PECULIAR CLIENTS

Cranks With Whom Lawyers Sometimes Have to Deal.

QUEER CASES OUT OF COURT.

"Ancestor" Clients Are Quite Common, and Their Claims Are Just About as Visionary as Those of Numerous Patent Seekers Are Freakish.

"What is the most peculiar case that has ever been brought to you by a prospective client?" was the question put not long ago by the writer to one of the ablest lawyers in New York.

The lawyer said that probably the oddest client who had ever visited him was a woman about forty years old, who wanted to bring suit against one of the Sunday newspapers for not having printed an account of her latest "social function" on its society page, as she had particularly requested over the telephone.

As the second oddest client, he cited the case of another woman who had come to him in tears and sought to enlist his legal aid in making her husband stop flirting. "The woman assured me that she loved her husband and that she knew her husband loved her, but that he had a habit of winking at every good looking woman he saw," said the lawyer. "When I told her there was no legal redress for her, inasmuch as she said I was a fool if I even thought she or her husband wanted a divorce, she exclaimed that I was the poorest lawyer she had ever heard of and left my office in a rage."

The same question was put to several other lawyers and an unbelievably peculiar assortment of would be clients was revealed through their answers.

One patent lawyer cited the case of a man who asked him to represent him for two months at the patent office in Washington. "I want you to go there, stay there and represent me," he said.

"But," interposed the attorney, "what in the world do you want me to do while I am there?"

The man drew his chair close to the lawyer's and in low tones told the attorney that he had invented an "aeroplane clock," as he called it, and that he wanted him to go to the patent office and prevent any other inventor "from sneaking in a similar invention while the authorities are in a careless mood."

The man seemed to be in his normal senses despite the fact that his highly prized invention was absolutely nothing more than a small watch fastened in a leather case, the sort that may be seen in stores anywhere. When he had imparted this information the lawyer pointed out that there was nothing patentable about his "invention."

"There isn't, eh?" shouted the man. "Indeed there is! Who has ever thought before this of putting a clock in an airship?"

The attorney sought to humor him and said, "Wouldn't a watch in the aviator's pocket do as well?"

The man jumped up. "That's just the point!" he cried. "It would not do as well, because it might fall out."

Against such logic the attorney said he found himself helpless, and he told the man he feared the case was too difficult for him to handle.

Another strange client who visited a patent lawyer wanted to secure a patent on a "flower clothespin." The latter was an ordinary wooden clothespin with a little wire point on top. On the latter fresh flowers might be stuck, thereby, according to the inventor, "giving the clotheslines the appearance of flower gardens." He saw a fortune from the sale of his pins in cities.

When the lawyer assured him that, besides the fact that there was more sentimentality than practicability to his invention, a pin stuck in the end of the wood would serve just as effectively as the "invented" piece of wire, the client threatened to bring suit against him for "violation of confidence."

Another patent lawyer said that the oddest client who had ever come to him was a young woman who wanted his help in getting a patent, literally, on an "idea."

"What is your idea?" asked the lawyer curiously.

The young woman refused to tell him, saying that she hesitated to divulge the nature of her idea until it had been secured by patent. "I won't trust anybody with it, not even you," she told the lawyer.

Like the famous Anneke Jans heirs, there are numerous strange cases of so called "ancestor clients" to be had from the lawyers.

One of the oddest of these is cited by a New York lawyer of wide practice. "Not long ago," he says, "there came to my office a woman who insisted that she owned the lower part of the Hudson river, having inherited it from Henry Hudson, her ancestor, 'by right of discovery.'

"If this seems an exaggerated case I shall cite a second one that is stranger still. Last winter a man, who said he had been recommended to me by a 'spirit' at a seance he had attended several nights previous, wanted me to prove his title to the land upon which the subtreasury building stands. He told me that it had been given to an ancestor of his by George Washington out of gratitude for the former's loan of a coat during one of the campaigns of the Revolutionary war. Curious claimants to land through ancestors are regular visitors to lawyers' offices. There are hundreds of stories about them, and the two quoted are fair criteria."—New York Tribune.

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BEST WAY TO TOP DRESS GRAIN

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If grain is to be top dressed, the work should be done in the fall, as it is very necessary to have the grain deep-rooted with sufficient top to protect the roots. Haul and spread direct from wagon or cart when the ground is dry enough to haul over. The manure should be fine and well rotted.

Clean, mellow ground should be seeded to grass at the time of drilling and sown to clover in the spring. The early seeded grain nearly always gives the best yield. Rather thin land drilled to grain should be top dressed with long strawy manure. If manure cannot be had spread straw or leaf mold from the woods. A thin covering will protect the grain and grass, and when rotted will help to keep the soil moist and cool during the hot weather. Straw is worth fully $1.50 to $2.00 per ton to spread over the grain. All straw not wanted for feeding and bedding should be used for top-dressing grain and grass. Where the land is not too rolling and the snows are not too heavy, there is no better way to use the winter manure than to haul it out, and when the weather is suitable and the ground is in condition to haul over and spread it on either the grain or grass fields. Much of the value of manure is wasted when it is piled in the yard, exposed to heavy rains and snows. There is little loss when spread over sod land.

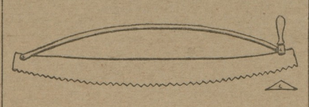
CROSSCUT SAW IS VERY HANDY

Where Logs of Medium Size Are to be Cut Implement Shown Will be Found Convenient.

Crosscut Saw for One.

It is often convenient to have a crosscut saw that one man can use for cutting medium sized logs, says the Orange Judd Farmer. The one shown herewith fills the bill very well. It consists of a blade, a handle, set as shown, and a bow re-enforced with wire around it at various points.

Preferably this bow should be of well-seasoned hickory, ash or some



Crosscut Saw.

other tough, but not too heavy, wood. It is not necessary to have very much spring in the bow, although some spring adds rigidity and tension to the saw, which can thus be run more easily. The most important points for the winding are toward the ends, where the pole is split by sawing to admit blade. The pole should be only a few inches longer than the saw when laid out straight.

White Corn Is Best.

Experiments carried on at the Missouri experiment station during the past four years show that Boone county white corn is the best variety for general use in that state. The next in order below this are Commercial White, St. Charles White and Reeds Yellow Dent. These varieties are doubtless well adapted to other southwestern states.

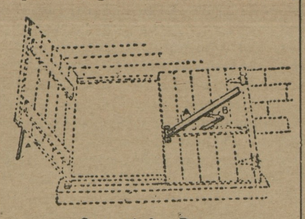
SUPPORT FOR CELLAR DOOR

Excellent Device Is Shown in Illustration for Use When Passage-Way Is Wanted Open.

Support for Cellar Door.

The illustration shows a self-opening and self-closing support for a cellar door. One-half of the door is shown opened and resting on the support A. The other half shows the support fastened in place. It is very simple to make and attach.

Use a strip of wood for the support, seven-eighths by two inches, with the required length to allow the door to



Support for Door.

rest at the height wanted when open. Fasten two blocks with screws, one on each door as shown, and attach a support to each block with a tee hinge. The folding bracket B is easily made of a piece of hoop iron. The support will lie flat on the door when it is closed, according to the Popular Mechanics, but will open up to the right position for a support as soon as the door is opened.

NEED OF LIME ON SOME SOILS

There Is but One Sure Way of Making Known the Fault and That Is by Practical Trial.

There is only one sure way of determining whether a soil needs lime and that is by trial. An application of lime over a whole field would be a waste of both time and money if the field were not in need of such an application. It is suggested that the farmer who has not already proved for himself whether his soils need lime would better conduct a few simple experiments at different points on his farm.

A few barrels of lime or a few tons of limestone would not cost a great deal and the labor of treating a strip with lime or ground limestone here and there across different fields in which crops were to be grown or so treat a small area here and there, at different points in the fields in which crops are to be grown, would involve but a small amount of labor. These areas should be very carefully located and marked and the results of the applications should be carefully studied on the succeeding crops. It is possible that the effects, good and bad, may be easily apparent. It is possible that the effects can be discovered only by carefully cutting and weighing the crops from portions of the treated areas and comparing them with the crops produced upon equal adjacent areas.

Lime should not be applied to manure piles nor to the litter in the barn.

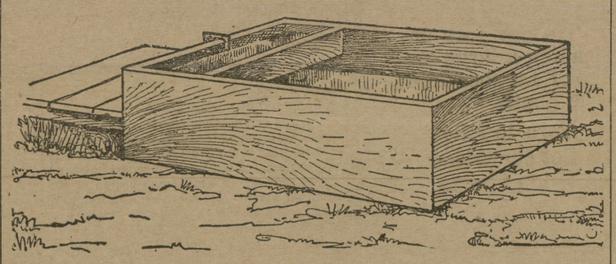
Lime should not be applied to land being prepared for potatoes.—Circular 11, Michigan Experiment Station.

Caterpillar's Big Appetite.

In a single month, a single caterpillar devours six thousand times its own weight in food.

COMBINATION TANK AND TROUGH FOR SHEEP, HORSES AND CATTLE

Illustration Shows Convenient Addition Which Will Eliminate One Great Difficulty and Will be Found of Much Value Where Water Is Pumped by Hand, Engine or Wind Mill.



Drinking Trough for Sheep in Water Tank.

Frequently a simple method of watering stock will mean much on many farms, especially where horses, cattle and sheep drink from the same trough. Large tanks do not permit sheep to drink unless the tank is full, therefrom, if cattle and horses lower the water in the tank so it is only a quarter of half full, the sheep will be unable to reach it. The illustration shows a convenient addition, says the Orange Judd Farmer. This will be found of great value where either water is pumped by hand, by gasoline engine or wind power.

A small trough is sent in the end into which the water is pumped, and as it overflows it runs into the larger tank. A raised platform at this end will make it possible for sheep to reach into the tank. Where hand power is required and the tank is nearly empty, without this convenience it would be necessary to pump the tank nearly full in order that sheep might reach the water, whereas by this method they will be able to drink at once. The same is true in the use of wind power. As soon as the pump begins to work, the sheep have access to the water.

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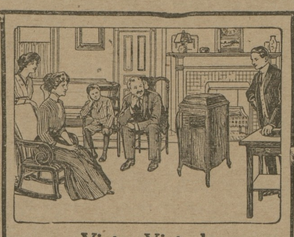

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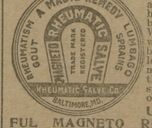

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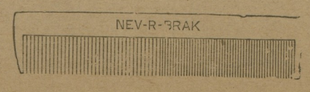

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