

## FROM FAIR FRANCE.

Rare and Beautiful Exhibits at the Columbian Exposition.

Pictures That Delight the Parisian's Heart and Bric-a-Brac That Is Very Costly—Various Notes of Interest.

[Special Chicago Correspondence.]

In all the vast array of splendid exhibits in the mammoth building devoted to the manufactures and liberal arts at the world's fair there are none more curious and beautiful than those contained in the department of France. Each of the different nations represented has contributed lavishly of its choicest productions in the various lines, and there is a strong spirit of rivalry among them for the honor of having the finest display; but it is exceedingly difficult for the unprejudiced observer to determine to whom the honor belongs. France, however, is justly entitled to rank with the best in the display of paintings and odd articles of bric-a-brac. One may stroll for hours among the wonders of other exhibits, and at each succeeding one de-



A TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR VASE.clare it to be better than those before it, but when he has been thorough in the French section he is free to pronounce it unsurpassed in the whole exposition.

It would require much space to enumerate the attractions of this exhibit. Principal among them are some very fine pieces of art pottery, colored statuettes and table wares. In some instances the prices are given, the

money nor brains. We got one to home on our mantle twic as big as that and a heap purtier and it only cost half a dollar." Later on the old lady came across a vase in the Japanese section which bore the price, \$20,000, upon it. She didn't have any at home that was bigger or better than it was, but she said, as she looked askance at the high-priced piece of pottery, that she'd be hanged before she'd pay that much for a "no-count pot."

It is not only in the Manufactures building that the French vie with the other nations in their exhibits. The Art palace contains many surpassingly beautiful works, which will not suffer by comparison with those of any country under the sun. In fact, in the opinion of some of our best painters, France leads them all in the art display. True, some of her pictures were determined by the art committee to be a trifle too bold, but they were becomingly draped with opaque hangings and the multitude can view the splendid exhibit without any offense to its sense of propriety.

The French building proper, situated on the lake front north of the Ceylon building, contains many features of interest. The building itself is quite imposing. As viewed from the north it presents somewhat the appearance of a coliseum, but upon coming round to the front on the east its aspect changes and one is at a loss for a description of its style of architecture. On the right is a doorway leading through the building into a semicircular gallery, elevated but slightly from the ground, in which are hung some very large paintings of views in the French capital. Here the Parisian may feast his eyes upon the familiar scenes of his beloved "Paree," and point out to his friends the leading places of interest in the great city.

Having passed along the entire length of the gallery, leading up to which are stairways from the central court, which is a sort of gareden spot, one enters a detached portion of the building in which are a number of interesting exhibits of a mechanical and scientific nature. Among other things is a peculiar system of photography by the aid of which criminals are detected, in the demonstration given wax figures being used to represent the culprit.

The foregoing comprise but a portion of the French exhibits, the departments of agriculture, horticulture, electricity and mining each having an elaborate display. It has developed that France

## AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

### CONVENIENT BARN.

Excellent Adapted for the Keeping of Sheep and Dairy Cows.

In the accompanying illustrations are given the elevation and the interior arrangement of a farm barn that probably gives the most room for the money of any that could be devised. Its square construction and flat roofs permit all the hay and fodder to be placed above the first floor, thus leaving this entire floor free for the quartering of stock, while the cellar below can be utilized for the storing of roots, which should form no inconsiderable part of the feed consumed by the stock, and for the storage of the manure, the root cellar being, of course,

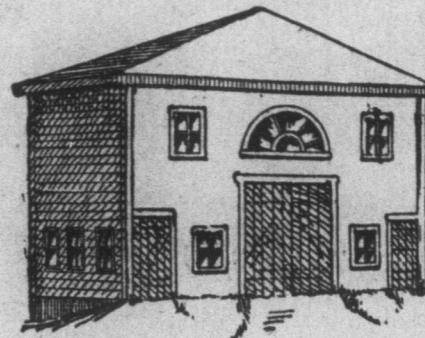


FIG. 1.—PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF BARN. separated from the manure pit by a tight wall. A perspective view of the barn is shown in Fig. 1.

Such a barn is excellently adapted for the keeping of sheep, three sides of it being devoted to the pens for these, while the feeding of all the sheep can be done from the main floor; or, it can be very well made to serve the purpose of a dairy barn, with a silo in one corner, extending from a cemented floor in the cellar to the hay and fodder floor. When arranged for sheep, the pen can be advantageously arranged, as shown in Fig. 2, each pen having communication with the neighboring pen, and also with the feeding floor.

An inside feeding rack may be used, into which hay and other fodder can be pitched directly from the feeding floor, and this, in some respects, is the best plan to pursue, for it permits a tight

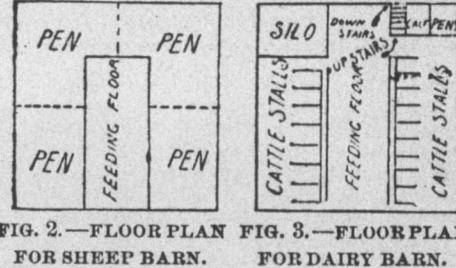


FIG. 2.—FLOOR PLAN FOR SHEEP BARN.

FIG. 3.—FLOOR PLAN FOR DAIRY BARN.

How One Poultryman Utilized an Old Quart Bottle.

An inexpensive drinking fountain may be made by fastening an ordinary quart bottle to a board, as shown in the illustration, A being the board and B the clamps which hold the bottle in place. A hook or loop at the top of the board will serve to hang the bottle to the wall of the poultry house. A piece of wire should be attached to the mouth of the bottle to prevent the bottle from resting on the bottom of the drinking pan underneath. Fill the bottle with water, turn it upside down in the pan, and the pressure of the atmosphere will prevent the water from

### VENTILATING HIVES.

There Is Really Little Danger of Chilling the Brood in Summer.

I have always had more or less trouble every season with combs melting down and causing the bees to leave the hive. Swarms that are bived on empty combs and extracting supers often break down, especially if they are set in the sun. In the majority of my frames the combs are not wired in, but built from "starters." I am not sure but that it is more economical in the end to have combs built from full sheets of foundation that have been firmly braced by line wire. I have never had any trouble with such combs, but the cost is considerably more than when built from "starters."

Some of my hives are exposed to the sun, and when large swarms are placed on unwired combs they are very apt to break down unless well ventilated or shaded. Extracting supers are still worse, for when the combs are nearly filled with honey and break it makes a very nasty, danby mess. By giving thorough ventilation we can overcome this trouble to a great extent. I often raise the hive about one-half inch from the bottom board, and also raise the cover. This gives a direct draft clear through the hive. Generally, it will be sufficient to raise the cover daily. Sometimes, during heavy wind storms, they will blow off unless a weight is put on them. I have had colonies get quite a drenching by the cover getting blown off; but never could see that it did them any injury, as they can quickly dry themselves.

On a warm day we can always see quite a number of bees at the entrance, rapidly moving their wings; evidently they are trying to create a current of air through the hive, perhaps, for two purposes—to ripen newly gathered honey, and to keep the hive at the proper temperature.

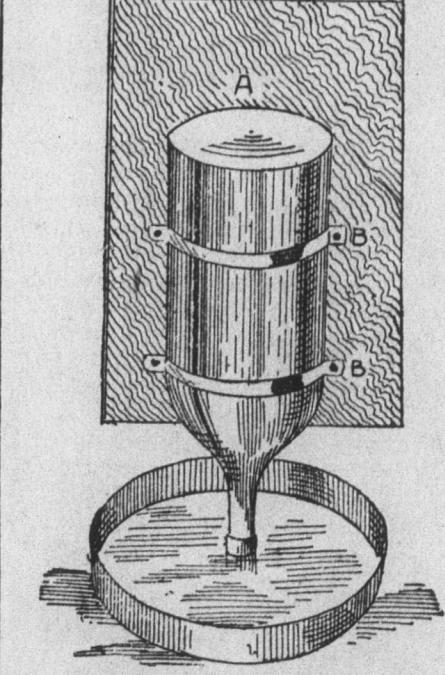
I have seen statements where the writer thought they were young bees testing their wings. It may be, but I think the main object is to ripen honey and ventilate the hive. They are much more noticeable in strong colonies than in weak ones, and the strong ones generate much more heat. I have my bees in the shade when convenient, and also ventilate them.

There is no danger in chilling the brood, or making the wax too cool for them to work unless the weather is very cool. This applies to the honey season only, or when the weather is pretty warm, and not for spring or fall treatment.—E. S. Mead, in Ohio Farmer.

### DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

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BOTTLE DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

WHEN a sheep dies it leaves enough to pay its debts.

SEE that the horse collars are kept soft and free from dirt or sore shoulders will be sure to result.

KEEP lambs growing well during the first year by giving them the choicest pasture with some grain.

GIVE the work horses plenty of grain food with enough protein or muscle forming food to keep them in condition.

GIVE calves milk which has been brought to blood heat. Cold milk, sour milk and too large quantities of it at a time are some of the fruitful causes of scours.

IF possible give the bull the range of a good sized pasture. If this is impractical, at least build a large paddock for him to exercise in and supply him with succulent food.—Orange Judd Farmer.

### SUCCESS IN THE DAIRY.

Many native cows are really excellent dairy cows. If they were bred to a good bull, who has come from a family known to be great milkers, their calves would be valuable and well worth raising for the dairy. This is the whole secret of success in the dairy. Breed to animals whose records are known and do not take service from any scrub animal.

The progeny of a scrub cow may be improved each generation and a good herd of dairy cattle formed if care be given to the record of the male, but a scrub bull can never do any good, either in making a herd or improving one. Bear this fact continually in mind, a scrub bull is fit only for the butcher.—N. E. Homestead.

### USE OF THE HARROW.

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