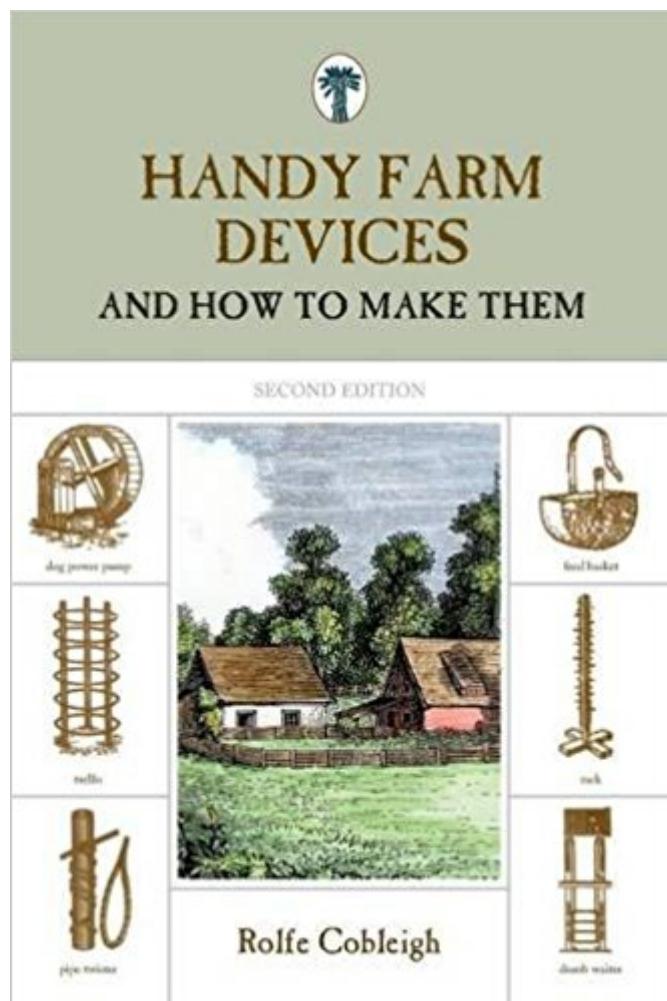


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Handy Farm Devices: And How To Make Them



Synopsis

Those who want to reduce their carbon footprint might do well to consult this century-old guide to low-tech property maintenance. Step-by-step instructions include how to build a lightweight ladder, a small truss bridge, a stump puller, gates that don't sag and can lift over snowdrifts, a wood splitter, and bicycle-powered machines. For anyone who lives a self-sufficient country life or for those who wish to this classic guide from the annals of American history remains current and very practical.

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Originally published in 1909, "Handy Farm Devices" is more than an engaging trip down memory lane. For any small farmer or homesteader, the techniques and devices described in detail are just as useful, durable, and fully functional today as they were 75 years ago. You will learn to build a portable chicken coop, a stone boat (for moving stone), a lightweight orchard ladder, gates that don't sag, and a handy wood splitter, as well as rudimentary farm structures, well houses, bee hives, a baby's cradle, a cheese press and much more. The charming, turn-of-the-century language and useful and inspirational quotes from Shakespeare, the Bible, Bacon, Longfellow and many others make this book a delight to read. --Mark A. Hetts --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

A reprint of a 1910 classic, this well-illustrated 288-page paperback is filled with clever ideas and useful information. Even those of us who'd rather pass on making a moveable brooder house for chickens or fashioning a baby cradle from an old barrel will find wisdom in this thrift-conscious and often environmentally wise celebration of self-sufficiency. -- Country Living Magazine, April, 1997

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This reprint book has MANY titles so lookout for the author's name. Then avoid. Nothing to see here. It's a "collection" of "ideas" from other sources. Kinda like "1001 ways to do XYZ" or "50 neat tricks you never knew about" kinda stuff. Read the preface, it says as much. I'll trade this at the local book store if they'll take it. While it sounds good the author clearly never used any of these. I'd recommend finding a scanned copy online that's in the public domain before you buy.

This printed edition mentions illustrations to refer to build many of these items. The original author must have felt this was necessary when this book was first printed years ago. This reprint has none making too many of these device impractical to build.

"Success comes to the man who so works that his efforts will bring the most and the best results-not to the man who simply works hard." Very elegantly stated by the author from page three in the introduction of this gem of a little book. Call me a survivalist, but I feel books such as these are going to become imperative in the future of America for both the suburbanite and country boy alike. Handy Farm Devices by Rolfe Cobleigh is a must own to anyone who owns or is even thinking about owning their own homestead. This book allows you to make just about anything you could possibly need around a private farm/homestead. Just to name a few things that are tucked away in the pages of this little gem are How To: use a carpenter's square, build stairs, temporary animal housing, a cellar, make your own dresser drawers, feeders for your animals, make a chicken coop from a barrel (and other chicken, pig, horse, and cattle housing designs as well), laying cement foundations, simple housing plans, how to build a concrete stone house for \$400 dollars, build your own wheelbarrel, plus various orchard and planting ideas as well as other ideas that are so numerous I can't possibly mention them all. The only thing this book will not do is give you a step by step guide on how to go about doing X, Y, and Z. It gives you pointers and a general push in the right direction, but it doesn't give you in depth direction. I only see this becoming problematic if you were to take on the task of building one of the houses described in this book. However, I don't see in depth directions being an issue for most of the devices mentioned. Even a modest amount of

ingenuity should be sufficient in most cases. In the end this book delivers all that it reasonably can in less than 300 pages. A must have for those interested in homesteading, and those who believe that true self-sufficiency will become a necessary skill in the future of this country.

My interest in this book comes from a growing concern about Peak Oil. When energy is no longer cheap or plentiful, how will we adapt? One way to approach this question is to look ahead and see how technologies such as solar and wind energy can help. Turns out, however, that the feasibility of these technologies is also dependent to a large degree upon plentiful, cheap oil. So, in addition to looking ahead, it's probably a good idea to look to the past. How did people of a few generations back manage such simple tasks as refrigeration (for example), without relying upon constant availability of electricity and fossil fuel? This book is a good resource for those who want to investigate this question. It offers many examples of very practical implements, most of which can be built with simple tools, some basic skills, and hard work. "Hard work" may be the most operant item in that list, and throughout the book are sprinkled brief aphorisms encouraging one to embrace the work ethic: "the manly part is to do with might and main what you can (Emerson)

the same reprinted text under a new title. I bought this Homemade Contrivances, and old time farm and garden devices together as was recommended by . They are all the same book. Nothing more than a poorly illustrated overview with little to no detail at all.

I bought this book and had to return it. The table of contents makes it seem rather informative. However, the "meat" of the book is less than impressive. The font is huge. In other words, they don't accomplish much with the space used. The descriptions of how to make and use the devices are excessively vague and esoteric. Many words and carpentry terms are used that left me desiring a step-by-step diagram. No diagram available. There are only a few pictures and they are pastoral and sentimental rather than informative and instructional. I have no doubt that most of the devices I wouldn't be able to make correctly given the information in the book. Hence, I sent the book back. I would advise against buying this book for anyone who isn't already a carpenter or skilled farmer. Maybe my grandpa would have been able to use this book, but I could not.

I thought there would be pictures. All text. Guess reading isn't my strong suit ;)

Handy little book. I love using bits and pieces to make things instead of buying new all the time. I

like being able to put things together and enjoy the process of it. Tried and true designs that work for a reason. They might not be as fast or pretty as new products, but they get the job done. Well written with good directions, although some places do rely on a certain set of skills/knowledge already being known.

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