

**MATERIAL FOR SILOS**

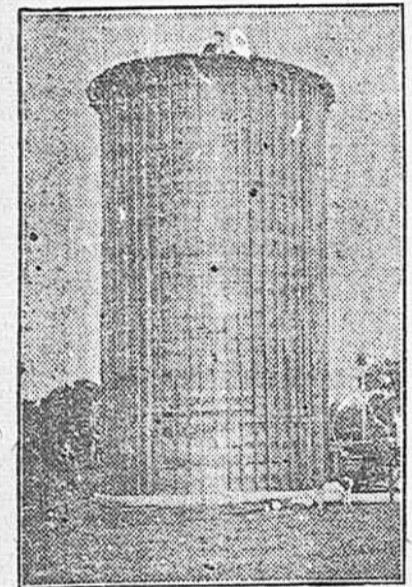
**Untreated Wood Found Subject to More or Less Decay.**

**Deterioration Usually Occurs Near Foundation Where Certain Conditions of Moisture Favorable to Decay Exist.**

Experience with silos built of untreated wood has shown that they are subject to more or less decay. Even such durable material as heart cypress or redwood is not immune. Deterioration usually occurs near the foundation of the silos where certain conditions of moisture favorable for the development of the fungus of decay exist. Decay may also attack sappy wood in any portion of the structure.

In 1913 about 100,000,000 board feet of high-grade lumber were used in silo construction and the consumption of lumber for this purpose has been steadily increasing ever since. The importance of some kind of preservative treatment to prevent decay in wooden silos, therefore, has become generally recognized. Several manufacturers of wood-stave silos are now making use of preservatives so that it is possible to purchase the silo material already treated.

Of the various preservatives in general use, a good grade of coal-tar creosote is very satisfactory for preserving timber. Almost any thorough method of treatment with this preservative ought to add to the life of the silo. Superficial methods, however, such as applying with a brush, dipping in the preservative, or spray-



Silo of Treated Wood.

ing are not sufficient. By far the best method is to have the staves treated with the preservative in a closed retort under pressure, and when so treated they should last indefinitely and should be more satisfactory to the purchaser.

Those who are considering the purchase of treated silos should investigate carefully the methods used, and if greatest permanence is desired, should choose only material that has received a thorough pressure treatment. Silos built of such material have the additional advantage of reduction in the swelling and shrinking of the staves; and, hence, they can be kept tight more easily. Another advantage of silos built of well-treated wood is that they need not be painted.

**FEEDING TRIAL AT MICHIGAN**

**Field-Bean Straw Found to Be Superior to Oat Straw for Fattening Lambs—Adds to Profits.**

In a feeding trial at the Michigan experiment station, H. W. Mumford, now of the Illinois station, found field-bean straw superior to oat straw for fattening lambs. One may judge from this that such straw, therefore, has considerable feeding value for sheep at least, and it is likely to have equal feeding value for cattle and horses and to be no special source of danger to either. In our own experience, we have often thrown small quantities of bean straw out in the cattle yard, so the cattle could eat it if desired. What little there was of it they appeared to eat with relish; no doubt because it came as a change from their usual forage. It is not likely, however, that any kind of farm stock will eat it in large quantities because of its coarse nature. Also there will no doubt be a large percentage of waste left by the animals because of the woody character of the main stems of the bushes. It is in keeping with good economical practice, however, to allow the stock to eat such of this straw as it may desire. It is by utilizing the unmerchantable products of the farm in this way, and converting them into meat or other merchantable products that the farmer adds to his profits.

**INSECTS KILLED IN WINTER**

**Injurious Bugs May Be Destroyed by Cleaning Up and Burning Trash in Orchard and Garden.**

Take advantage of the bugs in their winter quarters, the remnants of old plants, the trash and litter about the garden and orchard.

Burn out the fence rows, destroy the trash and litter wherever it has accumulated by burning it or plowing it under.

Cut out the dead trees and limbs in the orchard and make them into fire-wood.

**AN UNSENT LETTER**

By SUSAN E. CLAGETT.

Jim Chapman started at the front door slammed, then he muttered in exasperation:

"To think I should have come to this from a little touch of fever! Nerves! I thought I had no nerves."

As a matter of fact, it had been a severe attack of typhoid, with so lingering a convalescence that his physician ordered him to return to the empty old house in New England that had been his boyhood home, if he wished to regain his strength.

To the last he had protested, but without avail, and now he had been in the New England village for a week, literally confined to the house, as he had broken his ankle upon his own doorstep.

Seated in his sitting room he looked helplessly around as doors and window blinds banged.

"Where in the devil is William? That fellow is never where he's wanted. I'll—"

"Will I answer?" a pleasant voice asked, and without waiting for a reply a blue-gowned figure crossed the room, hastily secured the blinds and closed the windows.

"I saw William ahead of me as I was blown through your front door. He had something in his arms that was giving him trouble. Here he is. Good gracious!"

Jim turned his head as his man came into the room carrying a kicking, squirming bundle, which he put hastily down.

"Sure, Mr. Jim, I hopes you'll never send me again for such a little tiger cat."

"I ain't no tiger cat," came with a suppressed sob from the small being on the hearth rug.

Jim looked at the child with curious resentment, but Miss Hill, who had been listening in undisguised amazement, came forward. "Of course not, dear, Jim and William were just trying to be funny." As she talked she had removed the child's wraps and now lifted her to her lap.

"Oh! I want my daddy. I want my daddy! He didn't call me 'tiger cat,'" and the child burrowed her head in the lace at Miss Hill's throat.

The two grown-ups looked at each other in silence as she sobbed herself into a heavy sleep. Then only did Kate Hill speak.

"What is it all about, Jim?" He silently handed her a letter and she read:

"Dear Jim: When this reaches you I will have passed into the unknown country. Because of the closeness of our friendship I am sending you the delight of my heart. Her mother is dead, and she has not a relative in the world. I leave a little property that is well invested, sufficient for her needs. Am too tired now to write more. Yours, TOM."

"Poor little waif!" she said softly, "I would take her home with me, but I am going away this afternoon. I can help you, however. My housekeeper's sister has lost her child. She needs a home and will suit you. I will send her over."

"Thank you. Did you say you are going away? The thought that I should find you when this confounded ankle lets me get about has been the one comfort I have had throughout this lonely week. We used to have some pleasant days together, and I hoped we might return to them. I will be your neighbor for many months, and the sooner we forget the years that lie between now and then the better."

"We will talk about it when I come back," she replied evasively.

She stood beside him for an instant laughing down into his gloomy face. "Perhaps, Jim, I may not stay as long as I had intended," she said, and with these words she left the room.

To his surprise she returned within ten days; returned in a storm that broke in torrents of rain as she neared Jim Chapman's gate. As on that first day, she ran up the walk and into the house. Looking into the sitting room, she saw Jim move slowly toward the window. On the floor the child was gathering up stray leaves of what looked like a manuscript, and in her lap was a bundle of letters. Kate turned to Jim with a smile:

"It is to be hoped Mrs. Grundy has been driven to the back of her house by the storm, else my reputation may suffer. To be blown twice within a fortnight through your doorway, Jim, is certainly food for gossip."

"I want the pretty lady to read to me," a small voice interrupted. "Read this," she said persuasively, holding out a letter.

Kate picked the child up and took the letter from her. "Why, this is addressed to me," she exclaimed.

Jim gave a start and glanced toward the drawer of his library table. He turned to Kate in explanation.

"That letter was written years ago, and I have often wondered why I received no reply. Why it was not mailed I do not know, but chance has thrown it into your hands. Read it, and give me the answer to the question I then asked." He turned to the window, looking with unseeing eyes out into the storm.

She was silent so long that he at last turned to her.

Holding the child close, she looked at him with shining eyes. "I have been wishing I had received the letter when it was written, for we have lost five years of happiness."

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**Women!**

Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Public, Ky.: "I suffered with painful...," she writes. "I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs...I felt helpless and discouraged...I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

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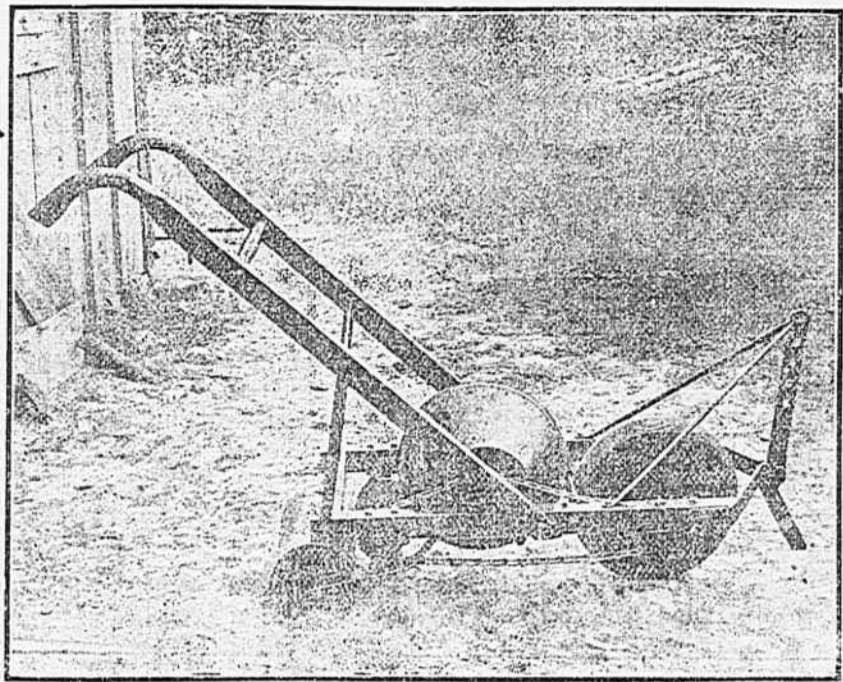
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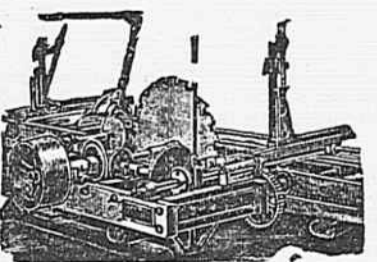
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