



Portland, Me. July 12th 1871

Friend Williams

I send you 5 lbs
Plaster and want you to arrange
to save me what chime you
make. It should be put into a
flat or hollow, spread out say
three inches deep and a few
shovels full of plaster sprinkled
over, and say an inch of dry
muck. Brown said there was
some muck which Mr Hammond
would get out for me. It
should be well dried and pulve-
rized so as to absorb the water
from the lobes, and as little
used as possible, as I do not
want to increase the bulk any
more than possible. Some posts
should be put up and old

boards put in them so as to shed
rain, as it will spin the
Chum to have water running
through it. Now I want this
done as cheaply as possible, and
leave it to you to manage, trust-
ing that a good fertilizer
can by this means be obtained
cheaply.

Yours truly,
J. P. Baxter.

Problem: Composting chum

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I send you 5 bbls plaster and want you to arrange to save me what chum you make. It should be put in a pit or hollow, spread out say three inches deep and a few shovels full of plaster sprinkled over, and say an inch of dry muck, Brown said there was some muck which Mr. Hammond would get out for me. It should be well dried and pulverized so as to absorb the water from the lobsters, and as little used as possible, as I do not want to increase the bulk any more than possible. Some posts should be put up and old boards put on them so as to shed rain, as it will spoil the chum to have water running through it. Now I want this done as cheaply as possible and leave it to you to manage, trusting that a good fertilizer can by this means be obtained cheaply.

Yours truly

J. P. Baxter

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