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HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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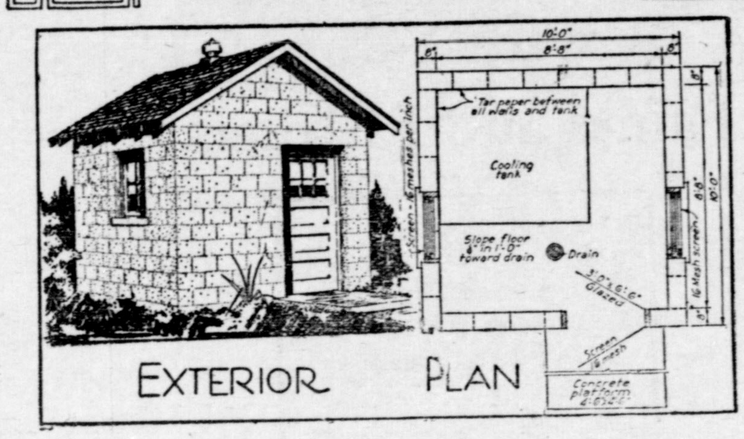

SANITARY MILK HOUSE

A SANITARY, well-designed milk house in which milk can be cooled and stored at low temperature until delivered is an important and necessary improvement for every farm that produces milk for sale. When properly cooled, milk can be kept sweet and of good flavor for long periods.

Practically all sanitary milk regulations now require that each producer have a separate milk house used for no other purpose than the handling and storing of milk. These regulations usually require that the milk house be well-lighted, that the floors be constructed of concrete or other impervious materials, and that the walls and ceilings be easy to clean.

The one-room milk house shown here is designed for dairies selling milk or cream to dairy products companies.

The capacity of this house can be varied by increasing or decreasing the width of the house and the length of the cooling tank.

Many milk ordinances now require a two-room house. As ordinances are revised, it is probable that an increasing number will require two rooms. In case it is intended to sell fluid milk, it is well to have milk house plans approved by the local milk inspector.

The foundation should be carried down to solid footing and deep enough to prevent upheaval by frost. Concrete masonry is often used for foundation walls, in which case a concrete footing is placed on which to start the wall.

Walls are shown to be of 8 inch concrete masonry, laid in portland cement lime mortar, mixed in the proportion of one sack of portland cement, 1 cubic foot of hydrated lime and 6 cubic feet of clean, well-graded sand.

To aid in cleaning, inside walls and ceilings are plastered with portland cement mortar applied in two coats.

After the milk cooling tank has been completed, the floor is placed. Corners are rounded to eliminate angles that hold dirt. The floor is sloped toward the drain with a pitch of ¼ inch per foot.

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