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FARM NOTES.

-For waste spaces the grape vine is always convenient. Along the wire fences of poultry yards, and the arbors, a vine here and there will prove both ornamental and useful. There is no fruit that can be grown with such little space as the grape if a crop for market is desired.

-Potato beetles will attack the tomato vines if potatoes are not up, and it will be necessary to carefully look over tomato plants every day. Egg plants should be protected with wire gauze or they will be eaten out almost before the injury may be noticed, as the beetles prefer them even to the potato, feeding on every portion of the plant.

-Plant the late cabbage on land that has not grown cabbage for one or two years and the crop will be less liable to disease. After the plants are well under way apply a teaspoonful of nitrate of soda around each plant two or three times during the season. Early cabbage may be treated in the same manner, but should be hoed oftener if they are to be forced in growth.

-Rape has come into general use in thos sections where sheep raising is an industry. Two or three crops can be grown in a year if it is pastured while it is young. It can be used in about a month or six weeks

-The Muscovy duck is one of the largest of the duck family and is very hardy. Crossed with the Pekin or Aylesbury breeds, a superb fowl for market results. The cross-bred birds are sterile and the eggs do not hatch, which indicates that the Muscovy may not be a true duck. Their eggs require the same length of time for hatching as do those of the goose:

fare on birds than on insects, and destroys his best friends. The value of birds as of attempts to keep insects in check by me-

-The peach borer must be dug out of the tree with a knife. Its presence may always be known by the chips which it leaves while boring into the tree. The tree will not be injured if the cutting is done lengthdo not cut across the bark unless it cannot be avoided. If the knife blade will not reach the borer use a piece of wire. The majority of trees are destroyed by borers, and those who have had no experience with the pests or given attention to the work of destroying them attribute the loss of the trees to the "yellows" or some other

-During these cool nights the cut worms destroy cabbage, tomato and other plants that are on the open ground, and sometimes they compel a complete replanting. They are very destructive to sweet potato plants. It is almost impossible to make headway against them in field culture, but where only a few plants of a kind are put out an excellent protection may be afforded by wrapping heavy paper around each plant, allowing the paper to extend an inch or two in the ground and above the toughened the cut worms do but little

-It is not necessary to set out a new bed of strawberries every year, although many do so. After the crop has been harvested lay a marking line on the bed, so as to have the rows straight, and clean out all the plants except those in the row. If the line is near the edge of the row. line is near the edge of the row, so as to include only the runners of last year, so much the better. Allow only one plant every twelve inches, and then hoe out the weeds and grass, leaving the row clean and free from all growth except strawberry plants. Next scatter along each row and around the plants a fertilizer composed of 50 pounds nitrate of soda, 125 pounds muriate of potash and 100 pounds superphosphate, and work the ground again, so as to have it deep, fine and mellow, as such a soil is necessary when the young runners start. In this manner a new bed can be made from an old one every year, by marking off the rows a foot from the old one. Strawberry plants will last two or three years. The difficulty is that in old beds the weeds and grass take possession and crowd out the plants.

-Orchard Treatment. Good drainage, natural or artificial, is essential to success Trees are impatient of wet feet. Good tillage increases the available food supply of the soil and also conserves its

Tillage should be begun just as soon as

the ground is dry enough in the spring, and should be repeated as often as once in ten days throughout the growing season, which extends from spring until July or August.

Only cultivated crops should be allowed in orchards early in the season. Grain and hay should never be grown. Even hoed or cultivated crops ma

the trees of moisture and fertility if they are allowed to stand above the tree roots. Watch a sod orchard. It will begin to fail before you know it.

Probably nine-tenths of the apple or-chards are in sod, and many of them are meadows. Of course, they are failures. The remedy for these apple failures is to cut down many of the orchards. For the remainder, the treatment is cultivation, fertilization, spraying—the trinity of or-

thodox apple growing.

Potash is the chief fertilizer to be applied to fruit trees, particularly after they come into bearing. Potash may be had in wood ashes and

muriate of potash. It is most commonly used in the latter form. An annual application of potash should be made upon bearing orchards, 500 pounds to the acre. Phosphoric acid is the second important

fertilizer to be applied artificially to or-chards. Of the plain superphosphates from 300 to 500 pounds may be applied to an

Nitrogen can be obtained cheapest by means of thorough tillage (to promote nitrification) and nitrogenous green ma-

Barn manures are generally more eco-nomically used when applied to farm crops than when applied to orchards; yet they can be used with good results, particularly when rejuvenating the old orchards.

Cultivation may be stopped late in the season, and a crop can then be sown upon the land. This crop may serve as a cover or protection to the soil, and as a green cool put in a mold and leave on the ice to cool put in a mold and it cool

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

"If you want your black lawn dresses to come out clean and fresh and new after having given them good wear," says the woman who knows how to manage, "instead of washing them get one of the best popular dyes and simply dip your gown into it, following directions. That cleans the gown and at the same time gives it a fresh clear black, such as it is not apt to have after a mere washing. Another black that will keep in its proper place and not rub off is the black of stockings, if they are washed in a deep bluing water. They are sure not to crock after that."

The Directoire hat, worn rather back from the face is "the" headgear of the moment. It is generally supplied with strings of gauze or very soft taffeta ribbon, or else narrow strings of black ribbon velvet. The best Directoire hats are of black crinoline, trimmed with loops of black tulle and trails of pink roses, and sometimes ostrich plumes. The newest ostrich feath-ers seem to be curled the reverse way to that we have hitherto been accustomed to find them.

lace can be turned to account. Lace coats and lace bodices and entire lace dresses are ultra swell. Lace four-in-hand and lace aigrettes are also greatly in demand. In fact, this is a season of lace, and no gown is

complete without it.
"White" is always in good taste, but from the time the seed is sown. The dwarf varieties are preferred. Sheep thrive upon it, provided they are also given a small allowance of grain.

White is always in good taste, but this year it seems to occupy an unusually conspicuous place in milady's wardrobe, and there is a decided rage for diaphanous fabrics in snowy white.

After all, what color is more restful to the vision, and soothful to the nerves than "snowy white"—symbolic of all that is pure, lovely and innocent.

What an ugly fashion this is, of swath ing the neck with ribbon or other wraps! Like the stocks our grandfathers wore, only those were black. Girl's necks in these

Just for the moment every establishment seems budding forth into black and white food is but a trifle compared with the cost gowns of checked fabric. I saw the other day a most graceful thing, the bodice and tunice of fine shepherd check, in a thin satin, and the ever-present chemisette of tucked white muslin crossed by a sailorknot of soft white lace; this charming bodice had its concluding note in a black wise—that is, up and down the bark—but satin band passed through a glittering steel buckle.

"I'm glad," said a small boy, after witnessing his sister's leave-taking with a friend, "that I'm not a girl. They're all In defense of the report Dr. C. S. Albert,

skirts, hairpins and gush." Now a girl sometimes condemns the skirts and hairpins, but does she ever condemn the gushing habit she and her schoolmates the board, and that \$7,000 indebtedness

Does she understand that what they call enthusiasm other people label—like the small boy—"gush?"

It is so easy to drift into an extravagant way of talking. Adjectives and adverbs that hover on the tip of a girl's tongue are recklessly scattered in her conversation un-til the charitable among her listeners call her a "gusher," and the harsher critics an "exaggerator."

Don't gush, girls. Lop off here surface. Cut worms prefer the small and there the highly colored expressions, the tender plants. After the plants become bit of slang, no matter how helpful it seems to be in piecing out your meaning, until you have weeded from your conversation little tricks of talking that make sensible people doubt your sincerity.

There's nothing sweeter in a girl than

No woman is ever really nice looking who has stooped shoulders. A stoop has many There is the student's stoop, causes. brought on by poring over books; the writer's stoop, brought about by bending over a desk, and short and weak sight causes a disposition to round shoulders. Again, a weakness of the system often brings about this state of things, in which case a physican should be consulted. Or-dinary cases are benefited should the victims sleep with only one small, flat pillow; walk straight, hold the head erect, and ex pand the chest, keeping the eyes on a level with people's faces, and not dropped in the dust. Women should, as a gymnastic exercise, walk about the room with a book balanced on the head, and read from a book that is open on a bracket on the wall slightly above the head, so that the chin must be held well up to see the lines.

Buy enough striped or flowered ribbon about two inches wide to make yourself a summer belt. The large houses are selling great quantities of this flowered and striped ribbon in dull pink, several blues, carnation pink, mauve, straw and brown. The flowers are softly blurred in shadow upon the shiny taffeta. Have one long end pass-ed through a circular gilt ring, and then hook your belt, leaving one flaring end, cut in a sharp point.

If a woman doesn't happen to have a fresh, immaculate evening gown in her wardrobe, and for one reason or another can't get one to wear on an occasion when most women appear in full dress, let her go evening gownless. She will look far better in a light street gown or a dark one, and she is sure always to find plenty of company. Soiled satin, crushed chiffon, messy mousseline de soie, battered bows, faded flowers, artificial though they be, and rumpled ribbons are not attractive separately or combined. Woman is queer in this matter of dress; she'll wear an evening gown that is a wreck when she wouldn't dream of appearing on the street in a costume that is not fresh in every detail. This is most mysterious, inasmuch as there is so much to be said in favor of the evening gown, sumptuous or simple. In it many a woman has found a panacea for advancing years, for if becoming and fresh (that cannot be emphasized too much) she looks her best in it.

If you would have a good desert. Put three quarters of an ounce of gelatine into cupful of boiling milk and let it soak. Take an ounce and a half of preserved ginger and cut it up very small. Put a half pint of cream in a basin and whip until it is stiff; add to it, a little at a time, two ounces of powdered sugar, then a table-

The Lutherans Will Give \$90,000 for Home Missions.

ort of Secretary Hartman Causes a Spirited De bate at York—Charges That the Returns From Home Missions Are Not Commensurate With the Money Expended Are Denied With Emphasis—Some Figures as to the Work Done in the Wide Field.

YORK, May 26.—To-day was Home Mission day in the General Lutheran Synod, and the discussions on that subject were continued until the adjournment this afternoon. Shortly after the devotional exercises. Dr. Breckenridge announced that the synod had been working under the old rules of order and that they were now ready to hear the report on the new rules. Dr. Eli Huber presented rules of order which had been prepared by the committee since the last biennial synod, and after the consideration of the four articles on motions, discussions, taking the vote and mis-cellaneous points of order, the report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

HOME FOR AGED LUTHERANS

Dr. E. W. Parson, president of the Board of Managers of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, in Washington, D. C., appeared in the interest of that institution Dame Fashion has adopted Irish lace as her own, but all kinds and every kind of lace can be turned to account. Lace coats institution was opened in 1890 and turned over to the General Synod in 1895; that Mrs. Sarah Utermehle had donated a beautiful site of twenty-seven acres of ground, about two miles from the National Capitol; on condition that a suitable home be erected there for the aged within five years of the donation; that a beautiful home had been erected and that the property was worth \$50,000; that the apportionment last biennium was five cents per capita, and the total income of the biennium about \$10.000.

TWENTY-FIVE NEW MISSIONS.

Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., presented his fifteenth biennial report as secre-tary of the Board of Home Missions, and the remainder of the day was consumed in the discussion and the adoption of this report. The report set forth that the total receipts, It is claimed by an eminent orintheologist who has investigated closely in that
direction that if the world should become
birdless man could not inhabit it, despite
all the sprays and poisons that may be
used. Man wages a more relentless warused. Man wages a more relentless warto be the sprays and poisons that may be
used. Man wages a more relentless warto be those were black. Girl's necks in these
stocks look like bandaged legs. Seems a
case of carbuncles or boils on the neck.
Why hide it? Why tie it up
and bandage it? Why make a spool of the
neck?
The report set forth that the total receipts,
scales of the balance and loans, were
\$4,849.03, an increase of \$3,000 over the
preceding biennium. The indebtedness of
the board in round numbers is \$10,500,
and it is suggested that all churches make
an effort to assist in liquidating the debt sion pastorates have decided to prosecute their work without further aid from the board. Twenty-five new missions have been added to the roll. Five of the new woollen fabric, the underskirt of rich black missions are in Greater New York and Jersey City, two in Philadelphia, one in Chicago, one in Troy, N. Y., and one in Trenton, N. J. The board asks an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the next biennium.

DEFENSE OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

Several of the items recommended by the resident of the board, called attention to the fact that 5,500 new members had been was the only incumbrance, about half that of two years ago; that all the missionaries were paid in full and all bills are paid. He pleaded for the help of the synod in behalf of the board. He said that one-fourth of the present strength of the General Synod was due to home missions and church ex-

Rev. W. H. Blancke, of Davenport, Ia., made a plea for the work of home missions in the West, and especially in his own State, where there are 190,000 Lutherans, not half of whom are members of churches Dr. L. E. Albert, of Germantown, asked the sympathy of synod in behalf of the board, stating that its members were men of ability and integrity and did their whole

duty. Dr. M. W. Hamma, the retiring president and a member of the board, rose to correct a misstatement which occurred in the Lutheran Evangelist to the effect that the receipts of the board had fallen off. As a member of the board, Dr. Hamma urged the support of the church papers, instead of their unjust criticisms. He resented the suspicion produced by the unreliable statements, and said that such papers had assumed a low political standard to deceive the people. If the Church believed these statements, he said that the pulpit would be thrown open in defense of the misrepre-

sented. Dr. J. A. Clutz, of Atchison, Kas., paid a glowing tribute to the work of the board. George B. Remensnyder, a prominent law-yer, spoke in defense of the report, and said that the criticisms should be made in the synod and not in the church papers. Mrs. Alice G. Bond, of Salina, Kas., ap-

peared before the synod. She is president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board, and made a splendid address in reference to woman's work in the West.

The synod decided that the sum of \$90. 000 be apportioned to the district synods for the work of home missions for the next two years.

Mayor Volrath, of Indiana. volunteered to be one of two hundred laymen in the General Synod to contribute \$50 toward liquidating the indebtedness of the Home Mission Board. Mr. Volrath was made one of a committee of three to devise means to carry out his proposition.

Advice to Stammerers.

The New York Sun says that stammerers may be effectually cured by observing the following simple rules:

The affliction is caused partly by nervous-nesss, party by a desire to talk too rapidly, and results from spasmodic action of the diaphragm, the glottis and the organs of articulation, which become "tied up in a knot," to use a descriptive phrase. Let him remember that articulation is performed by tongue and teeth, not by the throat muscles or by the larynx. Singers do not stammer; the worst stutterer I ever heard could sing and pronounce without hesita-tion. Why? Simply because in order to sing one must breathe deeply, taking full breaths before every phrase, the tone rest-ing on the breath and relieving the throat from strain or tightening.

Now for the rules: First, let the patient cultivate muscular relaxation and never hold himself rigid when speaking; second, let him invariably inbale deeply before speaking; third, let him at first practice rhythmically or in cadence, i. e., throwing

tress upon every accented syllable thus:
"My hope is in the ev-er-last-ing."
"None but the brave de-serve the fair;" fourth, let him use the following syllables at his ordinary speaking pitch: Da, me, ni, po, tu, la, be, da, giving the vowels the broad Italian values and getting the consonants well forward at the tip of the tongue and at the teeth.

-The Methodist congregation of Lewistown has decided to erect a new church edifice at once, and the work of demolishing the old structure will probably begin next week. The plans for the new church provide for a seating capacity in the main auditorium for over 600; a Sunday school room, with a seating capacity of over 800, arranged so that by raising partitions it can be used in connection with the auditorium; also a library room, class rooms, with a parlor, etc., in the basement. The win-dows will be of stained glass and will all be put in as memorials.

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