Fashion Notes.

Ladies in mourning edge their lace handkerchiefs with black thread lace instead of white. Fur borderings will be much worn this winter, especially on the cloth suits that necessarily have little other trim-

Some of the newest cloth suits have wide band of fur around the bottom of the underskirt. A very narrow plait-ing is all that shows below it.

A new and pretty trimming for a costume is made by braiding ribbons in three or four strands. The pretty Persian ribbons braided in this manner are

very stylish. The new ruffs are of lace plaited full, with one half standing up around the throat and the other half falling down, exactly like the Queen Elizabeth ruffs. They are worn very high around the

The customary white so generally used on the wood-work of houses, is giving place to a paint of olive-green hue. This color for years past has been popular in England for similar purposes, and only recently is introduced here. Side sachels of scalskin are among

noveities in furs. They are sometimes seen when no fur garment is worn, but appear to better advantage with seal-skin cloak and muff. These sachels also come in all the fancy furs of the season. Soft plaid silks are imported laid in folds to wear as fichus on plain dresses, especially to enliven black toilettes. They extend down each side below the belt, and are trimmed inside and across the ends with plaited white Breton lace. The blue and green plaids fichus are

New gloves are beautifully finished by a kid lace top, so called because the finest quality kid is skillfully cut to re-semble Valenciennes lace. The decep-tion is so perfect that one hardly realizes that it is not lace. Sometimes the kid lace is of a uniform color with the glove, or again we see tasteful contrasts. The width is about three inches.

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If American ladies should adopt the English fashion of wearing jerseys, they may as well understand that getting into them is an art in itself, and getting out of them is a work of time and requires much effort. The latest freak in adorning them is to embroider a border in crewel around the lower edge, collar and cuffs, and to work the monogram of the wearer on the front of the garment.

Petticoats that are worn beneath short street costumes are of heavy cashmere or flannel, in bright colors such as scar-let, cardinal red, wine and deep garnet. They are trimmed with plaitings of ruffles, and many are trimmed up the back as far as the belt, forming a bustle, but making them very heavy; others have small bustles made of whalebone fastened to the skirts. Hoop skirts are again revived but are worn at present

The general supposition that "dog-The general supposition that "dog-skin" gloves are really made of the hides of dogs is untrue. It is only the name of a species of kid which is obtained in perfection from Cape Town sheep in Africa—a variety noted for its tail, which is composed largely of fat and much esteemed by epicures. The cheaper kinds of "dog-skin" gloves are made of the hides of various animals, and it is doubtful if ever the pelt of a and it is doubtful if ever the pelt of a dog was thus utilized.

Young girls in their teens, and also very small children, wear the grave colors used for their mothers, enlivened by the gayest India brocades of fine wool, or else pompadour-figured goods in mixed silk or satin and relvet. A long over-dress, bunched up on the sides and behind, with a plain skirt, is the popular design for their nicest dresses, while the short basque or the frock-coat is used with long, round

overskirts of plainer suits. Gloves of nearly all colors are worn. Black kid gloves are fashionable with bright colored suits; pure white are not worn as much as formerly; cream white and lilae tints are preferred.

Light gloves are considered quite as
economical as dark ones, as they are
cheaply and easily cleaned. Many ladies
clean their own white gloves with common non-explosive oil. For mourning
undressed kid are preferred, and for ordinary use the English lisle thread is worn; they cost from forty-five to seventy-five cents, are strong and dura-ble. Street gloves are fastened with three or four buttons, the six or eight button gloves are reserved for mere

Woman's Hule. Francis Parkman has an article on the woman question in the North American Review. It will be seen from the following extract that he is not in favor of women in politics: There are some means of judging from experience whether they are likely to exert in public life the ben-eficent powers ascribed to them. Many countries in Europe have been governed by queens, and this at a time when to wear a crown meant to hold a dominant power. According to theory, these fe-male reigns ought to have shown more virtuous and benign government than is generally shown under the rule of men. The facts do not answer to the expecta-tion. Isabella of Castile was full of amiable qualities, but she permitted herself to be made the instrument of dia-bolical religious persecution. Catharine II. of Russia was one of the ablest women who ever held a sceptre, and one of the most profligate. Maria Theresa of Austria was in many respects far above the common level; but she was a sharer in what has been called one of the greatest political crimes—the parti-tion of Poland. That outrage was the work of three accomplices—two women and a man—the Empress of Russia, the Archduchess of Austria and the King of Prussia. The reign of Henry IV. of France was one of the most beneficent in history. His first queen was a pro-fligate, and his second a virago, gravely suspected of having procured his assassination in collusion with her lover. The ast wife of Louis IV. was discreet and devout; but she favored the dragon-nades, and called her brother to share the spoils of those atrocious persecutions. A throng of matchless statesmen, soldiers, philosophers and poets made the reign of Elizabeth of England brilliant and great. It was adorned by the high and courageous spirit of the queen, and was sullied by her meanness, jealousy and vanity. Mary of England lives in the memory of her bloody persecutions. Mary of Scotland was the thorn of her kingdom. Her fascinations have outlived three centuries, and so have her tumults of unbridled love and the dark suspicion of crime that rests upon her. The mother of Charles IX. of France fomented, if shedid not cause, the frightful massacre of St. Bartholomew, and surrounded herself with a bevy of beau-ful and unscrupulous girls whose charms she used systematically as a means of political influence. There have been many bad kings, many indifferent ones, and few who earned the gratitude of all time. Many women have worn crowns, but we look among them in vain for one of those royal benefactors to the race. Not that women have less power for good than men. In some circumstances they have more. Their desire for good is often intense; but this desire has not been best fulfilled in the field of poli-

served for some years in purchasing poultry, and which may be of use to some of your readers who may not be familiar

with the age of poultry:

Few housekeepers, and fewer cooks, are as good judges of the age of poultry as they ought to be. We all know when poultry comes upon the table, whether it is tender or tough; and there should be no difficulty in transfer and the poultry in the poultry in the state of the state be no difficulty in knowing just as cer-tainly whether a chicken, duck, goose or turkey is old or young, when it is offered for sale. Now the following is offered as a rule by which poultry can be safely judged, which if read over for a few times, and then laid away for ready

If a hen's spur is hard, and the scales on the legs rough, she is old, whether you see her head or not, but the head will corroborate your observation. If the under bill is so stiff that you cannot bend it down, and the comb thick and rough let ve her, no matter how fat and plump, for some one less particular. A young hen has only the rudiments of spurs; the scales on the legs are smooth, glossy and fresh-colored, whatever the color may be; the claws tender and short, the nails sharp, the under bill soft, and the comb thin and smooth.

An old hen turkey has rough scales on the legs, callosities on the soles of the feet, and long, strong claws; a young one is the reverse of all these marks. When the feathers are on and the old turkey-cock has a long tuft or beard, a oung one has but a sproutless one; and when they are off the smooth scales on the legs decide the point, besides the difference in size of the wattles of the neck and the elastic shoot upon the

An old goose when alive is known by the rough legs, the strength of the wings, particularly at the pinions, the thick-ness and strength of the bill, and the fineness of the feathers; and when fineness of the feathers; and when plucked, by the legs, the tenderness o the skin under the wings, by the pinions and the bill and the coarseness of the

Ducks are distinguished by the same means, but there is this difference—that a duckling's bill is much longer in pro-portion to the breadth of its head than portion to the breadth of its head than the old duck. A young pigeon is distinguished by its pale colors, smooth scales, tender, collapsed feet, and the yellow long down interspersed among its feathers. A pigeon that can fly has always red-colored legs and no down, and is then too old for use.—German-

Feeding Pigs

A Yorkshire tarmer in England says of different food for pigs: "After trying nearly all the different kinds of cereals, and weighing my pigs once in fourteen days, I have come to the conclusion that days, I have come to the conclusion that if you want to gain weight fast, give plenty of barley-meal and milk. Cornmeal may be substituted for the barley." "Indian corn," says Dr. Voelcker, an eminent authority, "is richer in fatforming matters than almost any other description of food. The ready-made fat in corn amounts to from the corn amounts. fat in corn amounts to from five and a half to six per cent. But animals should not be fed exclusively on Indian meal, because the flesh-forming matter in it is small. Bean meal (or pea-meal) sup-plies the deficiency." Five pounds of proportion of flesh-forming and fattening ruby, garnet, plum, slate, old gold, bronze, olive, and in fact all colors that are found in dress goods now in vogue. Hats and bronze found in dress goods now in vogue. The color is the color of the other kinds shawls were hastily donned, the little one part of the used. Any ones hurried out of doors, and pausing compared with others. In Lawes' and Gilbert's experiments two pigs in eating one hundred pounds of corn gained three pounds, while one pig, which ate one hundred versals one pig, which ate soop as any one when one hundred pounds of corn during the same time gained nineteen and one quar-ter pounds. It is readily seen that it is highly important to secure the right kind of pigs if the feeding of them is to be made the most profitable possible. With a judicious selection of pigs and the right kind of feeding and general management, there is money to be made on our farms in pork-raising, notwithstanding the gloomy picture of the business presented to the public during the political campaign by Solon Chase.—

Lewiston Journal

When to Apply Manure The common practice among farmers is to make a general clearing of the yards and barn cellars once a year, either in the spring or fall. Either practice makes a heavy draft upon the teams, and it has its disadvantages. If this work is done in the spring, it is when the ground is soft and other work is exceedingly press-ing. If the manure is drawn out in the fall and dropped in heaps upon the field to be cultivated next season, there is more or less waste by leaching and by evaporation. There is a growing disposition among our intelligent farmers to apply manure directly to growing crops, or as near the time of planting and sow-ing as possible. It is felt that the sooner manure is put within reach of the roots of plants the better for the crops and their owner. Manure is so much capi-tal invested and bears interest only as it

is consumed in the soil.

The barn cellar may be so managed as to manufacture and turn out fertilizers every month in the year, so that the farmer may suit his convenience in applying them to the soil. When manure is not wanted for cultivated crops, it is always safe to apply it to the grass crop. either in pasture or upon meadows after mowing. Top dressing is growing in favor with our intelligent farmers. Grass pays better than almost any farm crop in the older States, and the spreading of compost saves the necessity of frequent plowing and seeding. By top dressing at any convenient season of the year fields may be kept profitably in grass for an indefinite time.—Rural Sun.

Teaching Children to Cook. It is generally supposed that small children, from their volatile tempera-ments and forgetfulness, can not be taught or trusted with cookery. Miss Corson has proved quite the contrary. Last year she had a class of children from the New York Home for Soldiers' families; this year ten of them do the entire cooking for the inmates, at least 150 in that institution. In all the 150, in that institution. In all the classes of the New York cooking school no pupils are more industrious, helpful, and intelligent than the little children from the mission schools and charitable

institutions. In point of fact, the children's classes are the most charming and useful and important, for the wholesome effect they important, for the wholesome effect they will have on the strata of society they represent. The artisan course of instruction for these little folks and elder girls comprises the preparation and cooking of simple dishes, setting the table, bringing in the dinner, waiting at table, removing and washing soiled dishes, and regulating the kitchen and dining-room Let us go and take a peep at the chil

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD

Selecting Poultry.

I send the following which I have observed for some years in purchasing poultry, and which may be of use to some poultry, and which may be of use to some the first tender of a kindly matron, is passing down to the basement; we enter with them. How merrily they babble as they divest themselves of hats and shawis! What a ripple and trill of childish laughter as the first rows of seats! they strive for the first rows of seats! Listen; a sudden hush, a settling down in seats, and a smoothing of aprons, as Miss Corson appears, and, aoffing bonnet and cloak, takes her position behind the table, with a cheery "Good afternoon, children."

The lesson of the day, says the black-board, is "Fried Fillets of Flounder," "Maitre d'Hotel Butter," "Grilled Fish Bones," and "Caramel Custards." Two or three girls are usually chosen

different ones at each lesson—to assist in making the dishes; so when the ma-terial was laid on the table, and the les-son announced, Miss Corson said, "What reference when needed, no person need son announced, Miss Corson said, "What purchase old, tough poultry unless from little girl is anxious to help me cut the

fillets?—some one with strong hands."
A dozen hands were held up at once.
Selecting one of the eldest girls, who
came around and stood by her side, Miss Corson, taking up a sharp, thin-bladed knife, deftly cut off the whole side piece or fillet of the fish entire, and then handing the knife to the watchful girl at her side, gave minute directions from time to time, which were followed so accurately that the remaining three fillets were soon lying, skin side down, on the counter. Miss Corson, then taking the knife, showed the class how to cut the

Meanwhile another little girl is called for to make the breading. With flushed cheeks and an air of importance, a wee little thing steps up, seizes the roller, and vigorously rolls the bread crumb-to powder, beats an egg up with a spoons ful of water, and retires. The elder girl, who by this time has prepared the remaining fillets, breads them, dips them in the egg, and in the bread again, and ays them on a dish, in readiness to be fried a delicate brown in smoking-hot

lard.

"Now, children, you observe that we have a nice bone left; shall we throw it away, or use it? I think it would be nice grilled. We will take some mustard, salt, pepper, salad-oil, and vinegar—make a paste of them, and spread it over the bone. Then let us boil it on an oiled gridiron, and afterward serve it with sprigs of parsley or slices of lemon. Now, besides the fillets from the fish, we have this, making two delicious dishes where people commonly make

The children looked very wise, a little hungry for the coming feast, and ex-ceedingly interested. An unusual flutter took place, however, when two little girls were called for to make "I mon custards," and one to make "Maitre d'Hotel Butter." All the hands went up at once at the mere mention of custards. The fortunate girls who were chosen marched around behind the counter, and the resigned remainder subsided into

placid attention.
One of the little maids beat the eggs lustily, while the other, sweetening and flavoring a quart of milk according to direction, set it on the fire to boil, stirring it carefully; then a sieve was held over the beaten eggs, the milk with its mon rind and sugar strained therein, then poured into cups, which were placed in a baking-pan with hot water surrounding them. The little girl then cautiously slid the pan into the oven, her face aglow with pride in the sate per-formance of her task. Meanwhile the third little damsel had chopped her Indian corn-meal to one pound of pea-meal is a mixture which contains the ter, a teaspoonful of lemon juice, and a little salt and pepper, after which she retired to ber seat, and another small matters nicely balanced. If the farmer has not the pea-meal to mix with the corn he may use oat-meal as a substitute. A very common food for hogs is waited for the lemon custards, casting the corn has the corn has a substitute. A very common food for hogs is waited for the lemon custards, casting the corn has the corn has the corn has a substitute. boiled apples and potatoes, mixed while hot with corn meal. This is a good food, but lacks in the nitrogenous element, which should be supplied either by the addition of cotton seed meal, bran, pea meal or oat meal. If cotton seed meal is used, only one part to ten of corn meal would be about the right revenue. Water for the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the oven and placed upon the table, the lesson concluded, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the oven and placed upon the table, the lesson table to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they there is a good and placed upon the table, the lesson concluded, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they there is no concluded, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the oven and placed upon the table, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the oven and placed upon the table, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the oven and placed upon the table, the children crowded around to taste and receive their shares of the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they wanted for the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn forth from the clock. As they wanted for the lemon custards, easting troubled glances at the clock. As they were slowly drawn for the lemon custards, easting the counterpart of the lemon custards and the clock an one who has had any experience in feed-ing pigs must have noticed the differ-with satisfaction over the contents of ence there is in the readiness and cheap-ness with which some can be lattened as a dovecote pecking corn.—F. E. Fryatt,

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