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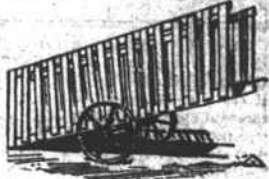
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STOCK CHUTE. (From the Kansas Farmer.)

lots, but they are often made so that they can be transported from one part of the farm to another. When a chute of this kind is built heavy and strong enough to support the weight of a mature hog or a large calf it becomes a clumsy thing to move. R. J. Lincoln of Holton, Kan., has solved this problem of inconvenience in a very happy way, according to the Kansas Farmer. The wheels and axle used are parts of old machinery found on the farm, the wheels being taken from an old mower. The upper end of the chute is provided with two strong iron hooks, which are sharpened so as to engage the bottom of the wagon bed and prevent slipping after the animal starts upward. With such an arrangement there is no difficulty in building a chute of simple strength, because the question of weight has relatively little importance. The chute can be hooked on behind the wagon and hauled to any part of the farm, and it is a comparatively easy matter to put it in position by hand.

### See Notes.

One must be deliberate and not despair when hiving bees. The bees do not like the smell of excited persons. Always have an empty box hive about the apiary properly set on a floor board. This will often catch a swarm that might otherwise be lost. It is never good business policy to sell a customer bad honey or honey with an undesirable flavor. This will injure future sales.

It is well to keep all vegetation down around the hives, so that it will not interfere with the flight of the working bees between their hive and the feeding ground.

The number of colonies which any locality will support depends on the flora of the vicinity. There are but few places, however, that will not support from ten to twenty-five colonies to the square mile, and many localities will support a greater number than this. Bees fly long distances for forage, averaging at least two miles.

Smoke is the best agent known among beekeepers that can be used to make bees submit to their wishes. All sorts of material may be burned in a smoker, such as cotton rags, rotten wood, etc. There is a great difference in the disposition of bees, however, some requiring more smoking than others.—Farm and Ranch.

**Growing Potatoes.** In Ireland, in the best potato growing localities, a yield of 400 bushels to the acre is nothing unusual. It is obtained by the use of about thirty loads of barnyard manure to the acre, supplemented by 500 pounds of commercial fertilizers, proportioned as follows: One hundred pounds of muriate of potash and 400 pounds of superphosphate. In England the best results are obtained by the use of twenty to twenty-five loads of barnyard manure to the acre, supplemented with 100 pounds of sulphate of ammonia, 350 pounds of superphosphate and 50 pounds of sulphate of potash. The popular fertilizer for growing potatoes in Maine, when planted where a two-year-old crop of clover or grass has been grown, is made up on the farm of 135 pounds of nitrate of soda, 600 pounds of tankage, 200 pounds of acid phosphate and 400 pounds of sulphate of potash, making in all 1,335 pounds. One-half this amount is used in the planter or mixed in the furrow and the other half at the first harrowing, when the plants begin to appear.

**Insects and Alfalfa.** It has been discovered that the honey-lee is of even more importance to the alfalfa than the alfalfa is to the bee. The wonderful strength and speed of the bees take them long distances for their food, and they have recourse to a great variety of plants. But the peculiar construction of the alfalfa blossom renders it unable to fertilize itself, and its shape makes cross fertilization very difficult.

At the Kansas experiment station a small plot of vigorous alfalfa was covered just before coming up into bloom with mosquito netting supported on sticks. It was therefore known that no bees or other insects could come into contact with the blossoms. Later a careful examination disclosed that the pods which had formed were entirely without seeds.—Coburn's "The Book of Alfalfa."

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### GO SLOW ON BROOM CORN.

High Prices of Green-Tentling Many Farmers into Untilled Fields. The extremely high price of broom corn has aroused a widespread interest in the crop, says O. D. Center of the University of Illinois. Broom corn belongs to the same family as sorghum, Kaffir corn, milo maize and Jerusalem corn, all of which are classified botanically as *Andropogon scoparium*. It differs from the other members of this group in having the seed heads with much longer, straighter, stronger straws or branches. These form the broom, which is the valuable portion of the plant.

Broom corn growing now in the State will always remain a small industry because the demand for the broom is not only limited, but small. This crop, then, is not a profitable one to include in a system of general farming. According to the best authorities, the world's consumption of broom is less than 50,000 tons, and as this broom is used but for one purpose there can be no sudden increase in the amount required. The total world's supply could be produced on 120,000 acres, and the territory and men equipped for and engaged in broom corn growing already could easily double the present production if the demand warranted.

Broom corn is marketed wholly in the bale. Throughout central Illinois there are numerous jobbers and commission men who do nothing but handle this crop. Because of dishonest practices in buying, large dealers and factory



A BROOM CORN DRYING ROOM.

operators are cautious about buying except from established and reputable jobbers.

Because broom corn is selling for as high as \$200 per ton many novices who are attracted by the high prices will plant extensively this season. Without a working knowledge of the requirements of the crop and without the special equipment necessary for its successful handling the result of this extensive planting will be an enormous overproduction of broom, much of which will be of very inferior quality.

It is seldom the man who undertakes a new line of business because of abnormally high prices who makes the money. It is the man who thoroughly learns a business and then sticks to it through high prices and low who comes out with the dollar. This being true, we must say that this is not a favorable time to embark in the business of broom corn production.

### Plowing Twice For Crop.

Sod land is very good for almost all crops if the season is reasonably wet and other conditions are favorable. One of the worst troubles with corn in sod land is that the cutworms living in the sod destroy much of the young corn. By plowing sod land for corn in late fall or early winter many of the cutworms will be destroyed; also when the land is plowed at this time the sod will have more time to settle and decay, and the corn next season will stand dry weather better. If the sod must be plowed again next spring no harm, but much good, will be done. Plowing any land twice for a crop or disking well after plowing is labor well spent.

### Beautify the Home Grounds.

Properly planting the right kind of trees, shrubs and plants on the home grounds means much more than mere beauty—it has a decidedly practical side. It is cheaper to beautify the home grounds than to allow them to go bare and unloved. Decorating the home grounds transforms a house into a home. It makes the house a part of a beautiful picture and surrounds it with such evidence of loving care that it immediately impresses the beholder with the feeling that people live in the house—that they do not merely exist there.—Journal of Agriculture.

### BREVITIES.

Scandal is a very effective sowing crop. To one there is a surplus of lawyers, doctors and clerks in your country and a shortage of farm help.

The suggestion was made at a local English farmers' meeting that all moles should be killed at public expense. Next!

A Pennsylvania woman burned her husband's wooden leg as the only way to prevent him from going to a saloon. The judge upheld her.

Well, sir, if people cannot get beef, pork or mutton at fair prices they will eat more eggs and chickens. Mrs. Hen is coming to the front.

The figures show that 182,000 persons attended the various farmers' institute meetings in New York last winter. Of course many of these attended several sessions.

In England the trade in worn-out or "hors" city horses has become so bad that parliament is asked for a law authorizing inspectors to kill all such animals that are found "doctored" or badly lame or diseased.—Rural New Yorker.

### Worse Than Bullets.

Bullets have often caused less suffering to soldiers than the oxen L. W. Harriman, Burlington, Me., got in the army, and suffered with, forty years. "But Buckle's Arnica Salve cured me when all else failed," he writes. Greatest healer for Sores, Ulcers, Holes, Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises and Piles. 25c at all drug stores.

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### TESTING SUGAR BEET SEED.

Up to a Point Ability of Beets to Produce Maximum Quantity of Sugar.

Testing the roots is one of the most important steps in the production of beet seed, since the value of the seed depends not only upon its quality from the standpoint of germination, but also upon the ability of the seedling to store a maximum quantity of sugar with a minimum quantity of waste. With our present knowledge of seed production the standard of high grade seed can be maintained only by the most careful and rigid testing and elimination of all roots that are not of a satisfactory quality. Having selected roots of suitable size and shape, a typical core is removed by means of a drill which is passed through the beet at an angle, as shown in the illustration. This core is tested for sugar by the usual polariscope methods. The ability of a seed grower to maintain high quality in the root is one of the most important conditions in the establishment and maintenance of the beet seed industry, says the year book of the department of agriculture.

There is a great deal of confusion in the minds of plant breeders regarding the real purpose of the selection of the roots from the standpoint of sugar content. Careful observation would seem to indicate that breeding and selection for high sugar content have to do mainly with the elimination of those individual roots that will not respond readily to favorable conditions of soil and climate with respect to the formation and storage of sugar and the preservation and perpetuation of those roots that will respond to those conditions. High sugar content, therefore, does not seem to be a fixed character in the same sense as ear color, form, etc., but will vary to a marked degree when the conditions of growth are changed. For example, seeds from the same plant when planted in different parts of the country have been known to produce roots having a difference of



BEET ROOT SHOWING METHOD OF TESTING FOR SUGAR.

more than 7 per cent in the sugar content, while the shape, color and general habits of growth remained the same. The importance of selecting the seed for sugar content cannot be overestimated, and, because of the importance of this work and the difficulties attending it, sugar beet seed growing can be carried on successfully only with special equipment, by the exercise of the greatest care and consequently at considerable expense.

### Charcoal as a Fertilizer.

Charcoal has but little plant food, yet it usually shows results. It gives light soils a darker color, thus making them warmer. It also makes soils porous and increases their power to hold water. Charcoal is a fine absorbent for gases. When worked into the soil it will not doubt prevent the escape of some of the ammonia formed when organic substances decay. For these and other reasons charcoal will help, especially on light soils.—Rural New Yorker.

### Planting Watermelons.

Watermelons should not be planted until all danger of frost is over and should be planted in hills about ten feet apart each way. The more modern method of watermelon culture is to plant out the rows one way, fill the trenches with manure, thoroughly mix the manure with the soil in the trenches by raking back and forth with a scotcher plow, then throw the soil back again and plant the seed on the bed thus formed.—Orange-Jude Farmer.

### FARM NOTES.

Few farmers know the names of one-tenth the weeds and grasses that grow on their farms. More knowledge in this direction would help.

When you give the boy a calf to raise don't pocket the money as soon as it is sold. That might teach the little fellow to be dishonest.

A prominent dairy journal declares that the dual purpose cow is a failure as the dairy herd. The dairy type cow is decidedly the most profitable.

It is better for both mare and colt for the latter to come in the spring. It is the natural growing season and causes less friction and hardship.

A hog that weighed 1,038 pounds alive and 1,241 pounds when dressed was recently slaughtered in England. It was a Jersey red boar, two and one-half years old.

Market products must be viewed from the buyer's side and not your own. You think to sell a two pound male chick in waste, but the customer will pay more than that after he is fed two or three additional months.



IN THE WORLD OF SPORT  
Ed Walsh, whose Salty Arm is Giving Lots of Trouble.



Reports emanating from the Chicago American league camp say that Ed Walsh, the White Sox star twirler, is having considerable trouble with his salty arm. The reports say that the spittal ball has been the cause of it all. Until last season he was the terror of the American league. He rounded to form late in the summer of 1906. This spring he has been troubled with a lame arm that has failed to yield to treatment. Many a spittal pitcher is content when he has just one style of delivering the moist slant, but not so with Walsh. Ed plucks guily to having four distinct methods of pitching the vapor ball. Three of them are thrown overhand, while one is on the order of a raise ball, being delivered underhand. The last carries a jump with it, while the other three produce a fade away, a drop and a curve.

**Japs Form Baseball League.** With a working capital of more than \$300,000 and articles of incorporation now being filed, a new baseball league is being formed on the Pacific coast by the Japanese. Headed by Ito, the champion wrestler, who is being backed by leading Nipponese merchants of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, a six city league is in process of formation, which when completed and in working order will provide three games a week.

It is now planned to have the teams in the various cities organized and in trim for the opening game on June 1. The schedule is bothering the orientals not a little because of the extreme length of the circuit, which will require considerable traveling. By playing three games in the south one week and three games in the north the next week it is planned to provide a schedule of at least thirty games. The winning team will be provided with funds to invade the home land to try for the championship of the Japanese race.

### Britons Will Be Here.

Arrangements are being made at the initiative of Lord Londale for a party of English sportsmen to come to America to see the Jeffrey-Johnson fight. The idea is to get together a sufficient number of men of means and position interested in the prize ring to make it worth while to charter a special steamer from Liverpool to New York and engage a special train for the run across the continent, to arrive at the journey's end on the very day of the fight and return eastward the following morning. A number of young bloods are highly enthusiastic about the scheme.

### Harry Davis Holds Record.

Veteran baseball players were being discussed recently with Connie Mack, the manager of the Athletics, as one of the oracles. "Harry Davis holds a record that no other ball player enjoys," said Mack. "What is it?" asked Empire Bill Dineen, formerly a Washington pitcher. "Why, he is the only surviving American league infielder of teams prior to 1900 who is still playing his regular position with the club he was a member of when the pennant was won," announced Mack, and so one disputed him.

### \$50,000 For Polo Ponies.

Prominent members of the Hurlingham Polo club of London have taken steps to raise a fund of \$50,000 to be voted in trustees for the purchase of ponies and their care during the trip to the United States to compete for the international polo cup. The players say to be responsible for their own expenses. The fund for the purchase of ponies is to be called "The American international polo cup recovery fund."

### Coy and Helt to Coach.

Ted Coy, who captained Yale's football eleven last year, will be the team's head coach next fall. The assistant head coach will be Henry Gilbert Holt, 1910, whose home is in Grand Rapids. Holt played in the back field last year.

### Harvard to Drop Swimming.

At a recent meeting of the Harvard athletic committee it was voted, on the recommendation of Mr. Garcelon, the graduate treasurer of athletics, that the Harvard swimming team resign from the intercollegiate league.

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