very often. It sags and is difficult to fasten to the board frame. A new way of putting it up has been found. Don't use a board frame.

When your fence posts are up good and firm, instead of nailing rails on



them, string them, top and bottom, with heavy wire. Then stretch your netting and fasten it to this wire frame with hooks made of the same wire.

It's the simplest and easiest way to put up a wire netting fence, and if it is properly stretched when put on there will be no sagging.

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