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The Dipping Vat

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THE DIPPING VAT

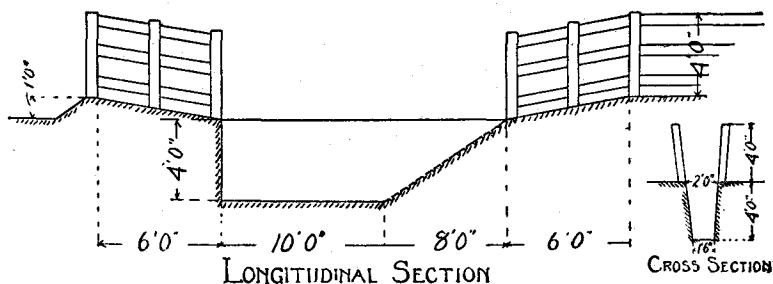
The purpose in dipping animals is to kill external parasites and the germs of curable skin diseases, thus improving the general thrift of the animals and decreasing their exposure to more serious diseases which may gain access to the system through abrasions and bites in the skin.

The most common parasites of pigs that are destroyed by dipping, are lice; and the most common diseases of the skin are mange and canker sores. The latter are due primarily to germs gaining access to the skin through abrasions caused by mechanical injuries.

In Oregon few localities are too cold to permit dipping hogs at any time of the year, provided a sunny day is chosen and a sunny sheltered place for the animals to dry is available.

Two dippings, eight days apart, are most effective for lice, and the treatment for skin diseases will depend on the severity and persistence of the attack.

More frequent dipping than is usually practiced would be profitable with pigs; because lice greatly decrease the thrift of pigs and increase the feed requirement. A good dipping vat conveniently located makes it easy to dip the pigs and increases the probability that they will be dipped frequently enough.



A CEMENT DIPPING TANK
(After Fig. 15, Wisconsin Bulletin 242)