



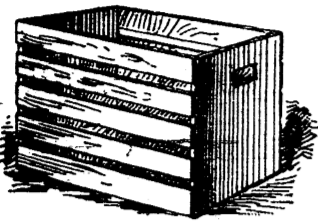


THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1890.

A SLATTED POTATO BOX.

Something a Little Cheaper and Perhaps a Little Better.

In the manufacture of these one piece sections we have pieces of basswood left that will not make sections on account of bad color, unsightly knots, checks, etc., in such quantity that we sell, during the busy season, from three to four wagon loads of this kind of wood for kindling almost every day. For years



POTATO BOX MADE OF SLATS.

We have been puzzling our brains to find some use for these refuse pieces of basswood, but nothing has come up to indicate a use for more than a very small part of them until just now. A few days ago Mr. Warner, the foreman of our woodworking machinery, submitted a potato box, made entirely of these refuse strips of basswood, with the exception of the end pieces. We give you a picture of it below.

Perhaps I might explain that the refuse sticks are put on to the buzz saw and sliced up 1/2 inch thick. This gives the slats. The ends of the box are also made of finish lumber. With our specially made saws, we cut the stuff almost as smooth as it can be made with a plane; and, as the ends are always planed, we have a box that is nice enough to be painted if desirable. By using long barbed wire nails, and putting two in the end of each strip, we get a box strong enough so that the galvanized iron binding can, I think, be safely omitted; and we can make the price, all nailed up, complete, only 20 cents, instead of 25, the price of our former potato box; 20 boxes, nailed up, will be sold for \$1.85; 100, nailed up, for \$16. Material in the box, including nails, will be \$12 per 100. We shall crate them in packages of 12 boxes each at \$1.50 a package, and 2 of the 12 will be nailed up.

The more I use the potato boxes the more I am convinced there should be a good deal of ventilation through them. Keeping our seed potatoes over winter last year, we found a few rotten ones, but they were invariably in the center of the boxes. The boxes were raised from the ground by blocks, and separated from each other by blocks also, so as to allow a full circulation of air. Now, these slatted boxes will give a better circulation than the old kind, even if they are simply piled one over the other, without any blocks between them at all.—From "Gleanings in Bee Culture."

The New Method of Farming.

There is so much interest in irrigation now that the surveys of Maj. Powell and the department reports prove that it is necessary in a third of our territory, that Colorado items are timely. Field and Farm, of that state, is enthusiastic over the increased product of corn and alfalfa. These two leading products must necessarily be utilized—reduced to money—and the farmer can find no better way than by feeding them to steers. Those who have not the cattle can buy them cheaply of those who have, and hazard but little risk of making it pay. At the present outlook there will be no fortunes in feeding, but if the farmer gets a fair price for his hay and grain product, with a trifle added for his time in feeding, he should be content. This can be done cheaply by good selection and judicious management.

Let us see for a moment: A well bred twelve hundred pound steer can be bought these times for two and a half cents per pound, which will be \$30. Now if this steer is put to feeding by the middle of the present month and kept feeding until he has consumed a ton and a half or two tons of alfalfa and thirty bushels of corn, he will have increased his weight 200 pounds, when he should bring in the market at home or abroad from \$45 to \$55. This would give the farmer thirty-five cents a bushel for his corn and \$5 a ton for his hay. To obtain this increased weight in the steer he must be sheltered through, and fed with an abundance—must never be allowed to go hungry or shiver with cold.

A few years ago we were jerked at for saying that Colorado would yet become a grand feeding and beef producing state. Those who doubted then do not doubt now. They have become the advocates of it. It is patent that we have the ability to feed and fatten large numbers of cattle—can do it as cheaply as any and as good a profit as any of the western states. It is being done. In fact our farmers will soon be forced to feed or have no market for their leading products. They have the best feed in the world and the best climate in which to feed. It only needs the knowledge how to feed, when to feed and the determination to do, when success will reward the undertaking.

Notes and Comments.

A prejudice has been created against the Arab horse, says an English writer, simply because with very few exceptions inferior specimens reach this country. Really good ones worthy of the name are almost as scarce here as feathers on a frog's back. The Russians, Italians and French buyers will give prices in the desert such as our people never dream of. Leadville consumes more milk per capita of its people than does any other city in America. The lactical fluid is considered an antidote for the arsenic poison in the atmosphere.

The first car load of figs ever raised and shipped to market in the United States left Fresno, Cal., recently for Chicago. The figs are of the White Smyrna variety, were shipped by Maj. M. Denicke, and were the product of his ranch, about twelve miles east of Fresno. The only reliable way to get pure figs for domestic use is to buy "In" leaf and have it rendered in one's own kitchen.

Sometimes to the Strong.

"That rival of yours seems to be in a fair way to out you out. He's a pretty athletic fellow. Are you not afraid of him?" "Oh, no; but her father is, so he has a better show than I have."

ASTOUNDED THE DOWAGER.

An American Girl in St. Petersburg Asserts Her Independence.

The following is a narrative of an incident which occurred in St. Petersburg some years ago. The American lady concerned is the daughter of a prominent public benefactor, has for years been a social leader in Washington, is the wife of a leading statesman and would be recognized instantly if her name might be mentioned. The half dozen initiates will remember the incident.

A grand reception was in progress at the palace of a high Russian dignitary. Members of the cabinet, generals of the army, grand dukes, the nobility of the empire and the diplomatic corps were present. It was a notable affair. Four young ladies—three Russian and one American—had gathered into a little nook screened in palms, and were discussing in French the dowdy appearance of a high court lady. Some eavesdropper caught their remarks and bore them to the criticized lady. She in turn indignantly reported the conversation to a noble duchess, who held the peculiar office of "mistress of etiquette." She retired to the room and had the four culprits summoned before her. They appeared, the Russian girls in fear and trembling, the American girl calm and self possessed.

"Young ladies," said she, "you have been commenting discourteously upon the personal appearance of Lady ——. You have committed a grave breach of etiquette, and it is my duty as court mistress of etiquette to punish you. Order your slippers." The trembling Olga took off her slipper, and meekly received a sound punishment of the sort confined in America exclusively to the nursery. "Katie, it is your turn. Give me your slipper!" said the inexorable duchess, as the weeping Olga arose from her castigation. Katie took her gruel with audible lamentations, and Tamia followed the suffering Katie.

All the while the American girl watched and waited. The indignities thrust upon her companions roused the Hail Columbia in her. Her eyes flashed and her little hands clinched with excitement. "It is your turn now," said the mistress of etiquette to the fair American; "your slipper, please."

Katie's blood was up. There was fighting stock back of her for generations. She removed her slipper and drew near, but she held the slipper by the toe. At proper range she swung the missile and struck the old lady in the mouth a fearful clip. Then she sailed in. Laces, feathers and furberlous flew. Fingernails fetched blood. Gray hair and the St. Petersburg fashions of 1863-filled the air.

The mistress of etiquette fairly screamed with impotent rage, showered maledictions in broken French, German and Russian upon her conqueror, and demanded that the most condign punishment be meted out to her. The matter was carried to the czar. Nicholas made a pretense of punishing the young lady by issuing some order against her appearing at any ball for a certain period, but the old liberator was immensely tickled. He showed the most embarrassing presents upon the American—beautiful slippers of every kind and description, silver slippers and gold slippers, and finally wound up by sending her a hair dagger set with diamonds.—Washington Post.

How She Won the Boots.

She was as gentle of eye as a soft gazelle, that is to say, she was as gentle as a gazelle. It was in a shoe store in Lewiston, and the gentle maiden was an acquaintance of the proprietor and always bought her No. 2's there when she incased her dainty feet in anything brand new.

"Here's something that would fit you," said the jocular proprietor, passing out a pair of wool boots fitted with a pair of lumberman's rubbers. "I'll make you a present of them if you will wear them down to the postoffice and back."

"Wait a minute," said she, and in a minute she was arrayed in woolen boots and lumberman's rubbers. "Watch me to the postoffice," and she was gone.

"Her feet beneath her petticoat like little me stole in and out as if they feared the light," wrote the poet two hundred years ago, but he didn't refer to the Lewiston young lady who did this feat on foot, or he never would have said it. She was back in less than ten minutes, red cheeked and laughing.

"There," said she, as she passed up the boots, "do them up. I'll send them to my father—down in Penobscot county. I never lose a chance to help the folks at home, and the shoe dealer was as good as his word, and 'dad' marveled at a pair of wool boots from his thoughtful daughter in Lewiston.—Lewiston Journal.

"Adhesive" Fitness.

Exaggeration is a sign that we feel strongly and express ourselves coarsely. A great master of words, says the author of "Thoughts About Art," expresses himself strongly rather by the exact and adhesive fitness of his words to the occasion than by their violence. The essayist's explanation of what he means by "adhesive fitness" should be inwardly digested by every young writer who sincerely wishes to succeed in his profession. He says: "In good joiner's work the strength consists very much in exquisitely true fitting. If a piece of wood is perfectly fitted to its place, it is easy to make it stick there without using violence, and so if a word is well fitted it will stick also and forever."—Youth's Companion.

An Ingenious Prisoner.

A prisoner who was being taken with some other criminals in a train from Le Mans to Sille le Guillaume, contrived to effect his escape in a very clever manner. Each of the culprits was in a small cell, and, having managed to conceal a saw about his person, the captive in question set to work on the floor. He succeeded in sawing out a piece of wood sufficiently large to enable him to drop on the line when the train stopped at a station, and his escape was not discovered until the party arrived at their destination.—New York Post.

SAVING PUPILS' PENNIES.

The Excellent School Bank System in Long Island City.

All the school children of Long Island City have an excellent opportunity of putting into practice the old axiom that "Economy is wealth." Three or four years ago the banking system was introduced into the various public schools in that city. Collections are made every Monday morning, and those pupils who are saving and careful of their money find great pleasure in responding to the question "How much have you got?"

Each pupil is furnished with a neatly printed card on which the deposits are credited. These cards are highly treasured. They bear these inscriptions: "Good principles and good habits are in themselves a fortune." "The habit of saving is an essential part of a true, practical education." On the last page are these mottoes: "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." "The masses know how to earn better than how to save."

When the school opens on Monday morning the teacher takes out the roll book and, as she calls the names, the pupils call out the amounts of money they want to deposit, each in turn stepping up to the desk with the money, and records the amount on the card and in her own book. After the collection each teacher delivers the money to the principal, who deposits it the same day in the Long Island City Savings bank in the name of each depositor. The amount of each deposit is received by the teacher. When a pupil has a deposit of \$1 or more a bank book will be given free of charge from the bank.

The pupils are requested not to withdraw deposits until the amount reaches \$3, except in cases of sickness or removal from the city; but if the deposit should be withdrawn and the amount has been less than \$3, the bank will charge ten cents for the bank book. Deposits of \$1 and over bear interest. The bank books of the pupils are kept by the principal as long as the children attend school. If they want to leave the school or at vacation the book is given to them and they can withdraw their money, but they will require the presence of their father or mother and the signature of the principal. During the summer vacation of the school deposits may be made or money withdrawn from the bank direct, the cashier acting during that time for the teacher.

Only about ten minutes' time is consumed in making the collections in each school, so that it cannot be objected that it materially interferes with the regular work of the public school. This ten minutes each Monday morning has more excitement in it for the children than the events of all the rest of the week put together. Their eyes sparkle and their faces glow with excitement. Five cents is the average deposit, and the pupil who has more than that amount announces it in a voice that plainly denotes satisfaction.

The lad who deposits half a dollar, or possibly a dollar, is regarded with admiration by his fellow pupils, who look upon him as a future millionaire. As the amount grows, the boys and girls become more eager to save. Many have some specific object in view. Although the girls outnumber the boys as depositors, the latter have the largest amount to their credit. It is in the primary and intermediate grades that the largest collections are made. The higher the grade of school, the fewer the depositors.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Metric System Spreading.

Although the metric system of weights and measurements has made no headway in this country outside of school arithmetics, it is stated to be steadily spreading. It is now legally recognized in countries having a population of almost 800,000,000 more than half the population of the world. It is necessary in countries which contain more than one-quarter of the entire population of the world. The strange part of the spread of this superior system of weights and measurements is that such half civilized countries as Russia, Turkey and British India seem to be more alert to realize and take advantage of its admitted superiority than England or America, with all their boasted genius for adopting the best methods and systems. Shall the tubed Turk nimbly reckon up his accounts and meters, simply arranged on the decimal scale, while the highly civilized American laboriously figures over the irregular proportions of ounces and pounds, feet and yards, gallons, bushels and barrels? How much easier is it to say, 10 dimes or 100 cents make \$1, than to struggle with grains, ounces and pounds. Why don't the American people adopt the same simplicity in weights and measures that is followed in money?—Omaha World-Herald.

A Historic Old Clock.

There is in the establishment of John McDuffie, in Albany, one of the finest specimens of antique clocks ever seen. It was procured at Amsterdam, Holland, by Mrs. McDuffie. The timepiece was made at Amsterdam in 1580, by Andrian Baghyn and is a marvel of mechanism. It stands twelve feet high. The case is of bird's eye black walnut and on the top of it stand three golden statuets. The central figure represents Atlas, bending beneath the weight of a miniature globe. The right and left figures are counterparts of Gabriel in the act of blowing his trumpet. When wound the clock runs eight days. It gives the day of the month with the phases of the moon as well as the hour, and strikes every quarter. Considering that it has been ticking away the hours for over two centuries, it keeps remarkable time and is in a wonderful state of preservation. It has an air of past ages about it and is undoubtedly a historical landmark of past centuries.—New York Telegram.

A Bonnet for a Text.

There have been many preachers whose pulpit jokes are the only remembered portions of their harangues. Michel Menot, reproving the ladies for being late at church, told them that it would take less time to cleanse the Augean stables than to stick in all a woman's pins. The story is told of Rowland Hill that he once began a sermon with the words, "Look at my wife there, with a chest of drawers on her head." The lady in question stood at the poor lady thus pointed out, but only perceived that she wore a new bonnet. "She has sold a chest of drawers and bought a new bonnet with the proceeds." Then he went on to inveigh against female love of dress.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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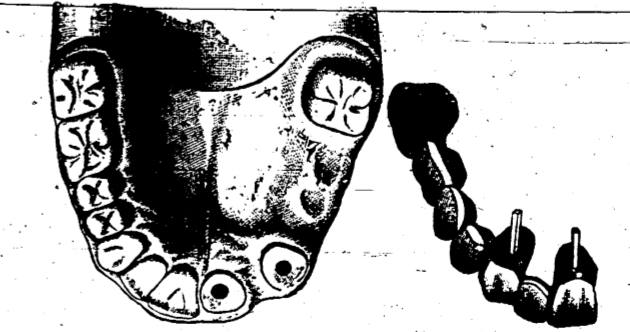
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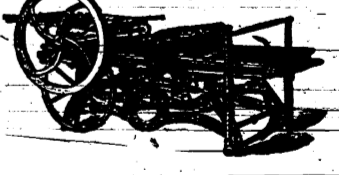
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