

SCREENING GRAIN

It is certainly not economy to ship dirty grain, as the farmer hauls from thrasher to his car at expense of his man loading and unloading and his team drawing; pays freight on same to the terminal elevator, and then gives it away. Those who get it must consider it valuable as they insure it. It is noted some time ago that my insurance company's report showed an item \$20,000 paid for loss on screenings by fire at terminal. How many others were on the risk? These screenings (dockings) are treated and used for feed by chopping, steaming or boiling. Wild oats chopped fine enough to destroy power of germination or boiled makes good feed. The smaller seeds, as pig and mustard, are also good when so treated, and when cooked are relished by animals which will not eat them when raw.

The up-to-date threshing machines are so equipped that these smaller seeds are left in a heap under the mill and paid for at threshing by estimating the number of bushels in the heap. The farmer might pay two prices and leave this dockings, so left rather than have to separate it from his grain before shipping. Threshing machines should be so equipped with separators to grade wheat, as to run off different screens or through a similar separator to "Jumbo" from elevator, and bag the screenings and small and broken grain, running the good into wagon boxes for the granary or elevator. If the machine does not do a clean job, then the farmer should certainly separate himself at home before teaming or run it through an elevator having a good cleaner, and use the screenings as stock feed.

Old Customs Explained

There is no good reason nowadays why the bow or other ornament on a man's hat should be confined, as it usually is, to the left side; but in the days when every man had to be prepared to battle for his life there was a very good reason for this custom. In those days long plumes took the place of bows as ornaments for hats, and if they had been on the right side there would have been serious danger of their getting in the way of the sword and thus causing the overthrow or even death of their wearer.

Removing Dirt From Autos

Grease or oil is a hard thing to get off an automobile body, particularly if it has had a chance to dry. If necessary either gasoline or kerosene may be used to remove such deposits, but gasoline is the most advisable as it evaporates quickly, and therefore will not collect dust. Road tar that has not been allowed to dry can be removed by local applications of a mixture of lard or butter with a small quantity of salt. Take a small amount of it on the finger and rub it on the tar gently so that there will be no scraping. This should loosen the tar and allow it to be washed off immediately.

Milk the Dairy Cow

Because she converts a larger percentage of her feed into a form suitable for human consumption, the dairy cow is considered a more efficient producer of food than any other animal. Animals slaughtered for beef return only about one-fourth as much of the energy in their feed as milk cows.

An auto tire will not be hurt by the rise of a few pounds' pressure due to running. Tests have shown that it is not possible to obtain an increase in pressure due to overheating while running sufficient to injure the tire.

A woman is the inventor of a sand glass that rings a bell when the time that it marks expires.

SELECTING SEED CORN

To Secure Good Crop, Select Good Seed

If a good crop of corn is expected good corn must be planted. The crop depends so largely upon the seed that no farmer can afford to plant anything but the best. Those who save their own seed are urged to carefully select from the field crop and to give it the best of care. Those who have to buy should purchase only carefully selected seed. The Virginia Department of Agriculture conducted tests in connection with field selection and crib selection and found that ears selected from good yielding stalks in the field (field selection), produced 16 bushels more per acre, or 20 per cent. more than good ears of the same variety selected from the crib. Selection in the field enables one to see under what conditions the ear was produced and to note the character of the stalk and leaves of the parent plant, earliness of maturity, size, weight and strength. Where husking is done while the crop is standing a box can be attached to the back of the wagon and the best ears from the most suitable stalks can be plucked and placed in this box. If, however, the corn is to be cut and shocked before husking, enough for seed can be quickly gathered just previous to cutting by going into the best portion of the field and pulling the best ears from the desirable stalks. This should be carefully handled and thoroughly dried before the severe frosts. More than enough should be selected as outlined above and the poorest of the ears should be discarded.—F.C.N., in Conservation.

POISON WARNING

An Attachment to a Bottle Rings a Bell

Some time in the still, dark night somebody, the wife, the baby or yourself may get suddenly ill, and somebody will hurry to the medicine case, or the pantry shelf, or wherever the medicine bottles are kept. In the darkness a poison bottle may be grasped and carried to the sick room, and in the hurry incidental to sudden illness a dose may be administered—and a funeral held later on! Or there may be medicines that must never be given to children.

Bell bottles—that's by way of warning. Get a number of tiny bells, and fasten a bell to each bottle containing poison or any medicine which may have a serious effect if taken unintentionally. Possibly a good way would be to tie two bells to the poison bottles, to distinguish the very dangerous ones from the others, the taking of which wouldn't be quite so serious. The ringing of the bell will then prevent you from making a fatal mistake.

A Pocket Typewriter

Just as the pen has replaced the sword and the fountain pen displaced the ordinary pen of commerce, so the time is probably approaching when the typewriter will send the fountain pen back to the scrap heap. Some smart and observing person might state that the time is already here, as typewritten letters and manuscript have practically displaced those written by hand. The fountain pen is still being carried in the pocket, however, and it was against this practice that an inventor has recently directed



His genius, with the result that a pocket typewriter has been evolved. A young German is credited with the perfection of the newest writing device. It is a folding machine that its maker guarantees to keep in perfect order for three years, and can be carried in the pocket, requiring no more space than the average watch or tape measure, and a foot rule combined. It is provided with a handle by which it is held with one hand and operated with the other, so desk or table being necessary.

IN BACKWARD CANADA

Quaint Ways and Costumes of Islands in St. Lawrence Gulf

A night's sail to the north of Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, one happens on the Magdalen Islands. Low-lying and scattered Amherst, Grindstone Entry, Alright, Coffin, Bryon and the Bird Rocks—a group of romance-filled islands which if they were better known would have visitors by the hundreds through the summer months. La Grande Demoiselle et La Petite Demoiselle are the two smoothly rounded combinations of mountain and cliff which together with sandbars, miles in length, form the chief landmarks of the approach.

Here in these islands, whose history dates back to the French discovery and possession of Canada, one happens on rare things—women in sunbonnets riding in carts, knitting in hand; berry-pickers, ready with a pleasant smile to have their pictures taken; hay-makers, whole family groups, the women and children all helping with the hay while the good weather lasts; little boys sailing toy boats that they themselves have modelled and fitted; men and women wearing homespun garments and homemade shoes of seal-skin; basket makers and hookers of gay patterned rugs.

READ INSURANCE POLICY

Householders Careless About Details That Might Mean Loss

The following, or a similar clause, appears in all policies of fire insurance: "The company is not liable for losses following, that is to say: Where the insurance is upon buildings or their contents for loss caused by the want of good and substantial brick or stone or cement chimneys; or by ashes or embers being deposited, with the knowledge and consent of the assured, in wooden vessels; or by stoves or stove-pipes being, to the knowledge of the assured, in an unsafe condition, or improperly secured." Notwithstanding this, in one year in Canada, there were 51 fires from defective and overheated stoves and furnaces; 52 from defective and overheated pipes, chimneys, etc., and 5 by live coals and hot ashes. Should the insurance companies take advantage of this clause, many victims of their own carelessness would find themselves without any recompense for their losses.

Disposal of Ashes

During the winter months the disposal of ashes from stoves and furnaces demands attention. Though many fires are caused by the disposition of hot ashes against frame buildings, wooden fences, etc., the practice is still continued. Too much care cannot be given to the disposal of ashes. Either metal containers should be used or the ashes should be placed at a safe distance from anything combustible.

"Calf" Week

The terms "calf week," "cow week," and "bull week" are applied in many of England's great industrial centres to the three weeks before the Christmas holiday week. In "calf week" the men work time and a third, in "cow week," time and two-thirds and in "bull week" double time, in order to make up for loss of output caused by the Christmas holidays.

Female Emigrants

As a result of the restrictions on the emigration of males of military age from the United Kingdom, the emigrant parties which now leave Dublin twice a week are largely composed of young women and children. They are setting out from that port at the rate of about one hundred a week, the majority bound for the United States. Many who hoped to settle down in the States are returning, denied admission for a variety of reasons.

In Paris markets the eggs are dated, and one pays according to the freshness, so that it is possible to be certain of newly-laid eggs; or, it is necessary to be economical, yesterday's eggs, or the day's before, are offered at a reduction.

The sooner farmers recognize the fact that poultry culture should be followed along the same line as dairying—giving food and care to secure results—the sooner will they begin to reap their share of profits and become competitors with practical poultry raisers.

Recently invented thumb tacks are provided with handles to help in without drawing them and which fold down into the heads of the tacks so as to be out of the way when not needed.

Australian postal officials are planning to establish at busy street corners in cities combinations of letter boxes, telephone cabinets and stamp selling machines.

A puncture resisting automobile tire has been invented that has a strip of chrome leather on the inner side of the shoe, where it is in contact with the inner tube.

A simple device has been invented for pressing stones out of cherries without touching them with the hand's.

Green bones are bones fresh from the butcher, with the adhering gristle, meat, etc.

Don't throw away lighted matches, cigars or cigarettes.

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