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FARM NOTES.

-During the next two months is one of the best seasons for cleaning up the farm, and in the majority of farms there is plenty of opportunity or need for this kind of work. After the plowing for wheat is done the manure can all be cleaned out of the stables, sheds and feed lots and hauled out and scattered broadcast on the land intended for wheat. The work of properly pre-paring the land for the reception of the seed will incorporate sufficiently with the soil. Weeds may be cut down in the meadows and pastures and along the fence rows to a good advantage. Many of them, if cut down before they mature seeds, will

be effectually killed out. This is one of the best reasons for killing out sprouts and briars. With the exception of sassafras and persimmon almost all kinds may be effectually killed out by cutting down reasonably close to the ground almost any time in August. With these two in nearly all cases the only safe plan is to grub out, cutting them off at least six inches below the surface. While this plan requires considerable work, in the end it will prove much the more economical. This is so much the case that generally it will be better to thoroughly clean an acre in this way than to spend the same amount of time and labor cutting off and burning a larger acreage, but doing less effective

Cutting close to the ground and letting lay until dry and then burning will kill out many weeds, moss and sprouts, but with persimmon and sassafras the tops will rarely be killed down so deep but that the roots will send up shoots next year, and in a short time they will be as much in the

By keeping the farm clear the value is materially increased to say nothing of the better satisfaction in working it.

-The cost of noise in the dairy can be figured to a certainty; and the man who doubts this may gain some valuable information by making a few experiments on

A neighbor of mine has been doing this and the result is decidedly startling. This man has a dairy of about twenty cows, mostly grade Jerseys. A quiet man by nature, his cows were accustomed to receive only the kindest treatment.

A few years ago this neighbor bought a Babcock tester for use in his own dairy. One day he directed the hired man to shut the cows in the yard and let the dog in with them. The hired man thought his employer must be going daft but he obeyed instructions. The two men took sticks in their hands and went into the yard with the cows and began to shout, the dog barked and pandemonium reigned for a few minutes, although not a blow was struck nor a cow bitten. The herd was then brought into the barn and milked.

The falling off in yield was quite noticeable, but the test when applied showed a loss of forty per cent. in butter fat on the basis of the week previous! Think of that, ye men who yourselves shout, kick, thump and bang your cows and permit the hired help to do the same.

Suppose these cows gave at a milking three hundred pounds of five per cent. milk when treated kindly. The loss in weight placed at a low figure must have been at least five per cent. or fifteen pounds.
While the loss in butter fat, forty cent. would bring the test down to three per

What does this really mean? At twenty cents per pound my neighbor's three hundred pounds of milk, testing five per cent., would have been worth to him \$3.00. As a matter of fact, it brought him only \$1.74, a loss on one milking of \$1.26. After such a result who can wonder if this dairyman laid down some laws and insisted on their

-Some of the expert pickers of poultry can take the feathers off a fowl so quickly as to astonish one who does not understand the operation. It is done by dipping each carcass in cold water and allowing it to drip. Finely pulverized rosin is then dusted over and among the feathers, which causes the feathers to stick to the hands, even the pin feathers coming out with but little difficulty. Use the common crude rosin, about half a teaspoonful for each

-Nut growing is profitable, but it requires years to bring a nut tree to a stage all summer, tucked and shirred, some in of growth where it will play well, hence only young farmers are induced to devote land in that direction. Walnuts, chestnuts and butternuts would improve with cultivation. In a few years walnut trees will be so scarce that the farmer who has a grove will secure his own price therefor, the timber being valuable.

White, black, blue and all the colors are used, but just at present the white and black are the smartest.

-The soapsuds on a farm are of value, and there is a considerable quantity made during a year. If added to the manure heap they are excellent in assisting to portect the manure from loss by escape of ammonia. There are certain fat acids formed from the soapsuds, which unite with substances in the heap, producing with substances in the heap, producing are to be worn in all colors, the reds just now being considered the smartest. heap they are excellent in assisting to porsalts, and as decomposition progresses there is a breaking down of compounds and the formation of others, the soapsuds perform ing more than their share in the alterations of the substances in the heap.

-There are not many farmers who would be willing to spread 40 or 50 loads of stable manure over the apple orchard, yet if they would do so they would find out that apples are profitable, as the manure would increase the yield, improve the quality and make them more salable in market. If the manure is not obtainable a fertilizer consisting of 400 pounds bone meal, 300 pounds sulphate of potash and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda will not be too large an application for one

One reason why potatoes frequently bring low prices is that they are bruised or cut in digging. When the tuber is thus in the content of the cut in the cut in the cut is the cut in the cut is the cut in the cut in the cut in the cut in the cut is the cut in the cu injured in its tender and moist state it rots quickly. Hardly one grower in a dozen realize how tender freshly dug potatoes really are, and the habit of roughly dumping them into barrels or wagons is almost universal. Then there is the common practice of assorting them as soon as they are dug, which should not be done unless they are designed for immediate shipment. After digging, store the tubers in a cool, dry and dark place that should be kept at an uniform temperature. Assort into grades after they have been dug for two or three weeks, and if they are to be stored for any considerable length of time, they should be closely examined at least once a ped seams usually accompanies this style week for diseased specimens. In marketing, the same careful handling should be bserved as in harvesting in order to put satin, either black or colored, taffeta of the tubers on the market in the best possible condition for the highest prices.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Miss Martha Baker, a teacher in Boston's public schools, is now enjoying her first extended vacation after a service of 47 years.

Skirts and stitching! This illiterative tatement seems to cover the ground over which the purveyors of the modes have lingered longest. They have certainly been most moved on the subject of skirts, and as for stitching, well you've already seen enough to realize its tremendous vogue. Row upon row of this modest trimming ornaments the plainest and cheapest of frocks just as it does the most elaborate and expensive. Even the latest example from Paquin, which is fur trimmed and embroidered, is also stitched. Its most notable feature though, after the cut, is its fur revers, which are of sable, edged with white broadtail. You'll surely admit that's new! The scheme is worked out with broadcloth in a beautiful shade satin between the fur revers and small pink silk lined black velvet finishes at wrist and throat. The skirt is a sham. and oh! so scant. The cloth only extends a bit above the knees on the silk lining of

The latest in skirts. And you must hear about the new plaid skirt! It is of thrillabout the new plaid skirt! It is of thrill-ing interest to up-to-date femininity, for equipped in it she may face the wildest of winds for her morning's constitutional without a thought of fear. If she's yet in the school-going period she'll be equally enthusiastic. This skirt is strictly tailormade in the new shape with a yoke and inmade in the new shape with a yoke and innocent of any openings in the back, as
well as any fullness. It opens very smartlivin front and presides a policie of the state of ly in front, and provides walking room by means of the Dewey flounce. And now for the material. It is of that stunning plaid which figures so effectively in the golf capes—double-faced Montagnac. It is made plaid-side out, and has a three-inch black satin facing round the foot. You may choose any clan you like, the dark so did an immense crowd to witness the quiet of the 42d, or the gayer Royal Stuart. These plaids cost \$3.50 a yard. A shirt waist of black satin or taffeta is first choice to wear with them. With this up-to-date skirt the lucky possessor will surely cast away the unnecessary petticoat in favor of

A la garibaldi. The mention of a shirt waist reminds one that there's also a latest in these most useful garments, and this latest is of French flannel, in the truest shade of golf red, which is the veriest scarlet. Instead of taking new frills upon itself and aping or striving to out-do the shirt and fancy waists to which we are accustomed, this little terror of a garment simgly goes away back, and patterns itself up-on the Garibaldi model. It will certainly be very cheery wear on chill winter days, on top of a black or dark colored skirt in the jauntiest fashion. What say you? Who could wear a frown down to breakfast over so bloodthirstily gay a garment?

Thomas A. Edison declares that women have more quickness and insight about machinery than men have, and he prefers to employ them in carrying out the details of his electrical inventions. He is credited with saying: "Women have more sense about machinery in a minute than men have in a lifetime," and he shows his faith is them he keeping 200 weepon on his raw. in them by keeping 200 women on his pay-

At last definite news has been received from the seat of fashion, and news that has been looked for eagerly—as to whether separate waists are to be fashionable this autumn and winter. The verdict is favora-ble, and judging from the number of varieties of the waists that as yet have been shown, the craze is as violent as ever. Shirt waists of wash material are not considered smart for winter wear, and the flannel and velveteen shirts made on the same line as the summer shirts are suitable only for house wear, or under some heavy coat. They are not to be included among the new silk waists that are all fit-ted and boned. Taffeta silk waists are a delusion and a snare, and the buyer thereof is gambling as much as though she bought a lottery ticket, for there is no guarantee given as to the wearing qualities All the same, women continue to spend from \$5 to \$40 on these waists, made in wide tucks, some in narrow, in tucks lengthwise and in tucks sideways, with feather stitching and without, but all made on a fitted lining and with a much more trim and smart look. White, black, blue

All these waists are worn with stock col-lars of silk and the narrow turned down linen collar, with hemstitching and em-broidery and finished at the throat with a

now being considered the smartest.
White lace waists are worn with most incongruous skirts, with silk, either col-ored or black, or cloth, but black lace waists are smart only with the black skirts. Some of the newest lace waists are made up over corded white silk, while the lace covers the front and back of the waist and is cut V-shape at the neck to show the white silk again in a fine tucked yoke. A Sicilienne of a pale shade of mauve is made in this fashion and covered with a yellowish lace is extremely effective and one of the newest styles. It is cut so as to make the waist lines exaggeratedly long, and the sleeves that are so long they almost cover the hands have lace ruffles at

Lace jackets are to he worn all winter for the same purpose as the lace waists. Many are sleeveless, and although at first it seems odd to see black cloth sleeves with a white lace body, the effect is not too striking, and the jabots of lace at the throat and ruffles at the wrists, with the bright satin or velvet color and belt, make it smart and attractive.

The circular flounce skirt, with a stitched band of the cloth to head it, is a great favorite. Some of the new skirts have a straight front breadth, with the flounce running around the back and sides from this. Then the strap of cloth runs down the front seams and continues around at the top of the ruffle. A jacket with strap-

Both jackets and skirts are lined with tailor quality or surah not being considered nearly so new or so stylish.

Tales From the Lower End of Nittany Valley

Nearly every community has a grist of anecdotes that when told are always entertaining. There are little stories of the early history, the development, the politics, the church choir troubles or of eccentric people in localities that will always bear retelling and it is not often that they lose any of their spice in being handed about from one generation to another. The tales which appear below are about an eccentric old fellow down in Nittany valley who is the unwitting object of much fun, wherever he roams.

Tom Miller is a character who circulates around the lower end of Nittany and Sugar valleys. He is not quite sound mentally, yet there is a good deal of originality in his ways. He wears an old plug hat and clothes of queer cut, and when he wanders between plum and mulberry as a basis. The redingote, which is cut off at about the knees, shows richly embroidered white day faces. Tom is the butt of many a joke, but does not always come out second.

Some years ago a party of boys in one of the villages down there were tormenting him quite a while, Tom tried to get away from them but in vain. They were in the same shade. The Dewey flounce at the edge is bound with sable and headed by a circular stiched band—any number of stitchings. It's no end of a beauty.

It is not the but in value. They were in front of a store with large plate glass windows. Tom picked up a stone and sent it into the window and then disappeared. Next day Tom was in Sugar valley and the Next day Tom was in Sugar valley and the crowd had the glass to pay for.

> Many years ago, when Washington Furnace was in operation and a busy place, Tom worked at odd jobs about the furnace and forge. He was the victim of all kinds of jokes and pranks on the part of the men about the works. Among the forgemen was one, whom we will call B, who was esventists held a revival in the school house at the Furnace and a number professed conversion. Among the converts was Mr. B. About the close of the meeting the minister announced that on the following Sunday the converts would be immersed in the Furnace dam. The Sunday came and immersion. Foremost in the crowd, perched on a stump, where he could see and hear the whole proceeding, was our friend Tom. The services began, the minister taking the converts into the water dipped them the required three times and then led them out. Among the last to go in was Mr. B. Tom, who had been watching the proceedings with open eyes and mouth, now showed unusual excite-ment. The minister and Mr. B went down into the water. B was dipped three times, as was the others. Tom was watching intently and at this stage sang out: "Give him another dip, Brother Jones, give him another dip, he's a filthy chap!"
> The reader can imagine the effect of this explosion on the crowd and the solemnity of the occasion was entirely destroyed.

Tom loafed a good deal in a certain store in one of the valleys. During his absence on one of the varietys. During his absence on one of his periodical trips one of the daughters of the proprietor of this store was married to a Mr. A, a western man and an entire stranger to Tom. On Tom's return, going into the store, some one in-A. was about to put Tom out of the store, but the others laughingly interfered as explained.

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Mormons Again Controlling Utah.

The death of Wilford Woodruff, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and the election of Lorenzo Snow as his successor, recalls a declaration by the late President a year ago that seems to have escaped general notice. It was at the semi-annual conference of the church and in the presence of 12,000 Mormons, that President Woodruff made the following deliverance, remarkable in view of the conditions under which Utah was admitted into the Union:

"The day has come when the mouths of Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith and the twelve apostles should not be closed. God Almighty requires you to unite in your temple work and unite in your polities. You should unite to elect your city council and also your Democracy and Republicanism, and, as Latter-Day Saints, unite, and you will not be taxed to death."

Such a deliverance by the head of the church is equivalent to a command. It is now charged by the Presbytery of Utah that the Mormons have followed the injunction, returned to politics, and gained control of all political party organizations in the State. The manifesto of the Presbytery is a very serious and detailed ar-

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