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TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Marshall Field.
By J. A. EDGERTON.



During office
hours a disci-
plinarian; at
other times al-
most a poet.

MARSHALL FIELD was the greatest merchant of modern times. He had factories all over the world, in almost every country of Europe, in China and Japan, in Australia and in North and South America. The goods manufactured by these mills he sold through his great retail store. He was one of the richest men in America, yet made far less stir than men with one-tenth of his wealth. Moreover, he paid taxes on a larger percentage of his possessions than probably any other American millionaire. He never speculated, never went in debt and never was ostentatious with his charities. The world over, his name was the synonym for business integrity. In fact, in giving the three essential qualities of the successful business man Mr. Field mentioned these:

"First—Absolute Integrity.
"Second—Good Judgment.
"Third—Perseverance."
Thousands of people before Marshall Field have stipulated these as necessary factors in success, but he put them in practice. He lived them. Personally Field was rather tall, but spare. He was reticent almost to sensitiveness. During office hours he was a strict disciplinarian; at other times almost a poet.

Field was a poor boy, the son of a New England farmer. He early expressed a desire to become a merchant, and his father secured him a clerkship in a village grocery. After the lapse of a few months the elder Field asked the merchant how the boy was making out and received a discouraging report. The storekeeper did not think young Field cut out for a business man. At this the boy doggedly determined that he would fool that particular purveyor of calico, and he did. Going to Chicago, he started as a clerk, steadily crowded forward and was on the road to success at the time of the great fire of 1871. In this he lost practically all, but started again with a little added edge to his determination

THE SOIL.

Treatment of Low or Bottom Lands.

Grass That Will Thrive.
Much of our bottom soil in the south is being abandoned for cultivation on account of improper drainage and annual damage from overflows. We must learn, first, to utilize them by having tilling or some kind of under-draining and, secondly, must put them in pasture or permanent hay meadows, so we will have three chances at a crop instead of one and that the overflows may not wash our soil so badly. Bottom soil has an excess of humus and nitrogen in it. In fertilizing it phosphoric acid and potash are all that is needed to apply.

Soil Analysis.
It would be well just here to give the analysis of sandy soil, clay soil and bottom soil, so you can see their relative constituents:

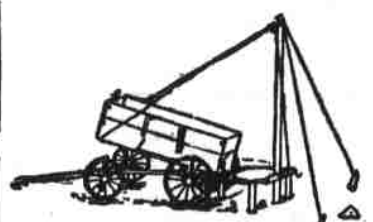
Per acre.	Lbs. N.	Lbs. Phos.	Lbs. Pot.
Sandy soil, 1 ft.	4.274	4.274	4.274
Clay soil, 1 ft.	3.907	4.111	4.111
Bottom soil, 60-120	10.567	10.567	10.567

This shows bottom lands to be especially deficient in potash. The first essential in handling bottom soil is to get it drained properly. The majority of it is sour and sodden.

An Application of Lime.
An application of lime would help to counteract this sourness, but getting it properly tilled or otherwise drained so the air and sunshine can have their perfect work will soon get it right, says Southern Cultivator. It is known by all observant men that some plants have peculiar adaptation to various kinds and conditions of soil. So if you cannot properly drain your bottom soil sow it in hard grass or some grass that will thrive on wet lands.

A LIFTING DEVICE.

An Arrangement For Removing a Wagon Box to a Platform.
There are various ways of removing a wagon box from the trucks, and in the following plan, described in Iowa Homestead one of these is brought out:



REMOVING THE WAGON BOX.

The upright pole is 4 by 4 by 14 feet and is set several feet in the ground, so that it will be firm enough in its position to stand the strain which is required of it. The platform on which the rear end of the wagon box rests when it is to be raised from the wagon

may be made any height so as to suit the height of the tracks. Two guy wires should be attached to the pole a foot or so from its top and be secured eight or ten feet in the rear of the platform. The rope which is used to do the lifting is attached at one end of the upright pole near its upper end. From there it continues on to a pulley hooked in a rope which passes around the front end of the wagon box, then back over a pulley in the top of the pole and down to a winch at the rear end of the platform. When the wagon box is in its final position on the platform, it should stand upright and should be left attached to the rope, so that it cannot be blown down in case of winds.

Experience With Manure Spreader.

My experience with the manure spreader teaches me that the modern method of applying manure to land is far in advance of the old practice, says a writer in Farm and Poultry. In applying manure with the spreader it is put on uniformly, and all parts of the field are equally benefited. When the manure was dumped in piles, it frequently happened that the work of spreading was postponed for some time, and the result was that much of the fertilizing value of the manure leached out or was lost through fermentation. The manure spreader not only saves the plant food elements of the manure, but also saves time and labor, as the work is all done at one time. It does two very important things and does them well—it thoroughly fines the manure and distributes it evenly.

Soy Bean as a Soiling Crop.

One excellent feature of the soy bean, and a feature which I have seen or heard but little said about, is that it is the longest staying crop we have for soiling purposes, states a Virginia farmer in the American Agriculturist. This is one of the points upon which I wished to satisfy myself the past season. I drilled about a dozen good long rows near the barn, and on July 10, when I began to feed it in small quantities to the horses, sows and pigs, the bean had just begun to form pods. On Oct. 15 I fed the last of these rows. Every animal thrived finely upon it.

Hornless Cattle.

The time will come when horned cattle will be bred only as curiosities or for show purposes, as fancy breeds of poultry are now. The advantages of the hornless are so many that the horns must go. It is just as easy to breed cattle without horns as with horns, and it is a great deal easier to take care of them afterward.—Farm Press.

White Ants.

The termites, or white ants, steal and store grain. As much as five bushels of grain have been taken from a single

A Sensible Egg Carrier.

A chocolate or broken candy ball that can be had for a few cents at any grocery store when treated in the manner following makes the excellent egg carrier described by a correspondent of American Agriculturist: Take a sheet of the corrugated brown paper board used as wrapping for breakable articles and line the sides



SAFETY EGG CARRIER.

and bottom of the ball as shown in the cut. Then cut circles from other pieces of the same material to use between each layer of eggs, smaller circles for the bottom, increasing in size as the top is approached. Eggs can be gathered from the nests in such a ball and carried to market with reasonable assurance that few, if any, breakages will occur. The cost of the whole will be but a trifle. The corrugated paper can be obtained in large sheets from grocers, to whom it has come packed about breakable goods.

A Puzzler.

An old white haired dandy living on a plantation, not feeling well, had the doctor pay him a visit. The doctor told him as he was getting old he must eat plenty of chicken and stay out of damp night air. "But, sah," said the old dandy, "how can you expect me to stay in de house at night and still get my chickens?"

His Rising Day.

"He never did rise in the world till he stumbled over a lot o' dynamite," the village gossip said, "an' even then, like so many men in de rain' business, he never did know what he ris fer!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Health Rejoice.

One time a man asked the poet Long-fellow how to be healthy, and this is the answer he received:
Joy, temperance and repose
Join the door on the doctor's nose.

The Death Column.

In the ruins of Mitla, Mexico, is the Death Column. The Indians say they can tell the number of years a person will live by the number of spans between his finger tips when he embraces the column.

The Successful Dairyman's Way.

Some men have a way of milking that so pleases the cow that she cheerily shows she enjoys it. These are the men whose methods should be copied. Observing them, we see that they never shout at, strike or otherwise ill treat their cows. They sit down quietly, take hold of the cow's teats gently, no matter how much of a hurry they may be in, and begin to draw the milk without pressing too hard, for they know they are touching her at a tender point. Then they keep steadily at it until the last drop is out. There is no excuse for having a kicking cow in the herd. The kicking cow is invariably made so by her attendant.

The Terrible Tarpon.

Some years ago a boat was found drifting in Galveston bay containing a dead tarpon and a dead angler. The fish had broken the man's back. A friend of mine, writes C. F. Holder in Recreation, was fishing when a companion a hundred feet distant had a strike, and the fish came aboard the former's boat and struck his chair, knocking it overboard. One season a tarpon in Florida waters came into a boat and knocked the angler overboard and sent the oarsman over on to his back. When he picked himself up he found his patron gone and, looking over the side, saw him sinking and with the boat hook brought him up. The man was stunned, and later examination showed that two ribs were broken. Between tiger hunting and tarpon fishing as a steady occupation the former might be selected as the safer pastime.

Greek Theaters.

During the entrance of the Greek theaters boys sell dates, figs, bread and wine in the seats.

Paris' Great Arch.

The grand triumphal arch in Paris, begun by Napoleon, is 147 feet by 75 feet at its base and 162 feet high. The central archway is 95 feet high and 48 feet wide. The inner walls are inscribed with the names of 384 generals and 66 victories.

Gold and Silver.

Gold was known much earlier than silver and was at first the cheaper of the two metals, but the price of silver was lowered by the discovery of silver mines in Chile, Spain, and Laurium.

A Wicked Worm.

The worm Testudo navalis has cost shipowners more money than all the wrecks that ever happened. Especially in tropical seas this worm destroys all wooden vessels.

The Teeth.

A few drops of tincture of myrrin in a glass of tepid water, used as a gargle, will help to sweeten the breath. Scrupulous care of the teeth and of the digestion will generally correct impure breath at once.

Electric Light Warnings.

Don't let the office boy or any one else who does not understand make changes in electric wiring or lights. They may do the very thing they ought not to. Don't pull a lamp hung by a flexible cord to one side with a wire and then fasten to a gas pipe. I have seen a wire become red hot in this manner. If the lamp hung by a cord must be pulled over, use a string. Don't wrap paper around a lamp for a shade. You might go home and forget it, and a fire might start from the heat. Use a glass or metal shade. That is what they are for. Don't let a socket on a fixture hang loose. Have it repaired. Otherwise it may cause trouble where least expected. Don't try to save a little by running flexible wires over boxes, partitions and into closets. Have permanent wires installed. These flexible wires used in this way are dangerous.—Ereest Piler in Chicago News.

Twice In Jeopardy.

An old negro was brought before a justice in Mobile. It seemed that Uncle Mose had fallen foul of a bulldog while in the act of entering the henhouse of the dog's owner. "Look here, Uncle Mose," the justice said informally, "didn't I give you ten days last month for this same thing? Same henhouse you were trying to get into. What have you got to say for yourself?"

Uncle Mose scratched his head.

"Mars Willyum, yo' sent me ter de chain gang for tryin' ter steal some chickens, didn't ye?"

"An' don't de law say yo' can't be charged twice wid de same 'tense'?"

"Den, sah, yo' des hab ter let me go, sah. Ah war after de same chickens, sah!"—Washington Post.

Performed a Miracle.

Her Husband (angrily)—I was a fool when I married you.
His Wife—Aren't you a fool still?
"No; I am not."
"Then you should congratulate me upon my success as a reformer."
Spare Moments.

His View of Nature.

Huxley was once talking to Sir William Gull about the healing power of nature. "Stuff!" said Gull. "Nine times out of ten nature does not want to cure the man. She wants to put him in his coffin."

The Soft Answer.

Mrs. Benham—You couldn't look me in the face when you came in last night.
Benham—That was because your beauty dazzled me, my dear.—New York Press.

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