DESIRABLE FARM BRIDGES.

Simple Construction That Are Safe, Convenient and Pleasing to Appearance.

Farmers in the form land have a variety of water running through it, for a brook or even a small rill not only bring many material advantages, but add greatly to the attractiveness of a place. A large percentage of the farms of the country

THE SAFE BRIDGE.

are crossed by running water, often necessitating bridges for the passage of farm teams or a foot bridge for the family.

It is unfortunate that so many useful property so constructed such bridges as are required, for in the often completely built affairs that serve to span these streams they are both the element of safety and the element of good taste. Well constructed farm bridges are capable of adding not a little to the attractiveness of a place. Throwing a couple of logs across a stream and covering them with a heterogeneous collection of planks, as it may be of round and hewn saplings, does not conserve safety, convenience or beauty. The beautiful time lost experienced from Country Gentlemen show how farm bridges may be constructed simply, but strongly, and in a way to give an air of neatness to the work.

The first illustration shows an under construction in which the center of the bridge is supported by two lateral beams, whose power of support, arranged in this way, is very great.

The next figure shows beams arranged above the span, whose power is also great, the support being of the same nature as that shown in the preceding figure, but differently applied.

Where still greater strength is desired for the passage of heavy loads, a combination of these two forms will be effective, as shown in Fig. 3, where the upper beams support the middle of the span, and the lower beams support that portion between the middle and either end. The ends of the stringers in such bridges should rest upon well laid rocks to give permanence and stability to the structure. Foot bridges are often needed,

VERY STRONG STRUCTURE—FOOT BRIDGE.

and here it is possible to achieve some really artistic effects, for rustic work, so often inappropriately used, is here entirely appropriate to its surroundings.

Fig. 4 shows a design for a foot bridge which may be used as a suggestion for a design of one's own. Plant green willow form the sides above the flooring and unpeeled trunks of small growth the portion below. Where slabs can be obtained with the bark still remaining upon them they can be squared upon the edges and used instead of boards for the flooring, thus adding to the rustic effect of the whole.

It is to be remembered that in all the figures given no attempt is made to show the entire bridge, but simply the structural details. Such bridges will repay their cost in the added security they give to men and animals and in the air of homeliness thrift which they give a place.

A Cauliflower Experiment.

A. A. Crozier of Michigan makes this report of a cauliflower experiment to Rural New Yorker:

In the spring of 1893 I made trial of the following varieties of American grown cauliflower seed: Erfurt Dwarf Erfurt, Narrow Leaved Erfurt, Large White Erfurt, World Buster, Henderson's Snowball and Long Island Beauty. The seed was sown in the open ground May 20, and about 200 plants of each of each variety were transplanted June 22. An examination made Sept. 25 showed the number of heads matured at that time to be: Long Island Beauty, 28; Henderson's Snowball, 17; World Buster, 13; Narrow Leaved Erfurt, 4; Large White Erfurt, 2; Erfurt Earliest Dwarf, none.

The latest maturing variety had generally the best heads, those of Narrow Leaved Erfurt and Erfurt Earliest Dwarf being particularly fine. The failures of these two varieties were unexpected. The heads of Long Island Beauty were very poor and hairy, and the plants lacked vigor. Henderson's Snowball was inferior to that variety as obtained direct from Mr. Henderson. World Buster gave a few magnificent heads, but most of the heads, though solid and heavy, were very hairy. Whether the fault is in the climate or in the selection America grows seed does not seem to be just what we want. The plants are generally vigorous and do not fail to head, but the heads are not so uniformly perfect as those from the best strains of imported seed.

THE LIGHT BRAHMA.

Where are Brahmas Found—Comparison With the Leghorn For Summer Revenue.

With all due respect to the spotted Leghorn that has proved so remunerative as a business hen for excellence, a correspondent of Rural New Yorker brings forward his favorite, the Light Brahma, with a claim of them being the better hen. He says: Where eggs alone are sought and the chicks cut cost, I think that the Leghorn can hardly be surpassed, though I think the Minorca might prove a dangerous rival. But eggs are not the only factors that come to the profit account of poultry keeping, and I wish to show how Light Brahmas earn money for their owners, both in flesh and eggs, especially when one chicks raised from a cross with Brahmas are considered more than large enough.

The Light Brahma is a hardy bird. When it comes to a cold snap I have found it not affected as the Leghorn will be, and I have seen it on the roost when the Leghorns were huddled upon their backs. The Light Brahma is a good forager, and will get more than the Leghorn will on farms. I have seen them in the fall of the year, when the Leghorns were starving, get fat and become the most attractive fowls on the place. Light Brahmas are quiet, gentle, easily confined, and are likely to be not by fly, from 3 months, perhaps sooner, if good specimens, but such a Brahma for Chicago purposes—[illegible] along, if you find specimens to be the best stock, and begin the work of eventually eliminating the white plumage. Light Brahmas are rather a rarity, and there are many who would be glad to have a few. The price should be high, for the reason that they are rarer than Leghorns, and the demand is greater than the supply. The price should be high, for the reason, when egg or chicken is in demand, and they cannot be readily obtained, the fact that you have them will be a card in your favor. Dark Brahmas are not hardy enough for this purpose, and I have found the Light Brahma to be the best bird for the purpose, and I have found the Light Brahma to be the best bird for the purpose, and I have found the Light Brahma to be the best bird for the purpose.

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