

FARM GARDEN

FEED LOTS.

Brick Paved Yards With Shelter Give Satisfaction.

Muddy feed lots are an unprofitable as well as disagreeable feature in cattle feeding, especially when no provision is made for shelter. In a sum-



BRICK PAVED FEED LOT.

mary of replies to a circular of inquiry regarding the methods followed by practical feeders compiled by H. W. Mumford and L. D. Hall of the Illinois experiment station the question of muddy feed lots was considered. Notwithstanding the fact that the disadvantages of mud and dirt were recognized, only thirty-six of the 500 and more cattle feeders who furnished information on this point reported definite provisions against such conditions. Of these ten have the surface of feed lots paved or otherwise artificially covered and fifteen use rock, gravel, cinders, bricks, planks, corn-cobs or sawdust alone and in combination in various parts of the lot—for instance, about the feed troughs, water tanks, sheds or gates.

Ten of the correspondents state that they have made the lots dry enough for feeding purposes by a tile drain, while two report that the yards have been graded and the mud and manure removed by means of dirt scrapers. Several of those who use coal stokers for filling the muddy portion of the lot state that care must be taken to keep them covered with straw, corn-stalks or other bedding material in order to avoid injury to the feet.

The first cut shows a brick paved feed lot, with convenient shelter, water and feeding arrangements, designed to accommodate about fifty cattle, which has given satisfaction. The pavement is 24 by 80 feet and is made of brick laid out on six inches of gravel packed until solid. The curbing consists of curbstones eighteen inches wide and three inches thick set edge-wise. Feed banks were placed in the shed. The shelter consists of a building 20 by 20 feet, with two wings, both 20 by 30 feet. The upper floor of the middle position is used for storing dry corn fodder, which can be conveniently cut and fed through an open shaft to the feeding bunk below.

The second cut is a feed bunk, with platforms for use in a muddy lot, which is inexpensive and has proved satisfactory. Platforms of the sample described were 10 by 6 feet and were



FEED BANKS FOR MUDDY LOTS.

[There are three advantages in the floor. The feeder always has a dry place to walk when putting in feed; the cattle are out of the mud and not in a strained or cramped position while feeding; by having the floors six feet wide all waste feed and droppings fall upon the floor, and the horse get all before it is lost in the mud.]

made of two inch bridge plank cut six feet long. The feed banks were made in the usual way, two feet six inches high, three feet wide and sixteen feet long.

Winter Protection For Orchards.

One of the most important points in preparing bearing apple trees for winter, in my opinion, is to remove all rubbish that may afford shelter for mice or other vermin, says a writer in American Agriculturist. Be sure there are no decubities at the immediate base of the tree. A slight mounding is good. At all events leave no hollows that will hold water to freeze at times of sudden falls in temperature, thereby greatly damaging trees. If mice or rabbits are feared, protect with wire netting. Cut with shears into proper sizes, roll around an old broomstick or any round object to give it a circular shape, the stick removed, and the wire will spring around the trunk and hold itself in place. See that all drains are in good order.

Economic Position of Farmers.

A matter of great importance in its bearing upon the increased value of farm lands is the new economic independence of farmers, fundamentally growing out of their improved financial condition. Farmers now occupy a strong economic position, founded upon the tendency of the consumption of some important products to increase faster than population does and upon the tendency of the desires for these products to increase faster than the production does, so that with respect to these products consumption is close upon the heels of production.

Pruning Trees.

Deciduous trees may be pruned at any time after freezing weather sets in, when the sap will all have run out of the branches. Landscape gardeners, as a rule, leave the pruning of trees and shrubs until February. Care should be taken to cover all large wounds with muslin or bluish oil paint to prevent decay.—Country Gentleman.

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THE HIGHER LAW.

Judge Ferguson Draws Attention There-to in Discharging the Prisoner in the Hedrick-Whitaker Murder Case in Rowan County.

Words of wisdom fell from the lips of Judge Ferguson in Salisbury the other day when a jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of Hedrick, who killed a man named Whitaker, for breaking up the sanctity of his home. Practically the defense depended on the "higher law" and won. In discharging the prisoner Judge Ferguson said:

"We have now reached another mile-post in the progress of the human family. This is the end of a tragedy and of—I won't say a farce. This trial disclosed the evils which surround the human family, and the danger of violating any of the Commandments. Those who go the road the deceased travel I may expect misery and an untimely and a disreputable grave, or they may be spared that to have their cup of sorrow filled to the overflow and drain the bitter dregs which they force to the lips of others. The law against lynching was promulgated at the first criminal trial when the Almighty turned the guilty Cain loose, a wanderer and a vagabond, and proclaimed that whosoever harmed him should be avenged sevenfold. The jury in this case by their verdict, have saved the defendant from punishment but have not, in my mind, taken away his guilt. They have taken upon the community a portion of that guilt without lessening his. The doctrine of a law that is higher than the written law, which was pressed in this case, is dangerous to society. The seed which has been sown may fall upon ground adapted to its growth, and if one man, under the idea of a moral right as he construes it, may violate the law, so many others. The thief may persuade himself that he may take property to feed and clothe his family from those who have plenty and perhaps made by his labor. The mob in time of financial depression, when the wheels of industry are clogged, may break into the storehouses to take food and fuel and clothing for a suffering family or break into a place where money is deposited and take it to buy that which the necessities demand. Every man who has a home and property, who has children he is educating for useful citizenship, should discountenance the doctrine of the higher law. When the substantial citizens justify an act in violation of law, a country must reap the consequences."

This is a view rarely ever thought of, but were it taken into full consideration it would not deter a jury from acquitting a defendant under circumstances similar to that of Hedrick. This is one thing public opinion will not tolerate and a jury is in one sense public opinion. Yet, as Judge Ferguson says, it is dangerous ground and the line of demarcation may be hard to draw. Enough cases of this kind and enough acquittals would chaos. But what are you going to do about it? The "higher law" is greater than any other law, has always been so and will continue to be so, regardless of whether it is right or wrong.—Greensboro Record.

A theory looks like the most valuable thing in the world till you try to do something useful with it.

AN OCEAN IN THE AIR.

The Queer Superstition That Once Prevailed in England.

The curious superstition that there is an ocean above the clouds is illustrated by the following strange story by an old English writer: "One Sunday the people of a certain village were coming out of church on a thick, cloudy day when they saw the anchor of a ship looked to pull up the anchor. The anchor, however, still held fast by the stone, and a great noise was heard in the air like the shouting of sailors. Presently a sailor was seen sliding down the cable for the purpose of unfixing the anchor. When he had just loosened it the villagers seized hold of him, and while in their hands he quickly died, just as though he had been drowned.

"About an hour later the sailors above, hearing no more of their comrade, cut the cable and sailed away. In memory of this extraordinary event the people of the village made the hinges of the church doors out of the iron of the anchor." It is further stated that these hinges "are still to be seen there," a bit of evidence much like Munchausen's rope wherewith he once duped the moon. If you doubted the story you were confronted with the rope.

There is another queer tale about this aerial ocean. "A merchant of Bristol," it is said, "set sail with his cargo for Ireland. Some time after, while his family were at supper, a knife suddenly fell in through a window on the table. When the merchant returned and saw the knife he declared it to be his own and said that on such a day, at such an hour, while sailing in an unknown part of the sea, he dropped the knife overboard, and the day and the hour were found to be exactly the time when it fell from the window." All of which was once implicitly believed by many and regarded as incontrovertible proof of the existence of a sea above the sky. One is at a loss to conjecture how that "unknown part of the sea" connected with the rest of it. A physical geography showing this would be no small curiosity.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The doctor can't always cure you; sometimes it's your mean disposition.

The trouble about a good time is that people seldom agree on what it is.

If a shiftless man in a country town doesn't keep greyhounds he usually plays a fiddle.

So many men fool away so much valuable time doing things in which there is neither point nor profit.

It is not recorded that any financial genius ever got his start by purchasing diamonds on the installment plan.

When a man is telling of a quarrel he has had and says, "I said to the other fellow," he nearly always makes what he says a good deal worse than it was.

After a girl has married and left home she sits up and takes notice every time her parents buy an expensive dress for the daughter still at home.—Atchison Globe.

The Department Store.

The organization of a great department store is almost military in its discipline and is one of the best examples of what organization can accomplish. The proprietor is commander in chief, and under him are a number of assistants who are what might be considered district supervisors. Below them are the heads of departments, who are responsible to their district chief or to some other head. The floor-walker, the man who is so much in evidence because he spends his time in the aisles, is, in fact, a superintendent or foreman in charge of a department or series of departments. Each counter is under the general supervision of what is known as a head salesman, but this head salesman is subject to the direction of the floor-walker.—"Starting in Life," by N. C. Fowler, Jr.

Peasant and King.

Henry IV., the idol of the French people, was also a king of phrase makers. During one of his tours through France he arrived at a small village and ordered that the most intelligent villager be sent to converse with him while he dined. When the rustic appeared the king ordered him to take a seat opposite to him at the table. "What is your name?" asked the monarch. "Sire, I am called Galliard," replied the peasant. "What is the difference," said the king, "between galliard" (i. e., a jolly fellow) "and palliard" (i. e., a rascal)? "Sire," was the reply, "there is but a table between the two."

Life Marks Are Indelible.

We are not writing in the sand. The tide does not wash it out. We are not painting our pictures on the canvas and with a brush so that we can erase the error of yesterday or overlap it with another color today. We are writing our lives with a chisel on the marble, and every time we strike a blow we leave a mark that is indelible.—Lyman Abbott, D. D.

Good Reason.

"Why did Mrs. Fickler sue her husband for divorce?" "I suppose he was the only man she could sue if she really wished to get one."—Milwaukee Journal.

No Danger.

Stella—Does she complain of being misunderstood? Bella—No; her money talks.—New York Press.

NOTORIOUS CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Carruthers Brothers and Tom Brown Leave Rowan Convict Camp—Brown Is Taken.

In September 1905, Jim Carruthers, Charles Carruthers, and Will Carruthers were convicted in Rowan Superior Court for a violent secret assault upon Walter Crump, one of Salisbury's most prominent young men, nearly costing young Crump his life. He was fearfully cut about the head and face, his head being almost decapitated, and his life hanged upon the slenderest thread for weeks. All three of the Carruthers were sentenced for two years each on the Rowan County chain gang. They were all young and all bad. The father, who lived in Charlotte, testified in the trial and swearing falsely, was indicted and convicted for perjury. Jim was on the gang only a few months until he got away some ten days or more ago. The other two escaped a few days ago while the gang was stationed near Barber's Junction, together with Tom Brown, a notorious young criminal living in Salisbury, who was tried, convicted, and sentenced for ten years for house-breaking, at the special August term of Rowan Court last year. Brown has been on the chain gang in my time, and, no doubt, would have been in the penitentiary many years ago had it not been for the influence of his sister, who took great interest in him, and when he was in trouble always went to the officers begging for money. Tom was a showy, smart fellow; he made his living by stealing and in other devious ways. He permitted his sister to die in the poor-house less than a year ago. When he was convicted for house-breaking, the evidence was so strong and clear against him that after the trial some of the jury who convicted him expressed surprise that he was not indicted for burglary, as he richly deserved hanging. Tom was in jail on the night of the lynching in Salisbury on July 6th, and was let out and went with the crowd to the lynching, then returned and was placed back in jail. It is not generally known that there is abundant evidence that he was one of the men that tied one of the ropes to hang one of the negroes on the night of the lynching; and if he had not been convicted and sentenced for ten years in the case for house-breaking, he would have been placed on trial and no doubt convicted in the lynching case.

Brown was captured on the morning of the 24th ult. and returned to the camp.

TALKS OF ESCAPE.

To County Chairman T. M. Kerns, Brown talked freely of his escape. He does not involve the guard on charge. After he and the Carruthers left the gang, he says, they obtained a change of clothes at a farm house. Soon they had the county's blood hounds upon their trail and made time getting out of the neighborhood. They were not fast enough for the hounds who outstripped the guards, and when the dogs came within sight, the escaped convicts whistled to them and coaxed them for miles through the woods. Brown says they drove them back and he supposes they returned to the camp.

The Carruthers brothers are still at large.

There is nothing makes a man feel so queer as to marry a widow and always be stumbling on photographs of her first.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

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