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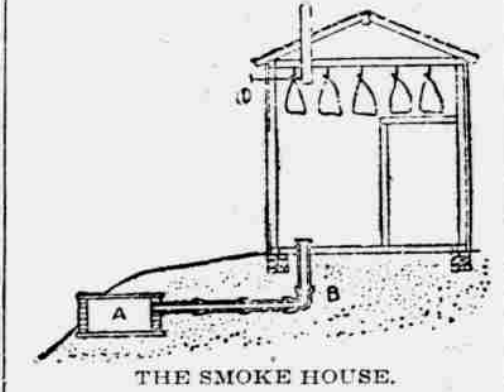
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of eight-inch tile, B. A piece of stove-pipe should lead out through the roof, having a damper at D that can be worked from the outside of the house. Hang meat in the house, explains the Farm and Home, build a fire at the furnace of green birch chips, turn the damper so as to let the draft out through the stovepipe till the fire gets going well, then shut the damper and cover draft in furnace and the smokehouse will do business for six hours at least.

A GRAIN BIN.

Plan of One Which Will Economize Space, and Be Easy of Access. A grain bin somewhat similar to that shown in the cut was recently seen by the writer, and its economy of space struck him favorably. Its thickness from the wall out is not more than one foot, yet because it reaches to the floor and can be carried up four feet from the floor, its capacity is large. One-half of the front is hinged so that all the contents can be easily reached, even when the grain is nearly used up. For limited quarters, says the Farm Journal, such bins would certainly prove very useful.

SUGGESTIONS.

Buy seed corn on the ear, when it can be obtained in that way. See that the seed corn is all germinal. While the mows are full of hay, it is a good time to fix the pulleys in the roof of the barn for using the horse fork next year. Not so much danger of falling and getting injured. When it gets so that you can dig a bit of horseradish with the pick or crowbar, it is a sure sign that spring is coming. Keep up your spirits; horseradish is the sure forerunner of spring.—Farm Journal.

The chief enemies of wheat are the Hessian fly, chinch-bug and grain-plant louse. The chinch-bug is credited with annual ravages to the total of \$20,000,000, which is probably a low estimate. Man Is Master of the Land. There are no soil conditions that cannot be overcome by man if those conditions are such that they interfere with the growing of crops. What seems impossible now will be possible later, when the value of land has risen to the point where great operations will pay. The sandy, leachy soils can be covered with a layer of clay and the heavy lands can be sanded. The swamp land can be drained and the arid lands watered. The time will come when man will put into use every foot of land not closed up by the eternal ice around the poles. Even in the far north, glass gardens will yet become numerous and beat back the frost line.

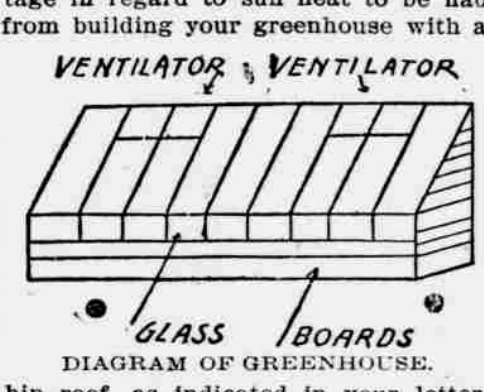
Alfalfa Pointers. Alfalfa is a deep rooted plant, hence requires soils in which the subsoil is of such a nature that the roots can readily penetrate it. It must be well drained to a depth of at least two feet or the alfalfa will not prosper. Any field likely to be under water for more than 36 hours at a time is quite unsuitable for alfalfa. The same is true of a field with hardpan subsoil within two feet of the surface. To get a stand of alfalfa so sufficient good seed which you know will germinate. Have the land well prepared and in a good state of fertility, and be sure that the land is well drained.

Fertilizers. A man must use fertilizers intelligently or he will throw away a great deal of money upon them. It is absurd for a farmer to purchase a fertilizer just because it is a valuable fertilizer and put it upon land that he does not know needs fertilizers. A man should not expend a dollar in fertilizers till he knows what kinds he needs. If his land is rich in a certain element he will not throw money away if he buys fertilizers to put on his land. Wasting money in this way is one of the penalties of not knowing.

HORTICULTURE

BUILDING THE GREENHOUSE

What Points Are Well to Remember—Straight Roof Better Than Hip-Roof. A correspondent of the Rural New Yorker writes that he is going to build a greenhouse to grow plants for early setting without heating. He says he has been told by an expert carpenter that a hip roof would give more heat in early spring than a straight one. There would be no special advantage in regard to sun heat to be had from building your greenhouse with a



hip roof, as indicated in your letter, replies the Rural New Yorker. In addition to this, it would probably cost more, owing to the extra labor in construction, and the joints are more likely to prove leaky than those on a straight roof. A straight roof with a rise of about eight inches to the foot is the most practical way to build a greenhouse, though a lean-to house (as the one slope structure is commonly called) would not require so steep a roof unless the front wall were very low. A very light and easily constructed greenhouse may be made after the plan roughly indicated in diagram in which part of the front wall is of glass and part of boards.

STOCK IN THE ORCHARD.

A Questionable Practice—Even Hogs Are Apt to Do More Harm Than Good. A correspondent of the Farmers' Review says that one of the greatest causes of damage to orchards is the practice of farmers turning their stock into the orchards. He says that he has known farms where this did more damage than all other causes combined. We believe the conditions are only occasional in which it is safe to turn stock into orchards. The condition where this might be done would be where the land is so sandy that it will not pack under the feet of the animals and the trees are headed so high that the animals could not browse the limbs. But this condition is met with but rarely and not often in the middle west. Our prairie soil has in it a great deal of clay mixed with humus and this when wet packs readily. On our hillsides we often find bowlder clay, and also in our rolling land that has been timbered with hardwood we find a clay that is very retentive of moisture and will pack down as hard as a rock. There is no surer way of killing a tree than by packing the ground around it. We have known of hogs collecting around a single apple tree more than around others and killing that apple tree. Hogs, however, are less objectionable in the orchards than other kinds of stock, for the reason that they root up the ground and this improves the soil rather than injures it. A small number of hogs may be given the run of a large orchard and not do any great amount of damage unless they collect too much around one or two trees, which if in clay soil are about sure to be killed. We do not believe that, as a general proposition, it is safe to permit stock to run in our orchards in the middle west.

TRIMMING BERRY BUSHES.

Some Suggestions for the Thinning Out of the Old Brush—The Time to Do It. When I began raising blackberries I cut out the old brush as soon as the crop was all picked. But I found this was not the best way, as the wind often breaks down the young plants when nothing is left to support them. Also there is much work at that time, the weather is hot, and the work is disagreeable, as I am wearing thin clothes and get badly scratched. I now avoid all these difficulties by waiting until winter, says a correspondent of the Farm and Home. The new plants are so hardened that the wind will not destroy them; I have plenty of time and can put on my heavy coat and gloves and remove the old brush without being scratched. I select a time when the temperature is rising and the ground frozen. I use a short iron hook with a handle about four feet long. Place the hook back of an old stalk about a foot above the ground, then give a quick jerk, and it breaks close to the frozen soil.

Brown Tail Moth Spreading.

The brown-tail moth is rapidly spreading. It is present in nearly all parts of Massachusetts, is abundant in portions of Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, and is probably to be found in northeastern Connecticut and southeastern Vermont. Within ten years it will probably be found in New York, New Jersey, and perhaps in Pennsylvania, and may be even more widely distributed," says Prof. T. H. Fernald.

Worm That Eats Canada Thistle.

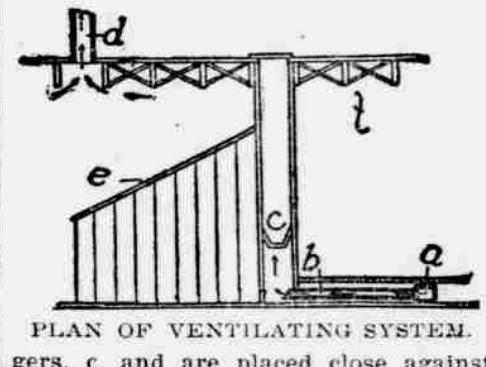
It is said that in some sections of the country there has appeared a worm which lives on the leaves of the Canada thistle, and thus threatens to exterminate this great weed pest, says Farmers' Guide. This new parasite is of the caterpillar type, about one and a half inches long, and will no doubt be made welcome, as far as the farmer is concerned. Surely, if even a worm enemy will help to destroy this type of thistle, what a blessing to agriculture it would be. We may be sure that the farmer who is at all acquainted with the Canada thistle will do all in his power to encourage the working of this new species of worm.

The farmer's cow should be the best cow in the country.

THE DAIRY

EASY VENTILATING SYSTEM

How Fresh Air May Be Supplied to the Stock Without Creating Draft. To provide for the fresh air inlet, the floor of the feeding alley is elevated 12 inches above the level of the stalls. The inlet may be ten-inch tile, or a wooden box, a, about ten inches square, running under floor entire length of feeding alley. This will admit enough fresh air for 15 cattle. If more are to be supplied, a conduit placed on each side of the feeding alley will be generally sufficient, says Farm and Home.



The main inlet is tapped opposite each pair of cattle by the distributing pipes, b. These lead into the man-

PLAN OF VENTILATING SYSTEM. gers, c, and are placed close against the partition blocks, their open ends being prevented from plugging with dirt by a leather flap, or other device. The foul air is carried off by means of ventilating shafts, d, leading from ceiling of stable through roof. Run purline post straight from the floor to purline. Beside these posts is a very convenient place for the ventilating flues, as they are out of the way, and they are not so readily chilled as when placed against the side of the barn. Excessive chilling of these foul air outlets not only reduces the convection current, but condenses moisture, causing it to drip.

BLOATING ON MILK FOAM.

Farmer Loses Calves in This Way—Gets Good Results from Separated Milk. "I have had some experience in calf feeding that might be interesting to some of your readers, and if some one else has had the same trouble I would like to hear from him. When I first got my hand separator, I fed the milk to the calves without taking the foam off; it would be two or three inches deep in each pail. I had three calves die from bloat. They would commence to bloat as soon as they drank the milk, and died in from two to three hours. As soon as I made up my mind that it was the foam that killed them, I skimmed the foam off. Then I had no more calves die for about three months, when one of the boys got careless and went out one evening and fed one calf without taking off the foam; next morning it lay dead where he had fed it, all bloated. Since that we are very careful to take the foam off, as I feel certain that it is the foam that kills them. I have ten fine calves a year old last fall, raised on separator milk, and ten more three to four months old, that are doing fine. A year ago last fall, I let one calf suck the cow all winter to see how it would compare with the ones that had the separated milk, but I could see no difference."—Samuel Fryer, in Wallace's Farmer.

Starting Celery.

The farmer who wishes to grow a little celery for his own use will not have the large facilities for starting it possessed by the commercial growers. He will find it necessary, however, to start his celery in the house if he expects to have any for summer use, as celery when small is a very slow grower, and even the seed is slow in germinating. He can sow his seed in a box in the house and put the box in a window, provided he covers the box with a glass to prevent the drying out of the top soil. The plants may be transferred to larger boxes in the course of a month or six weeks from the time the seed is sown, if they grow thickly enough to become crowded. They cannot, however, be transferred to the open ground until spring is well advanced.

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