

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.

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 effectively killed out by cutting down reasonably close to the ground almost any time in August.

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 way as ever.

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 his own account.

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 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!

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.

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.

Some of the expert pickers of poultry can take the feathers of 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.

Not growing is profitable, but it requires years to bring a nut tree to a stage of growth where it will pay well, hence only young farmers are induced to devote land in that direction.

The soapuds 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 protect the manure from loss by escape of ammonia.

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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 illiterate statement 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.

The latest in skirts. And you must hear about the new plaid skirt! It is of thrilling interest to up-to-date femininity, for equipped in it she may face the wildest winds for her morning's constitutional without a thought of fear.

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 gold red, which is the veriest scarlet.

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.

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.

All these waists are worn with stock collars of silk and the narrow turned down linen collar, with hemstitching and embroidery and finished at the throat with a bow of lace or a bunch of ribbon.

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One reason why potatoes frequently bring low prices is that they are bruised or cut in digging. When the tuber is thus injured in its tender and moist state it rots quickly.

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.

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.

Many years ago, when Washington Furnace was in operation and a busy place, Tom worked at odd jobs about the furnace and forge.

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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.

Such a delirium 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.

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