

Agricultural Department

Is Your Home Ready For Winter?

You Have Fixed up the Barns so the Stock Can be Comfortable, How About the Wife and Children?

Progressive Farmer.

With the coming of winter there is a whole lot of "fixing up" that needs to be done on most farms, not only about the barns and in the poultry yard and around the potato shed, but also, and more especially, in and about the house.

IS YOUR WINTER STOVE WOOD READY?

A whole lot of winter comfort depends upon the fuel supply. Most of our Southern farmers burn wood; and everybody knows that dry wood burns better than wet wood. The wood should have been cut long enough ago to be getting dried out by this time. If it was not it may at least yet be put under a shed. To have to go out in the rain or snow to get wood isn't a pleasant job; and when the wife has to go out in such weather for stovewood, and then find none cut or else find it all wet and "sobby"—well, we can only say no farmer should allow such "carryin'-ons" at his home.

HOW ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY?

A more serious problem is often the water supply. Too many farm houses depend upon a spring or well away from the house for their water; and the women and children have to go out after it in all sorts of weather. This is a shameful state of affairs. Many houses could have water pumped into them by a hydraulic ram or windmill without excessive outlay to begin with; with positive profit when two or three years of water carrying or pumping are considered. The time will come when a supply of water in the house will be regarded as essential to comfort in the country, just as it is now in the city.

KITCHEN CONVENIENCES WORTH CONSIDERING.

Then it is worth while to think a little about the conveniences of the kitchen and the facilities the wife and daughters have there for doing their work. No good farmer would expect to get along without the use of improved tools and machinery, or to keep his stock in uncomfortable sheds or barns during the winter. But many men seem to think that an old ramshackle stove, seven sizes smaller than their appetite, an old up-and-down dasher churn, and a back-breaking washboard, are all the conveniences their wives need. She may have to stay, too, in a little, inefficiently lighted and poorly ventilated kitchen, that is dark on cloudy days, intolerably hot in summer, and the coldest place in the house in winter.

It may be away up off the ground with no underpinning so that wind can blow under it and cool off the feet of the unucky cook without any restraint. No one would expect a cow or horse to do well under such conditions; but women, you know, can stand a great deal.

THE NECESSARY MINISTRY OF BEAUTY.

Mere physical comfort is not all, either. There are many houses that have a general aspect of forlorn dilapidation, and look like places in which misery was meant to dwell. A little patching up, a little paint, a few shrubs or vines or shade trees will often make a world of difference in the appearance of a place, and in the feeling of home-

likeness that goes with it.

The inside of the home is too often equally neglected. The boys and girls on some farms are not so well cared for as are the pigs and calves. They may be fed well, just as the pigs and calves are; but children require something more. Can you call that place a home for the child which makes no provision for his mental and spiritual development?

THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

Every child has certain individual rights which even his parents may not violate—which they, in fact, are under sacred obligation to secure to him. Among these is the right to share in the beauty and joy of life. The man who will not make any effort to make his home beautiful, who cares nothing for grass and flowers outside or for pictures within, who regards music as a waste of time and books as unnecessary luxuries, is wronging his children as surely as if he failed to feed or clothe them sufficiently.

Make the home attractive. When you sell the crop do not regard it as extravagant to brighten up the old house a little, to get some new books for Johnny or a piano for Mary. Your life and the lives of all about you will be happier for the association with the wit and wisdom of the best books, for the sweetness of music in your home and for the beauty of sward and shade and bloom about it.

Easy to Run a Newspaper.

People think it is easy to run a newspaper. One week's experience would change the opinion of most people on this subject. Did you ever count the words in a column of ordinary newspaper print? Well, there is about a thousand words in a column. Suppose you sit down and write a thousand words upon some subject and then another thousand and another until you have written eight or ten thousand. Try it, and see if it is right easy. Keep that gait up for a month, a year and see if it is easy. Then chase a single local item all over town, and after you have gotten the facts all right, condense them into a few lines, an hour's work that can be read in a few seconds. Do this for a dozen items that seem insignificant after they are printed, but which you know are important: then have the items criticised and inaccuracies pointed out to you when it is too late to correct them. Oh, yes, it is easy to run a newspaper.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

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Another Tennessee Tragedy --Three Negroes Lynched for Murdering Deputy Sheriff

Union City, Tenn., 25.—The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reel Foot lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incidents the past month witnessed the lynching late this afternoon of three negroes who were arrested this morning for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Jurruss, and fatally wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff. The negroes are: Marshall Stineback, Jim Stineback, Edward Stineback.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville Saturday night, and when the two officers attempted to arrest them, a fight ensued, in which the negroes came out victorious and made their escape.

It was barely daylight Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and surrounding country were in pursuit of the negroes, but they successfully eluded the men until 8 o'clock this morning, when they were surrounded and captured in a little swamp near the village of Ridgely. The vicinity is known as the old river bed canebrake and it is a difficult matter to trace man or beast through its tangles. Once captured, however, the negroes covered by a hundred guns, were quickly landed in jail at Tiptonville. The negroes when arrested had two guns in their possession, but had run out of ammunition. The news of their capture spread rapidly to the surrounding territory and in addition the several hundred members of the posse began arriving by every road and soon the jail was surrounded by a mob which had no hesitancy in threatening a lynching quickly and surely. In fact it was feared at noon that the best townspeople could not prevent the lynching from taking place in broad daylight.

One of the first citizens to mount the steps of the jail and make an appeal to the mob was J. T. Burnett, a well known lawyer. He recalled the recent night-rider outrages which had disgraced the vicinity.

As a last resort, S. J. Caldwell, a townsman, and Sheriff Haynes went before Justice Lee Davis and explained the situation, and telling of the menacing attitude of the crowd which thronged the streets leading to the jail. Justice Davis at once agreed to open his court and at 5 o'clock summoned a jury of twelve men, and allowed the negroes after all evidence that could be adduced was heard, to be sentenced to death.

The sentence had been barely passed on the negroes, when the mob with whoop and a yell swarmed into the court room and seizing the negroes rushed them to a large tree near the edge of town and hanged them, firing volley after volley into the air as the bodies were drawn up from the earth.

Terrible Ending of a Father's Debauch

New York, Nov. 25.—Carl Loose shot his 16-year old daughter to death and mortally injured his son, a young minister, today. Loose had planned to murder his wife and two other children but was disarmed before he could do so. The father had been drinking. He came in from an all night debauch while the family was at breakfast and began shooting.

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