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Handy Devices

Easy-to-build ideas make your work easier.

≺ NARROW IS THE GATE

Editor's Choice Richard Morgan, Bloomfield, Kentucky, had a problem with calves climbing through the bars of his round bale feeders. They created a lot of waste as the calves messed in the hay and used it for bedding. To solve the problem, he cut nine lengths of 3/4-inch conduit. He attached them with bolts to the top and middle rings of the feeder to narrow the openings in the hay rings.

A RINGING SOLUTION

Lloyd Fossum, Moorhead, Minnesota, used the metal spine of a loose-leaf paper binder to create a hanger for cotter and hitch pins. He removed the spine from an old binder and screwed it to a wall. The binder's rings keep the various shapes and sizes of pins organized and secured within the self-locking loops.

≺ CRANK IT UP

Frank Stone, Ashland, Virginia, welded a 7/8-inch nut to the top of the jack handles on his hay tools. He used a socket wrench and socket to crank his equipment up and down with greater speed and ease than when he used the rotating handles that came with his equipment.

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