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FARM NOTES.

—Where mushroom beds are done bearing, new ones should immediately be made to give time for producing a fall crop before the warm weather sets in.—*American Gardening.*

—Roller process bran is, on the average, better than old-process bran. Bran is rich in ash or mineral matter, which renders it a suitable food for growing animals. It serves well with all foods which are lacking in lime or bone-forming material, and is valuable in the manure heap. It may not be equal to linseed meal or some other foods for certain purposes, but it is a food that should always be used.

—When rye appears early in the spring it is excellent for poultry, but the hens should not be turned on rye as an exclusive food. It is laxative in its early stages of growth and the fowls will fall off in weight if allowed to have full liberty on the rye field. Let them go on the rye but a short time each day, gradually extending the period until they have become accustomed to the change to green food.—*American Gardening.*

—Any person who will handle a bridle and feel the bit with the hand will notice that it is very cold. The bit will always be of the temperature of the atmosphere to which it is exposed. Being of iron or steel the bit absorbs and gives off heat rapidly. It is a cold substance to put into the mouth of a horse, and at times cruelty is inflicted by so doing. Never place a cold bit in the mouth of a horse. Warm it, either over the stove or by friction.

—"Durham" and "Alderney cows do not exist, although "pure Alderney milk" is sold, the signs being prominent for indicating such. If those who sold "Alderney" milk were aware that there is no such thing as an Alderney cow in this country they would cease to expose their ignorance in their business. What was once "Durham" is now entirely changed, the "Shorthorn" taking its place, while the "Jersey" and "Guernsey," have supplanted the "Alderney."

—The mutton breeds of sheep are receiving more attention now than ever before. It is estimated that eight sheep can be kept in place of one cow, but the cow entails more labor. She will eat coarser food in winter, however, than will the sheep, but the latter can thrive on scanty pasturage that will not support a cow. There is much land which is more suitable for sheep than for cattle, and it is upon such lands that sheep should be kept rather then to permit the land to be unprofitable.

—In making hotbeds it is a common practice to cart the manure from the heaps without any preparation, but if bottom heat is required for any length of time, this is a bad plan. It ought to be turned over and well mixed two or three times, allowing two or three days between each turning, and well sprinkled with water if dry. Care should be taken that it is not allowed to burn during preparation. After this process a bed 2½ or 3 feet in depth should be firmly made which will hold the heat for a long time.

On beds made in this way I have planted lettuce in December and secured good crops of crisp tender heads in February. Of course they have to be well covered up at night and allowed all the light and sun possible during day. As long as there is any danger from steam a little air must be kept on at the top of the lights. Strong fumes from hot manure are destructive of all plant life.—*American Gardening.*

—Those not carrying stocks of cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce plants over from the autumn, may now sow seeds of each in boxes or pots in the greenhouse or on beds of warm manure in frames.

The first two will make nice strong plants by planting out time, and the lettuce, if kept growing, will give an early cutting under glass. Our favorite varieties for this purpose are, in cabbage, Early Jersey Wakefield and Large Jersey Wakefield on account of their good qualities. California Dwarf Erfurt is one of the best for all purposes where a good strain of it can be obtained. Snow Storm is a fine variety for green house or frame. Under general cultivation I have found it to produce enormous white heads that would remind one of the largest Broccoli seen in European markets, but it must be kept growing, so to speak, from start to finish.

Lettuces Boston Market and Dutch Butter are very satisfactory for early purposes, the last named being good for all seasons. Lettuce sown last September and now transplanted from cold frame to hot beds make a much more rapid and stronger growth than plants since raised in heat.—*American Gardening.*

—An authority on feeding recently wrote: Gluten meal, a by-product of corn, is worth for butter twice as much as corn, and we should sell our corn or exchange for this meal whenever practical. A ton of cotton seed meal contains more milk producing food than any other known food and besides it leaves $15 worth of fertility in the manure. We may overfeed as easily as underfeed, and it is not always economy to feed milk cows all they will eat; in fact, a medium supply of grains gives more for the money spent than either heavy or light feeding. We must be as careful in the quantity as in the quality and kind. A good proportion is one pound of grain food to two pounds of coarse feed. We should buy our feed not by the ton, but by the per cent. of nitrogen, hydrogen and protein in them. One-half of corn meal, one-third of gluten meal and the balance wheat bran make an average, well balanced feed of grain. Fusilage is a good food, but we must limit the quantity; it is easy to overfeed it, and I would never give over twenty-five pounds per day and in most cases kept under twenty pounds. Wheat bran is one thing we cannot overfeed with, but we can easily feed too much for profit. From two to five pounds is as much as is profitable. Be particularly careful of cotton seed meal in matter of over-feeding. At present prices it is the cheapest by-product that we have; we can get more milk producing food for our money, but we dare not feed it too heavy or it injures the cow. As a rule from two to four pounds per day is as strong as one dare feed it, but some of it and some wheat bran should always be used; varied in quantities according to season and circumstances. Corn fodder is valuable rough food and if cows will eat it all by shredding it is all of some value. Study the individual cow, watch results on the milk pail and use judgment and skill, and you will soon learn what is best for your herd. No rule can be made for all; we can only give averages.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A woman's ways and woman's wiles,
And a woman's plan of doing,
Is a woman's way of winning smiles,
A woman's way of wooing.

A well-shaped mouth is often marred if the teeth are not in harmony. The proper care of the teeth is very important; for, if neglected, indigestion results, and this leads to pimples, wrinkles and the general spoliation of the complexion. Use a moderately hard tooth brush and every morning after breakfast and before going to bed thoroughly cleanse the teeth outside and inside with soft water and a good powder. Rinse the mouth out also after every meal. Do not use dentrifices that contain acids, as they very quickly destroy the enamel. Charcoal powder is good and acts as a deodorizer as well as whitening the teeth; moreover, it cleanses them without injuring the enamel. The following is an excellent recipe which would be well to have made up, for it not only cleanses the teeth, but takes away any offensive taste or smell in the mouth: two ounces of powdered cuttlefish bone, one ounce of areca nuts (raw) pounded, five ounces of prepared areca nuts' charcoal. Prefume with a few drops of essence of violets or any other scent you may prefer. The soft inner portion only of the cuttlefish bone should be used, as the hard fleshy shell removes the enamel.

The round-toed walking shoe of calfskin or heavy russet has been the vogue for some time. Women have become so used to the comfort of these wide-soled, box-toed shoes that now fashion dictates that the pointed or toothpick house shoe and slipper must go. So the last two in fine kid, patent leather, silk and satin, with good round toes are the latest thing for spring, and they are quite as pretty in effect as the torturing "toothpicks."

When a woman is looking very fagged out and tired she should avoid wearing gray colors anywhere near the face.

Women who are always in a hurry and bustle not only rob life of half its charm to those who have the misfortune to live with them, but they often bring heart trouble upon themselves.

The hair should always be well brushed for five or ten minutes twice a day. It keeps it glossy and makes it grow. Even if it falls out very much it should be well brushed just the same.

Tears are a certain beauty destroyer, and bring wrinkles to the face sooner than anything else. Women who weep on all and every occasion, lose their good looks very early. A smiling face and a cheerful temper are the best preservatives of beauty in the world.

If you suffer from the anaemia start the morning by drinking a glass of warm milk, and about half an hour afterward rise and take a cold or tepid bath, with a little ammonia or salt in the water. Sponge the body briskly and dry with a rough bath towel, rub vigorously till the body is in a warm glow. Drink cocoa for breakfast, and eat an egg if possible. About a quarter of an hour later take a tonic in some form, and between breakfast and luncheon go for a short walk, but do not allow yourself to become fatigued. In the afternoon go for another walk. Plenty of fruit and green vegetables should be eaten, and any craving for sweets, pastry and cakes be severely checked. Be out in the fresh air as much as possible. Go to bed in a well-ventilated room every night about 10 o'clock, and have a glass of hot milk and some crackers. If the appetite is very poor a tonic should be taken three times a day, a quarter of an hour after meals.

There are two or three new ways of arranging the hair, but the pompadour style remains foremost, and while it is not as exaggerated as it was, is still rather large, and can often be accomplished by only one's hair. The front hair is brought down a little more over the face than it was, and while there are hints and rumors that bangs are coming in again, as yet all that has been seen of them is the few curls brought down to soften the generally unbecoming look of a stiff pompadour roll. At the back the hair is arranged either half down or very high. For evening it is always arranged very high and brought as far forward as possible in order to show the shape of the head. All sorts of very high ornaments are put at the left side of the knot. This is quite like what was done last year, only, if possible, the fashion is now universal of always wearing something in the hair with evening dress. There are bows of twisted velvet ribbon, very narrow and very high, with an aigrette and a jeweled clasp; there is an arrangement of one long ostrich feather that bends forward instead of back, and this is finished with a knot of ribbon. Then there are small ornaments made of knots of ribbon and flowers in a little cluster, from which start the bows of ribbon. The measurement from the chin to the tip of the ornament in the hair is smart and, of course, is fashionable, so what more is there to be desired? Black or white feathers are used; never colored ones, but bows of all colors are permissible.

There are a great many combs still worn in the hair—back combs, side combs and front combs to push the pompadour forward. These are almost always of the dark tortoise shell. Sometimes there is a edge of diamonds or rhinestones on the edge of the comb, but nothing very elaborate. The hair itself must be wavy and kept in perfect order. A great deal of care is bestowed upon the hair nowadays; for while it is the fashion to have wavy hair, it is not the fashion to have it disorderly, and there must be a gloss and finish that tell of good brushing and good care.

Scarlet jackets for street wear will likely be the fashion in America in the spring, for at present they are the rage in London. They are made short and half fitting, and are buttoned down the left side with small, flat buttons, arranged in groups of threes. The seams are strapped, and so short are the tails that they scarcely dip four inches below the waist line. The back is tight-fitting, and the front is in that straight, shield-like shape, with a slight dip in the middle, that is generally becoming to most figures. These natty little coats are worn either with checked, plain or plaid skirts, and if they are assumed with the proper amount of chic and nattiness, they are undeniably effective.

Even in darker colors the plain cloth jackets, with checked or plaid skirts, are extremely fashionable, and buyers have laid in a stock of monstrous plaids in a soft, hairy, woolen material that hangs beautifully, and is very light and warm. These plaids are made up of different shades of one color. For instance, there are huge blocks in crossing lines of heliotrope that shade from almost invisible lavender through to blacky-purple.

Fish as Food

Denied That the Brain Derives Any Particular Stimulus from a Fish Diet.

A popular misconception is shattered in a government bulletin entitled "Fish as Food." Up to this time all the world thought that fish beyond everything else was valuable for the nourishment of the brain, since it contained much phosphorus. This notion that fish contains uncommonly large proportions of phosphorus is now pronounced a delusion. The government experts have determined that the percentage of phosphorus in specimens of fish analyzed by them is not greater than is found in the flesh of other animals used for food. While fish is deficient in materials which yield heat and muscular power to the human body, when it is supplemented by bread, potatoes or other vegetables, it supplies a diet which will meet all the demands of the body. As a food it is particularly desirable for persons of sedentary habits. It fills two distinct places in dietetic economy. First—It furnishes a cheap source of nitrogenous nutriments, and second, it supplies the demand for variety in the diet, which increases with the advance of civilization.

The value of fish taken from American waters every year is over $47,000,000. Most of this is consumed at home, though a vast export trade in canned fish, lobsters and oysters is being opened up. Shad is one of the few fishes that should be eaten during the spawning season. The way in which the fish is killed affects the market value. Fish caught by the gills and allowed to die in the water or those landed alive and allowed to die slowly do not keep well and are inferior as food. The fish should be killed immediately after it is caught; it will then remain firm and stand shipment well. That the average nutrition of fish is lower than that of meat foods is shown by figures. For instance, a side of mutton is said to contain 37 per cent. of nutrients, while medium fat beef contains 33 per cent. and turkey 34 per cent. There are few fresh fish that yield as high as 20 per cent. of nutrients. The general average of fresh fish is 14 per cent. California salmon contains 34 per cent.; shad roe, 28 per cent.; Spanish mackerel, 24 per cent. and Maine salmon 25 per cent.

Fish and lean beef are about equally digestible. The leaner kind of fish, such as cod, haddock, perch, pike and blue-fish, are more easily and completely digested than the fatter kinds, such as salmon, shad and mackerel. To those who have lived in the East or West Indies who have tasted the delicious soup made from fish by the native cooks it is astonishing that fish is used so little for this purpose in this country. The fish must be allowed to simmer slowly for several hours, and the seasoning has to be so discriminately adjusted to the delicate flavor of the juices of the fish that it needs an artist to do it. Under the best conditions the result is a soup which epicures pronounce superior to the finest turtle.

Scalloped Oysters.

The oysters as a side dish cannot be more deliciously served for any dinner than scalloped, but it is necessary to know "just how," or it will be best to cling to the old methods of serving in stews, soups or fried.

This is the "just how" to prepare them in the most delicious manner: Select two dozen good-sized oysters, drain them in a colander, roll a dozen large crackers on the breadboard, and mix with them a pinch of baking powder. Thoroughly butter the bottom and sides of a baking pan and cover it with oysters. Sprinkle over them a little salt and pepper, then add half to three-fourths of an inch deep of the cracker crumbs. Over this put little lumps of butter, then add another layer of oysters, with seasoning, and cracker crumbs in the same manner. About three layers of each will be sufficient, covering the top with a much thicker layer of the crumbs and a goodly amount of butter.

Then to the juice of the oysters add half a cup of milk and cream, with a beaten egg. With a large spoon carefully distribute this over the top of the dish, and set in a hot oven to bake. From half an hour to 40 minutes will be required to bake. If the dish has a cover remove a few moments before the contents are done, to allow the top to become nicely browned.

Corn Muffins.

One cupful yellow cornmeal, one half cup flour, one tablespoonful sugar, one-and one-half teaspoonfuls baking powder, one beaten egg, one and one-half cups sweet milk, a little salt. Bake in hot greased gem pans.

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He Didn't See Why.

At a meeting of women's clubs in Maine one of the speakers told of a girl she had known early in life and who had died insane After the funeral the husband remarked "that he did not see why Mary Ann should have took crazy, for to his knowledge she had not been out of that kitchen for 30 years."

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