3. SOME SILAGE PROBLEMS

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The use of the silo has increased so greatly in the last decade that many valuable data on silage making have resulted from the cut and try experiences of farmers. Today, a study of the broad question of the silo in American agriculture leads directly to the conclusion that the problems relating to the use of the silo are chiefly plain economic ones rather than those of technical research. In these days, when the margin of profit in agricultural products is small and the chances for loss great, the farmer considers the matter of hired labor and other items requiring a cash outlay with unusual conservatism. The filling of the silo is by no means a cheap operation. Much labor is involved, and whether the harvesting of the silage crop and the cutting of the green material is done by machinery owned

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