

**Editor's
Notebook**



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First-of-its-kind floating dairy operation will have transparent walls so passersby can observe the operation. It's a promotional project for Beladon, a Dutch contracting firm.

Floating Dairy Farm In Holland

Dutch company Beladon announced in early 2018 plans to build the world's first floating dairy farm and locate it on a sheltered harbor near Rotterdam.

The 11,000 sq. ft. facility, financed by private investment, will house a small dairy herd and produce about 250 gal. of milk a day. Cows will live on the top floor of the 2-story structure and cross a bridge to land where they'll be able to graze on a small pasture or rest under trees and vines. Two employees will produce pasteurized milk in the lower level of the building. Eventually the developers hope to produce yogurt and cheese as well.

Peter van Wingerden of Beladon says the company took on the project to bring more awareness to urban consumers about food production. Walls of the structure will be transparent so its operation can be viewed by passersby. The cows will be milked by a robot and their urine and manure will be captured for recycling.

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Small Waterers Beat Big Ones

Bigger is usually better - and you would think that would be the case with livestock waterers - but a study at the University of Kentucky says the quality of the water is more important than increasing the size of tanks so more livestock can drink at once. "When I see people putting in a big 4-hole waterer for 10 horses, I advise against it. You are better off with a one-hole waterer so there is more fresh water coming through the system all the time. It will be fresher and cleaner," says Dr. Bob Coleman. He says animals will drink more in summer because the water in a smaller waterer will be cooler. In the same way, they'll drink more in winter because the water will be warmer. "If big stock tanks don't have enough fresh water moving through them the water can get nasty."
Heather Smith Thomas

Body Liquidification Catches On

By 2020, Californians will be able to choose body liquidification instead of conventional cremation or burial. The process entails putting a body into a steel vat containing an alkaline solution with lye. The combination of chemicals, pressure, and heat - up to 350 degrees - speeds the rate of decomposition until all that's left are bones, which are crushed to ash and returned to the family. The process leaves behind a finer, softer ash than flame-based cremation and uses much less energy. It also breaks down toxic chemicals and disease pathogens that may be present.



1. Loop twine around hand. 2 & 3. Wrap around thumb several times. 4. Grab loose end of twine and jerk downward against taut twine at base of thumb. 5. Success! Broken twine.

How To Break Twine By Hand

Louis Gautron doesn't need box cutters or knives to cut baler twine or string. He just breaks it by hand.

"There is an age-old farmer's trick of breaking baler twine with one's hands," says Gautron. "One can practice with string until you get the hang of it, as heavy twine can cut your hands if you don't do it right."

Gautron submitted pictures with his directions to FARM SHOW, and we attempted to follow them.

The first step is to lay the twine across the palm of the hand with at least 3 ft. above and below the thumb. Then you wrap the lower length around the hand, bringing it back and around the thumb 3 or 4 times before laying the twine back down across the hand.

This leaves the upper portion of the string underneath the wrapped lower portion, creating a junction of the two. Gautron says you then grab the upper portion and bring it sharply downward against the taut twine.

The twine will break at the junction, he says.

Unfortunately, for us, it didn't break the first time.

Following Gautron's advice, I practiced on a length of common white string. It snapped apart easily. I then returned to the baler twine, but wearing leather gloves this time. Success! The twine snapped apart once I got the hang of it. The old farmer's trick does work and I'm sure the more I do it, the easier it will become. *Jim Ruen, Contributing Editor*

Liberty Quotes

"Political correctness is really a subjective list put together by the few to rule the many . . . a list of things one must think, say, or do. It affronts the right of the individual to establish his or her own beliefs." *Mark Berley*

"By pursuing his own interest, every individual frequently promotes that of society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it. I have never known much good done by those who affected to trade for the public good." *Adam Smith*

"I never hurt nobody but myself and that's nobody's business but my own." *Billie Holiday*

"Utopians consider individual freedom as the stumbling block on which the grandiose idea of mankind's totalization may flounder." *Thomas Molnar*

"Freedom has never been free. Sometimes it costs everything you've got." *Eric Schaub*

"True individualists tend to be quite unobservant. It is the snob, the sophisticate, the frightened conformist, who keeps a fascinated or worried eye on what is in the wind." *Louis Kronenberger*

"But this is slavery, not to speak one's thoughts." *Euripides*

"When men yield up the privilege of thinking, the last shadow of liberty quits the horizon." *Thomas Paine*

"There is nothing so absurd that if you repeat it often enough, people will believe it." *William James*

"Men in authority will always think that criticism of their policies is dangerous. They will always equate their policies with patriotism, and find criticism subversive." *Henry Steel Commager*

"The difference between a politician and a pickpocket is that the pickpocket doesn't get indignant when you tell him to keep his hands to himself." *Joseph Sobran*

I Was Drugged By My Parents!

The other day, a friend at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse not far away and he asked me, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?" I replied that I DID have a drug problem when I was young:

- I was drug to church every Sunday morning.
- I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.
- I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.
- I was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.
- I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity.
- I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields.
- I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, the world would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us. *Anonymous*

Easy Way To Send Your Ideas

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Points To Ponder

- "Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?" *George Carlin*
- "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." *John Wooden*
- "It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it." *Benjamin Franklin*
- "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." *Zig Ziglar*
- "My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said, okay, you're ugly too." *Rodney Dangerfield*
- "Everything that exists in your life does so because of two things: something you did or something you didn't do." *Albert Einstein*
- "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." *Mark Twain*
- "People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." *Isaac Asimov*

Ole forgot Lena's birthday but, fortunately, as he tried to explain he somehow stumbled into a compliment:

"Lena, how can yew expect me ta remember yur birthday when yew never look a day older ta me!"

Ole (on the telephone): Hurry, ve need an ambulance here! My wife is goin' to haf her baby!

Nurse: Calm down, sir. Is this her first baby?

Ole (very irritated): No . . . dis is her husband!

Ole and Lena were at a restaurant with two other couples on a triple date. The first man smiles at his date and says, "Pass the honey . . . Honey."

The second man smiles at his date and says, "Pass the sugar . . . Sugar."

Ole, feeling like he had to get in on the act, looks at Lena and says, "Pass da tea . . . bag."