

**The Mine of Diamonds.**  
 During the reign of Mary a man named George Campbell entered Edinburgh castle for the purpose of stealing the queen's crown. In his effort, says the San Francisco Call, he was partially successful, in that he did secure nine large and valuable diamonds from the crown and made his escape from the country. In order to resist these precious stones a tax, against which a very general outcry was raised, was laid on the people. They characterized the tax the curse of Scotland.  
 Another and perhaps still better reason grew out of battle of Culloden, by which the hopes of the Stuarts were crushed, and was so called a national curse. The duke of Cumberland was a great card player, and always had about him a deck of cards. When he had won the battle of Culloden he drew from his pocket a card, and on its back he wrote a dispatch declaring the fall of the house of Stuart and his great victory. The card happened to be the nine of diamonds.  
 Still another reason. The infamous massacre of Glencoe was the work of the eldest son of the earl of Blair, who signed the order for its consummation, and was at that time secretary of state. The family coat of arms was a shield on which was the nine spot of diamonds. To the people called that coat of arms which bore the diamond spots the 'curse of Scotland.'

**The Mountain of Horatius.**  
 Mount Kinoo, which rises precipitously 700 feet out of Moosehead lake, in Maine, is wholly composed of hornstone, and is the largest mass of that mineral in the known world. There is no true flint in the United States, but hornstone so closely resembles it that it takes an expert to tell the difference. This rock supplied arrowheads to Indians hundreds and thousands of miles away. The discovery of these arrow-heads in the Mississippi valley has led to the belief that a system of commercial exchange must have existed among the red men in former centuries. According to an Indian tradition the mountains are the body of a monster moose that was slain by a giant.

A British farmer on board a steamer, suffered a good deal from the rolling, said to a friend: "This cap'n don't understand his business. Why don't he keep in the furrows?"—Argonaut.

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**DOMESTIC ECONOMY.**

**TOPICS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.**

**Two Ways of Shocking Corn—The Care of Apples—Value of Reputation to a Farmer—Setting Cuttings—Box for Wetting Hay.**

**Setting Cuttings.**  
 In setting grape, currant, or other cuttings in the open ground a trench is often plowed or dug, the cuttings placed in position, and the earth thrown back. Many make the ground as mellow as possible, and with a pointed stick or sharpened iron rod make a hole of the proper depth and inclination, and insert the cutting. The operation can be greatly expedited and cheapened, says the American Agriculturist, by the hand of foot dibble shown in the illustration.

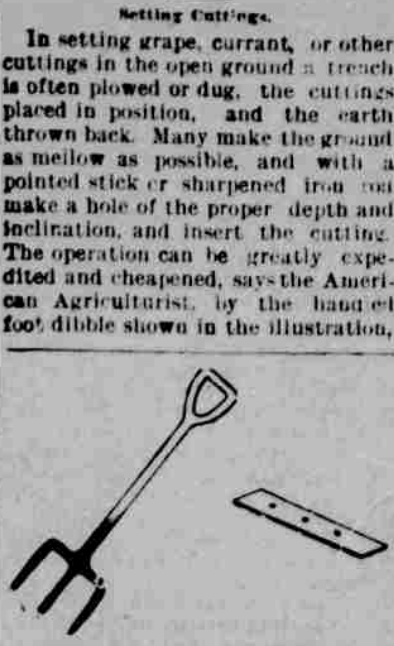


FIG. 1. FIG. 2.  
 FOOT DIBBLE. GUIDING BOARD.

Fig. 1. A blacksmith can make one from an old fork. Cuttings are usually placed about four inches apart in the row. Hence, have a three tined fork made with at eight times four inches apart, five inches in length, three eighths of an inch in diameter and pointed at the ends. The operator walks by the side of a line or mark and forces the fork into the ground, four inches apart, at any inclination desired. If the ground be hard the foot is used to press the fork down. A uniform depth can be secured by running the lines through a light strip of wood shown in Fig. 2. After the cuttings are in place, the dibble should be again pressed into the earth within two inches of the cuttings, and moved slightly to press the earth firmly against the cutting at the bottom. Test this by trying to pull out the cutting. Walking along both sides of the row fills all interstices, and growth is assured as far as proper setting is concerned.

**Shocking Corn.**

There are various ways of building a shock, says C. F. Curtis in Rural Life, but we have set down to you one of two ways, depending upon the corn and other conditions. Viz.: The solid shock or standing sick built close around a jack. The former is made by placing the first earful flat on the ground, the next across it at right angles, and followed by filling in the other angles and building up solid from the ground, keeping as much of the fodder corn from coming in contact with the ground as possible. The jack used in the second method is made from a 2x scantling fourteen feet long, with two legs supporting one end about four feet from the ground; the other end rests on the ground, and about three and one-half feet from the upper end put a four-inch fence board seven feet long through a mortised hole in the scantling. Let the intersection of the board and the scantling be in the center of the shock, and make a good big solid one and bind it tight at the top. When the shock is finished remove the jack by sliding the board out first, and you will then have a large, well-built shock partially quartered, permitting the access of sufficient air to prevent the fodder from spoiling, even if quite green.

I had some fears when I began to use this method that the jack would leave the shock too open and cause it to bleach and take water, but it does not. Corn may be put up in this manner as green as it ever need be cut if not wet with dew and it will come out in perfect condition. The method is not so satisfactory if the crop is somewhat green, and it has the further disadvantage of being more subject to the ravages of field mice, but it beats the old plan of tying the tops of four hills together for a foundation.

**Care of Apples.**

There is no question about the importance of so far as possible preventing the bruising of the fruit. From what has been said in strong terms concerning the barrier of a tough skin which nature has placed upon this defense should not be ruthlessly broken down. It may be safely assumed that germs of decay are lurking almost everywhere, ready to come in contact with any substance. A bruise or cut in the skin is therefore even worse than a rough place caused by a scab fungus as a lodgment provided by the minute spores of various sorts. If the juice exudes, it at once furnishes the choicest of conditions for molds to grow. An apple bruised is a fruit for the decay of which germs are especially invited, and when such a specimen is placed in the midst of other fruit, it soon becomes a point of infection for its neighbors on all sides. Seldom is a fully rotten apple found in a bin without several others near by it being more or less affected. A rotten apple is not its brother's keeper. The surrounding conditions favor or retard the growth of the decay fungi. If the temperature is near freezing, they are comparatively inactive, but when the room is warm and moist the fruit cannot be expected to keep well. Cold storage naturally checks the decay. The ideal apple has no fungous detachments and no bruises. If it could be placed in a dry, cool room, free from fungous germs, it ought to

keep indefinitely until chemical change ruins it as an article of food.

**Value of a Reputation.**

Have you ever observed that some farmers can get a better price for exactly the same grade of cattle than can be obtained by other men? There is nothing mysterious about it. It is simply because they have a reputation for that kind. This is a principle of profit in cattle growing too much overlooked. Get a reputation for having superior stock all the time, and you will always get the top price, or a little more, because there will be some one on the watch to buy your cattle when they come on the market. Use the best class of sires even if you have only grade cows, and it will help not only the actual quality of your product, but your reputation as well. A pure bred bull of a high record dairy family you well know will stamp its quality on your dairy herd, and the merits of your cows will become so well known that you will be able to procure fancy prices. The same thing holds good, only perhaps not so pronounced an extent, in breeding beef cattle for market.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Box for Wetting Hay.**

The illustration represents a box used for wetting hay. To use, crowd a feed of hay into the box, set an empty pail under the open gate and pour the water over the hay from another pail. If one pouring does not



BOX FOR WETTING HAY.

wet sufficiently, reverse pails and pour again. Ground grain may then be mixed with the wet hay, if one wishes, although I prefer to sprinkle it on after putting the hay into the manger with a fork. If one has sufficient room, the box may be made long enough to wet hay for two or more horses. For convenience, it should stand in front of the manger. The bottom of the box slope about an inch to the foot in length. In wetting hay this way, all surplus water quickly drains out and the hay does not need to be cut. It requires no shoveling over, or mixing over in order to get it all wet.

**Hedges for Shady Places.**

It is often desirable to have hedges along lines where trees are already growing. Evergreens are wholly unfitted for these situations; only deciduous shrubs can be employed. Among the best of these are the various varieties of Privet. They stand dry ground better than almost anything else. It is not so much the shade which injures the hedges in these situations as it is the drying of the ground by the roots of the trees. When we imagine the enormous amount of moisture transpiring from thousands of leaves of trees, we can readily see how dry the ground must be which has to supply this moisture. But those who have practical experience understand this without a thought of the philosophy involved.—Meehan's Monthly.

**Frosted Grass Injurious.**

So soon as hard frosts come, everything dependent on pasture requires extra feeding. The effect of frost is to expand and burst the vegetable cells that contain sweet and nutritious juices and either dry them up or blacken and rot them. This with cows affects the quality as well as the amount of milk, making the cream harder to churn, as it contains a greater proportion of fibre and caseine and less butter fats.

**Use a Fodder Cutter.**

The fodder cutter is one of the most useful and important implements on the farm. It is not used as much as it should be, for it demands hard work if there is no power to be obtained, but it will enable the farmer to use a large amount of coarse food that is usually wasted. The fodder cutter should be kept to constant use during the winter.

**Brief Hints.**

The fumes of a brimstone match will remove berry stains from the fingers.  
 Tannin stains are removed by applying oil, and then removing the oil with benzine.  
 Moist hands are frequently relieved by bathing them in lukewarm water containing a teaspoonful of borax or ammonia.  
 If a shelf in the closet is infected with red ants, carpet it with flannel and the tiny insects will not attempt to invade that limited precinct.  
 A SPONGE large enough to expand and fill the chimney after having been squeezed in, tied to a slender stick, is the best thing with which to clean a lamp chimney.  
 In some of the treats in bluing it has been discovered that certain properties in poor bluing, combining with qualities of certain soaps, will produce an iron rust or stain in the clothing.  
 To draw linen threads for hem-stitching take a lather brush and soap and lather well the parts where the threads are to be drawn. Let the linen dry, and the threads will come out easily, even in the finest linen.  
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**A Religious Sign Painter.**

The town of Attleboro is in a state of excitement relative to the action of some crack who is painting on the fences and carbons of the streets sentences which tend to startle the nervous, says the Boston Herald. North Main street the streets on the boulevard have been decorated with such questions as these: "Are you ready for the bridegroom?" "Do you want to flee from the wrath to come?" "Are you ready for Jesus?" "Now repent, fear God." These sentences are done in black paint, and the letters are two or more inches in length. The owners of the fences which have been so decorated entered a complaint to the town authorities. The selectmen voted to employ an officer to ferret out the painter and bring him before the court. On the other hand, some of the church people say that the one who paints the religious warnings on the fences has as much right to do so as the patent medicine men have to advertise in a similar manner their pills and bitters. One of the clothing houses in Boston had stenciled on a fence in town: "Do you wear pants?" and following this the religious painter had put the words: You had better repent."

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**The English Sparrow.**  
 The English sparrow has two millions, in fact, as far as heard from. One is to eat up the beetle pests that are destroying by wholesale the splendid pine, spruce and hemlock forests of the Allegheny mountains, particularly in West Virginia and Maryland. It is said that they have already saved many thousand dollars worth of pine timber.  
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**The "Ear of Dioysalus"**

A cunningly constructed prison covers consisting of a large chamber connected with one of smaller dimensions, situated near Syracuse, Italy, has gone into its secondary history with the title of the "Ear of Dioysalus." The smaller chamber was unknown to the prisoners kept in this underground dungeon, and the tyrant by whose name it was known and a habit of secreting himself there to listen to the conversation of the convicts, who were mostly political offenders. An ingenious device constructed at the smaller end of the larger chamber transmitted the sounds through the partition, thus enabling the suspicious ruler to hear even the whispered conversations of his suspects.

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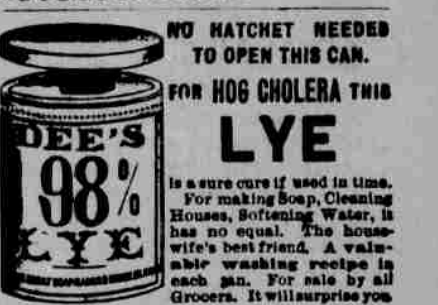
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