

FARM AND GARDEN.

BRIEF HINTS AS TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT.

A Comfortable Seat Designed to Be Attached to Agricultural Implements—Convenient Crates for Handling Fruits and Vegetables.

Crates for Fruits and Vegetables. Crates that are indispensable are each year coming more and more in demand, for either handling, storing or shipping. Barrels cause harsh treatment, and are not convenient for rapid work where a delicate touch is required, while crates present a more shallow depth and larger open surface. As they



FIG. 1. "NESTING" CRATES.

can be piled on each other, quantities of crates occupy no more space than barrels and frequently not as much. A crate is easily handled by two persons, and allows air to circulate freely between its contents (doing away with the need of bins, barrels, etc., through which air cannot readily pass), and the essential requirement of sweating is obtained. The crates may be piled one above another in the cellar or storehouse and the fruit moved from one place to another with great ease. Make crates to fit into the wagon box, and an astonishing quantity of stuff can be handled at a load. But these rectangular

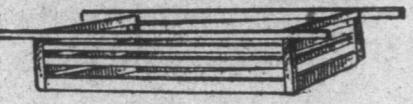


FIG. 2. CRATE WITH HANDLES.

lar crates will not "nest" into each other so well as when made in the shape suggested in Fig. 1, which is a decided advantage. These can be made larger and with handles, or handles put on the usual form (Fig. 2), for quick carrying short distances. Handles may be rigged with hooks so as to be instantly removable instead of being attached to the crate.—American Agriculturist.

Bursting of Cabbage.

The bursting of growing cabbage may very easily be prevented by selecting the heads which show signs of bursting, and starting the roots by pulling or cutting off some of the root with a hoe. The pulling process is preferable. Putting both hands under the head, says the National Stockman, pull until many of the roots are loosened and the plant is pushed over to one side. This treatment effectively stops the bursting, and not only that, but the cabbage continues to grow lustily; but I have the gratification of seeing heads thus treated grow to double the former size and weight, and all due to this starting the roots, which checked the growth enough to prevent bursting, but not enough to hinder further development. There is no excuse for allowing cabbage to burst when so effective means are at hand to prevent it.

Making the Dairy Hold Its Own.

Two things must be done, and then we can hold our own a good deal better. Less cows and a great deal better ones, says an exchange; more feed, and feed that costs us a great deal less to produce and more desirable for the use to which it is to be put, and making our produce a great deal finer, with cargoes less of stuff that is not actually worth the freight; and last, wiping out the dairy frauds that are undermining legitimate dairy produce, making bungs butter and filled cheese stand on its own tub, and the tub painted so red that there can be no mistake in its being sold for what it is; and these things looked after, the dairy, even if lower prices do come to abide with us, will never be on a sure and paying foundation.

A Swinging Seat.

The Scientific American illustrates the seat here described. It is intended to remove the discomfort to the rider that comes from the motion of the machine and the inequalities of the ground. It may be adjusted to suit riders of different weights. The cut shows how the device is arranged. A hoop or bow spring is mounted on either the front or the rear axle, and through it passes a beam supporting the seat on a spring shank at its rear end. The forward end of the beam passes through a sleeve of the tongue or the reach. By means of a set screw or pin the sleeve is adjusted to suit the weight of the rider. The arrangement of the parts gives plenty of elasticity.



A SWINGING SEAT.

on even rough ground, the seat remaining level and comparatively unaffected by the motion of the machine.

Small Farms.

An interesting experiment in turning large farms into small holdings, which may help to solve the agricultural problem in England, was recently completed in Dorsetshire, according to the English Magazine. Sir Robert Edgecombe seven years ago bought a farm of three hundred and forty-three acres, spent money in building roads and wells, divided it up into twenty-five holdings of from two to thirty-three acres, and offered them for sale, payment to be made in ten equal annual instalments. Purchasers were readily found of all trades and classes, eight only being agricultural laborers; and all the installations, with light exceptions, have already been paid off. Instead of a farmer and three laborers, there are now twenty-five families of seventy-five persons on the land, which has increased in value from £170 to £313 a year.

Get Rid of Wild Oats.

Wild oats are a great nuisance in many sections. To get rid of them on stubble fields, plow the land as soon as the small grains have been removed. The seed already shed will germinate, and the young plants can be killed by

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HIGHEST AUTHORITY ARGUES AGAINST DUTIES.

Ohio Republican Orators Unconsciously Play Into the Hands of Democrats—Judge Babb's Concise Refutation of High-Taxers' Claims.

Lesson of England.

The Dry Goods Economist, the leading organ of the dry goods trade, has an article in its issue of Sept. 7 entitled "Profitable Wool Growing—Why the American Farmer Should Need No Protection on the Product of His Flock." It produces from the United States Government report "Wool and the Manufacture of Wool, 1894," the following diagram showing the comparative production of wool in the different countries of the earth:

Australia.

Russia.

Argentine Republic.

United States.

United Kingdom.

All other countries.

The Economist reasons as follows:

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