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FARM NOTES.

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH GOVERN THE APPLE CROP.

-Orchard experiments show that if the ground is reasonably fertile it is seldom ate its fertility.

A good orchard fertilizer is 500 pounds acid bone phosphate and 500 pounds of muriate of potash per acre annually. Half a ton seems a large application but it is the hem of the book muslin empire skirt the hem of the book muslin empire skirt. justified. If drought comes on during the summer the tree cannot take up plant food. When conditions are again favorable, the abundant supply at hand enables it to re-

We take more per acre from small fruits than from the orchard: hence it is necessary to apply more fertilizer, though the same proportion should hold. An abundance of phosphoric acid is especially advantageous in the small fruit plantation.

It is well known that the lower branches and shaded parts of the tree bear a larger proportion of fruit inferior in color, size and quality than the branches which have more light. Most of these lower branches may usually be reached from buttons. step ladders or racks fastened on wagons. so that the parts of the tree which most need to be thinned can be reached with comparative ease. It would seem that by some such method a large part of the thinning could be satisfactorily done with cheap labor under experienced supervision. It should be remembered that the increased value of a crop is not the only item to be credited to the practice of thinning. It costs considerable labor to prop the branches of trees and save them from breaking under excessive burdens, and this goes to counterbalance the expense of thinning. Besides this, in an unthinned crop a large amount of inferior apples must be handled at little or no profit, or possibly at a loss. The ripening of this inferior fruit practically shuts out the possibility of a crop the next year.

"For the season of 1897 we had broken trees and broken prices, and for 1897 we had barren trees with good prices." In a paper for doubters as to the efficacy

of spraying an authority says: Soon after fungicides began to be used it was observed that not only were the apples was observed that not only were the apples saved from the scab, but in many cases the so-called June drop was prevented. In 1892 there was so much bad weather a there you are. The small puffs graduated in size, the smallest at the shoulder, sepanate of velvet ribbon is another away. On unsprayed trees there was none, but those to which Bordeaux mixture was

applied gave a fair yield.

The immense crop of 1896 without spraying led many to believe we were to have a return of the good old times, when orchards would produce without care. There was a great deal of sooty fungus present, apples in many orchards being blackened as though smoked, but where sprayed were clean and bright. In 1897 in the orchard belonging to the State, which had been under experiment for five years, the unsprayed trees showed no fruit, but those which had received treatment were loaded with apples, that were almost free from

blemish, and with good, healthy foliage. "If any one needs a full and conclusive demonstration that spraying is a necessary part of apple culture, let him look at almost any unsprayed orchard and compare it with any that has been sprayed. If he cannot find evidence that spraying has paid 500 to 1000 per cent. it is because he is not open to conviction."

Professor Alwood, of the Virginia Sta-

"In 1889 a large orchard of winesap, most admirably arranged and situated, which had stood for fifteen years without bearing a profitable crop, was about to be cut down, and I asked to be allowed to treat it for one year. The owner agreed that I was to direct the work. The orchard was treated by spraying with concentrated lye in the winter, followed in spring by spraying with a weak solution of lye. The result was that the first year we had 50 per cent. of a fine crop of fine apples, and it was found that they lead to the target. and it was found that they kept better than unsprayed apples. I have now under my them. direction an orchard of thirty acres of wine sap, which has become unproductive. The question was, lack of fertility in soil, or what? I thought of several things, but what I thought most likely to be the trouble was scab. I recommended several things, but chiefly spraying with concentrated lye in the winter. This spraying was done very thoroughly. I visited the orchard the other day, and I found from 30 to 50 per cent. of a crop, and the fruit is perfect and the foliage is good. I have in mind another orchard near Winchester, where the owner has been spraying for years, although he sprays in a very carcless way, many of the trees receiving very little if any spraying, and, in fact, it is alto-gether a poor job of work, yet he treats his orchard in this way and gets fairly good results, but his apples are from 25 to 30 per cent. seriously specked with scab. Where I have been doing this work we have less than 2 per cent. that are specked. By with a wash of lye in the winter we are able to save our crop and not lose 2 per cent. This orchard of forty acres yielded its purchaser over \$40,000.

In Alton, Ill., the best results are derived from using lime. We have used it in an air slaked condition in spraying the trees. The trouble that we have experienced is in determining the time of year to spray each determining the time of year to spray each kind of fruit. We spray and have a great crop of apples this year, but in Calhoun county they cannot spray to advantage, as the ground is very rolling, and yet they have a magnificent crop of ralls genet, and they do no spraying. They have been doing this for years, so that their apples are known in the market. When to spray, as well as how to spray and what to spray, are important matters. Some people spray their peach trees and destroy their orchards. Our experience is that you do not want to touch your peach trees. We spray our grapes. We get good results in everything but the peach,

Mrs. Greene—Do you always give your little boy castor oil for a cold? Mrs. Gray-Yes ; I give it for its moral effect exclusively. Mrs. Greene—For it's moral effect? Mrs. Gray—Yes; it will have an influence upon him not to catch another FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Remember that cold cream should not be used on the face if there is a tendency to superfluous hair. In this case nothing is better than a little lemon juice and milk well rubbed in every night after washing. Don't use lemon juice alone, as it makes the skin brown.

The rage for the running and gathering of narrow ribbons, so far, shows no signs necessary to apply a nitrogenous fertilizer till the trees come into bearing. Then a quick acting fertilizer, like nitrate of soda, may be applied as cools in the lace with a day. quick acting fertilizer, like nitrate of soda, may be applied as early in spring as the ground can be cultivated in order that it may benefit the tree immediately and that the early growth thus induced may ripen up before winter. Aim to confine wood growth to the first part of the season. If growth to the first part of the season. If or in some contrasting shade. Some of the the season is wet, a quickly soluble fertil-izer is liable to be washed down beyond the feeding roots before the tree can approprithe many lace cravats, jabots and ties.

> were four tiny, but very full frills, each edged with valenciennes lace. The tiny yoke was beautifully and very finely tucked, and the sleeves consisted of a series of small full puffs from shoulder to wrist, where they finished in a wrist band and a tiny turned back cuff of the mull muslin, edged with lace, the sleeves themselves being banded in between the puffs with narrow white satin baby ribbon, which, when withdrawn, left them flat and loose and admirably adapted for the practice of the laundress' art. As regards foundation, white cambrie, with a full frill edging its hem, served for this, and the dress fastened in the usual way at the back by means of small mother-of-pearl

The flare sleeves, extending well over the hand, of several seasons back, will be in favor. Their shape in the only new thing about them. These are only used for sleeves of waists intended for house

Many and varied are the ways the new sleeves are put into the arm hole. Boxpleated, pleated, gathered, darted in a square box effect, and smoothly inserted, according to the style of the garment and

the weight of the material. Bands of inserting running around the arm about an inch and a half apart, from wrist to elbow, will be a feature of the sleeves of the many smart gowns of thin

Very long sleeves, falling well over the hand and then widening out into a point,

will be the vogue. There never was a season when it will be so easy to adjust passe sleeves to the prevailing mode. The proper shape takes very little material, and the trimming ideas are very utilitarian. If you have a hint for home use.

Overskirts are assured. This is seemingly a contradiction to the fact that the closefitting and tightly-drawn effect must be obtained. How is this done but by leaving off petticoats and wearing tights! Precisely this is the expedient being adopted in Paris, and consequently here, as the days have gone by when Paris styles took at least a year to make their way into our affections.

The dress skirt itself, very the hips and flaring around the lower edge, is to take the place of the petticoat. The scribed. Only the most clinging and soft materials will be used for these. Preference is given to those having a crepe weave, but woven in such a way as to produce the appearance of solid silk. Among these materials the new satin antique is

very strong. When sleeves are tight, soft materials, mostly laces and goods of that variety will be shirred over them. Lace allovers will be the great thing for waists; in fact, transparencies are to be the rage of the season's styles

The properest way to tie your stock is in the old-time bow of two loops and two ends just in front. Let the bow be at the lower edge of the ribbon resting on the waist.

The proper jacket of the season is the cloth one of the tailor-made suit. To make these comfortable, vests of eiderdown, chamois, etc., are worn beneath

The proper frame for the platinotype reproduction of the old masters, the fashionable craze of the hour, is of Flemish oak in a well-nigh black tint for the gray-toned prints and in a deep brown effect for the

The proper skirt is almost binding in its sheath effect to within 15 inches of the bottom. Then with a sudden rush and a peculiar twist of the scissors, only success fully accomplished by one "in the know, it flares out into almost the shape of the "cheeses" we used to make in our juvenile

For lack of a little firmness, and sacrifice of present ease, mothers are more often than they know responsible for their chil dren's growing up with ugly mouths, de-formed jaws and irregular teeth. Everyone knows how much less apt a baby is to be fretful if it has the habit of sucking its thumb, and it does not take long for the average nurse-girl to learn to pop the rub-ber top of the bottle into a baby's mouth to stop its crying. Yet so soft and pliable is the cartilaginous framework of an in-fant's head and face that it is affected by the slightest pressure if more or less continuous. The ugly feature known as "rabbit mouth" is more often than not due to keeping the thumb in the mouth for hours at a time. Protrusion of the lower jaw is caused by sucking the first and second fingers, the weight of the hand and arm forcing the lower jaw to project and

take that permanent form. "Her nose is a catastrophe," said a mother recently to me, speaking of a young lady daughter who would have been beautiful except for her "pudding nose"—a slender bridge with an abnormal development at the nostrils—"and all caused by her peculiar method of sucking her thumb. always went to sleep with it in her mouth, her forefinger clasped tightly over the bridge. This arrested the development of the bone, and made the lower part of he nose bulge out where the pressure of the finger ceased. Poor child!" sighed the mother, "her beauty spoiled through my

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Regulations for Lent.

Rules Promulgated by Bishop Phelan of the Pittsburg Diocese.

Right Rev. Richard Phelan, bishop of the Pittsburg diocese of the Catholic church, has promulgated the following rules to be observed during Lent, commencing the 15th -- Ash Wednesday.

1. All the faithful who have completed their 21st year are, unless legitimately dispensed, bound to observe the fast of Lent.

2. They are to make only one full meal

No general rule as to the quantity of food is never to let it exceed the fourth part of an ordinary meal.

5. By virtue of an indult of the holy see the following concessions in Lent were granted temporarily.

age can be taken.

B. When the principal meal cannot be taken about noon, it is lawful to invert the order by taking the collation in the morning and dinner in the evening. C. In preparing food that is permitted, lard or fat may be made use of.

D. Persons dispensed from the obligation of fasting are not bound by the restrictions of using meat only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation. Those who are obliged to fast are permitted to use meat only at one meal. 6. The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting. Young persons under 21 years of age, the sick, pregnant women, or those giving suck to infants, persons obliged to hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast with-

out great prejudice to their health.
7. By dispensation the use of flesh meat will be allowed at all meals on Sundays and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the excep-tion of the Saturday in Ember Week and the last Saturday of Lent. The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is also permit-ted every day in Lent. The use of flesh meat and fish at the same meal on any day,

even on Sundays, is forbidden. 8. The praiseworthy custom of abstaining from intoxicating drink in honor of the sacred thirst of our Lord, so warmly recommended by the sovereign pontiff, is sug-gested to the piety of the faithful of this diocese as a means of penance and merit during the holy season of Lent.

9. The time for making the Easter communion will date from the first Sunday in Lent to the Sunday within the octave of

R. PHELAN. Bishop of Pittsburg To Sample Beef.

Inquiry Court Sends to Cuba for Army Meat--Brooke Asked for Forty Cans While General Miles has Received No Official Summons, to Take the Stand

It has been learned from a member of the Beef Court of Inquiry that instructions have been given to Major-General Brooke, at Havana, to send to Washington at once forty cans of roast beef supplied to the army during the war with Spain.

It is believed that General Brooke has

telegraphed to General Wood, at Santiago, to comply with the instructions given by the court regarding the shipment of canned beef to Washington. It is considered that the meat will most likely be found at that General Brooke has also been told to se

lect only these cans which appear to be in the worst condition, it being the desire of overskirt is to be worn over this lower the court to ascertain for itself the condiskirt we have already illustrated and de- tion of the meat as it is. It is proposed to analyze the contents of the cans to determine the amount of nutrition they contain and whether they have been chemically treated. The cans themselves will be analyzed to determine whether any lead has een used in their manufacture.

The court considers this a most important feature of investigation. It would also like to get hold of some refrigerated beef, but this will not be possible. It is proposed, however to trace the manufacture of the meat and to particularly inquire into the treatment given the beef furnished under the clause in the contract requiring it to stand seventy-two hours in BEARS tropical climate after having been taken from the refrigerators.

-Having more money than we know what to do with in Pennsylvania-the treasury deficit being only three millionsa wise legislator proposes a bounty to raise beet root sugar in the State. Unquestionable the beet-sugar interest is a growing one and must be expected to play a part in our future politics in alliance with the cane-sugar interest of Louisiana. Both interests are opposed to the admission of sugar duty free from Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines. The largest beetsugar industries of the United States are in California, but there are plants in successful operation, it is stated, in New York, Michigan, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, and others are under construction in these and other States. The biggest beet-sugar factory in the world is that in the Salinas Valley, California, which has a capacity of 3,000 tons of beets daily. The industry has large propor-

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Bastile destroyed on Friday. Julius Caesar assassinated on Friday. Moscow burned on Friday, Shakespeare born on Friday. King Charles beheaded on Friday. Battle of New Orleans fought on Friday. Lincoln assassinated on Friday.

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