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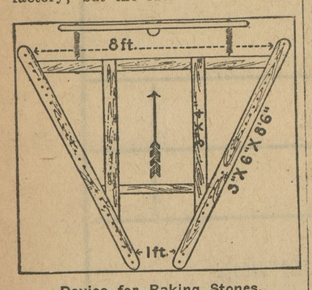
CLEANING UP FIELD STONES

Problem of Vital Importance to Many Farmers—Drag Made Along Lines Shown Is Practicable.

How to get rid of surplus field stones with the least labor is a problem of vital interest to many farmers. While clearing up a stony farm we have tried out many ways of handling the work. At one time we built a special tool for gathering up small stones, says a writer in Rural New Yorker. It was, in effect, an "A" drag, with the wide opening ahead. The stones and clods are left in windrows about seven feet apart. When hauling away the windrows the wagons can be loaded from both sides. A few years ago we cleared an excessively stony field of seven acres at a cost of $35 for the time of the men employed. As made by us the tool was not entirely satisfactory; but the idea seems so well



Device for Raking Stones.

worth developing that we give full details. We found a 3½-inch clear space between teeth was too wide, and halving it by inserting more teeth made the teeth too close. A clear space of 2½ inches would be about right. The teeth should be heavy enough to be rigid. We used half-inch steel rods and had so much trouble with the teeth bending that we finally abandoned the use of the tool. The teeth should have a length of eight inches in the clear. We found trouble in adjusting the hitching to conform to varying conditions of soil, the drag tilting forward or backward too much. We believe that a drag made along the lines indicated and provided with wheels at the corners would be a good practical tool for clearing ground of small stones, provided the soil can be first put in good condition. It would be pretty expensive on lumpy ground.

WORK IN THE FARM WOODLOT

Location Will Depend Upon Various Conditions—Forest Culture Requires Intelligent Work.

Forest culture is as much of an art as is corn culture. A good woodlot, like a good corn field, is the result of applying intelligent methods to produce a full, valuable crop. A corn field with fail spots, empty hills, feeble stalks, and half-filled ears is neither a credit to the farm nor a paying investment for the farmer. No more is a woodlot half stocked with inferior trees. When timber is cut is the time of all times to apply forestry. The way in which the cutting is done will determine what the subsequent condition of the woodlot will be.

There is a difference between farm woodland and the farm woodlot. Farm woodland is farm land which has not yet been cleared. Farm woodlot is a term which might best be used to mean a part of a farm permanently devoted to timber production, under a sound plan of farm management. The size and the location of the woodlot will depend upon various considerations, of which the most important are the home needs of the farm, the character of the land, and the present and prospective market for material from the woodlot.

NEEDS OF GROWING ANIMALS

Large Amount of Protein Should Be Supplied as Substance Builds Muscle, Hair and Hide.

A growing animal needs a large amount of protein, for this substance builds the muscle, hair, hoofs, horn and hide. Fat is not so essential in the life of a young animal.

The Wisconsin experiment station has shown that in calf feeding two pounds of grain are equivalent to a pound of butterfat, and is much cheaper. Calves fed on skim milk may not be rolling in fat, but in the production of dairy animals this is not necessary for thrift and vigor.

The colostrum milk is necessary to cleanse the calf's digestive tract and to stimulate digestion. The calf may be taken away from its mother as soon as born, provided it is fed the whole milk from its own mother or it may be allowed to run with its dam for two or three days. At the end of two weeks gradually substitute skim milk until the whole milk is entirely displaced. Nine to twelve pounds of whole milk is sufficient at first and should be fed in several feeds during the day. This may be increased gradually until 20 pounds of skim milk is being fed daily.

Calf Feeding.

Do not feed milk in a tub or trough to calves. One calf will often drink twice as fast as another. One gets too much and has indigestion. The other does not get enough and is poor. Make stanchions to hold the calves and feed them carefully.

The Horse's Walk.

The evenness with which a horse walks is one of the best evidences that the legs work in harmony.

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THE DAIRY

GOOD COW STALL AND FLOOR

Dairy Building Should Be Constructed With Aim to Keep Cows Dry and Clean as Possible.

While it is more pleasant to work in fine barns, it is not necessary to have them in order to get good results, but items under this head are quite necessary for getting the best returns. With the comfort of the animal in view, our buildings should be constructed with the aim to keep the cows as dry and clean as possible. Cement floors built with about the same thickness as sidewalks and so constructed as to offer good drainage are the most serviceable, says a writer in Western Farmer. They should contain a gutter 18 to 20 inches wide and seven

Stall and Floor Plan.

to eight inches deep. The gutter should slope to one edge and also to one end, as in Fig. 1, which shows a cross-section.

The front gate should be adjustable, so as to close to the rear edge of the platform. The manger may be made of wood or cement, but in all cases should be partitioned off so as to keep each cow's food separate. Some stockmen object to cement floors on the ground that they give the cows rheumatism and produce sore feet. If proper bedding is given, there should be no trouble. Many think such a floor construction extravagant and impractical for the average dairyman, but it is not. While the original cost may be a little more, it will be cheaper in the end and far more serviceable. Such a floor will outwear many made of wood and will be far more sanitary in every way. They are easier to clean and do not give off odors like a board floor, which soaks up filth and causes an ever-present odor in the stable.

The stalls should be separate so that each animal will be by herself, and she will soon learn to take her own place when entering the stable. This is not saying that good stables cannot be built of wood, but it is to remind the man who contemplates building or wishes to remodel his barn that it pays to build well.

TO GET BETTER DAIRY COWS

Breeders' Association Keeps One In Touch With Best and Modern Ways of Managing Herd.

1. Treat cows gently and avoid excitement.
2. Be regular in time of milking.
3. Keep stables clean, well-lighted and ventilated.
4. Weigh the milk of each cow at milking time.
5. Get your neighbor to share with

Jersey Cow With a Fine Record.

you in owning a Babcock milk tester, and test the product of each cow.
6. Discard the animals which have failed at the end of the year to pay for their keep.
7. Breed your cows to a purebred, registered dairy bull from a family having large and profitable production of butter fat.
8. Raise well the heifer calves from cows, which for one or more generations have made large and profitable productions of milk and butter fat.
9. Breed heifers to drop their first calves at twenty-four to thirty months of age. Give cows six to eight weeks' rest between lactation periods.
10. Join a dairy cattle breeders' association. It will help you keep posted and in touch with the best and most modern ways of managing your dairy herd.

For the Silo.

Short, immature corn should be allowed to stand until nearly dry before putting into the silo. That is, the leaves should be nearly dry; the stalk should be pretty well filled with sap. If this corn is put in while too green it may make sour silage.

Ideal for Keeping Milk Cool.

A springhouse or a refrigerator is the ideal thing for keeping milk cool, but million of pounds of good butter are made every year with no better equipment than a tank for the cans filled with a pump from a well.

Repair Leaking Teat.

If a cow has a little hole in the side of her teat, through which the milk squirts, wait till she is dry, then scrape the edges of the hole till it bleeds and sew together. Take out the stitches when it heals.

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