

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 22, 1899.

### FARM NOTES.

-Cut away the tops of the asparagus and when dry burn the bed over, so as to destroy insects. Then cover heavily with esh stable manure that is free from litter id allow it to remain until next spring.

-The best food for ducks and geese after rass disappears is a mess of cooked turnips, thickened with bran, twice a day. If the cooking is objectionable the turnips may be sliced with a root cutter and the bran sprinkled over them. Ducks and se prefer bulky food and require but little grain when not laying.

-Colts that are foaled in the fall will can then be put upon pasture, leaving the and serve with the whites beaten to a stiff mares ready for service in the fields. As froth with castor sugar as a garnish. soon as the colts will eat give them ground oats in addition to the supply of milk from

-The use of ground bone in the poultry yard should be encouraged. With ground bone in reach of the poultry, there is no danger of the egg-eating habit assuming large proportions, and it is doubtful if the habit will be practiced at all, where ground bone is accessible. We have noticed that when the fowls are thus supplied they even lose their liking for broken egg shells, which is certainly an indication that ground bone is effective.

-Old strawberry beds may be burned over as soon as the leaves die off, and by so consumed. The bed should then be mulched by covering with manure or straw, but the mulch need not be applied until cold weather comes. If the old bed is full of year, and to burn it over will be an improvement in many respects.

-If pure, unleached wood ashes could be obtained plentifully, and at a moderate cost, they would give perhaps more satisfactory results than the salts of potash, as the ashes contain lime in its best form, and serve well as a precaution against the attacks of some kinds of insects. They can be used without liability of injury on all kinds of crops if broadcasted over the soil. as many as 150 bushels per acre not being considered excessive on certain soils, and they make a better fertilizer for clover than barn yard manure. For fruit trees ashes cannot be excelled.

-Growers of peaches are using cow peas in the orchards. The vines shade the land and may be turned under when the pods are nearly ripe or may remain as a mulch in winter. It is more profitable to use the vines for food for cattle, but at the same time, if a mulch is required, it is well to grow the mulch, especially when a legumin-ous plant answers so well. One advantage in growing the cow pea is that it is almost a sure crop, and lime or wood ashes may be used as a fertilizer with it. The peach orchard will in no manner be injured by growing the cow pea as long as the land is given the benefit of the crop as manure and by plowing under.

-The lawn can be improved at this season either by raking it over until the soil is loosened and sowing seed on the bare places or by transplanting sod. If sod is used the spots on which the sod is placed place a piece of sod on it. By thus patching the lawn much time will be saved in the spring, as the fall-planted sod will grow out as early next year as that which was already on the lawn, and it will become thicker in the summer.

These state roads vary in width being 6 to 12 yards, the average width being 71 yards. The average cost per mile is \$10,-000. For every mile and a half of completed road a roadkeeper is engaged who receives wages varying from \$125 to \$200 per year. His duties are to mend all small ruts, to brush the road in dry weather or scrape it in wet at least once a week; also year. Special rewards are given to those who are most painstaking. For every 50 miles of road there is an overseer, with a salary of from \$400 to \$500, whose duty it is to watch over his piece of road; report as to repairs continually. For each county there is a state (road engineer) inspector, who reports finally to the superintendent of roads in the ministry of the interior.
The inspector's salary ranges from \$700 to \$1,000.

-From Stuttgart. Germany, a correspondent of the Haven Register, who has made a study of the road system of that country, sends the following results of his

All roads, excepting those streets that are within towns, are divided into classes -viz, state and county roads. The state roads are the most important thoroughfares, connecting the larger towns with one another, and are built and maintained entirely by the central government. The county roads are those which, connecting the smaller villages, are built by the coun-ty with state assistance up to two-thirds of their cost, but thereafter are entirely main-

tained by the county.

The general way of building is about the same for both classes of roads, except that on state roads, which have the heaviest traffic, the best of material is used without regard to cost, so to say; whereas, on the county roads material from local quarries is frequently used. The traces and leveling for a new road being completed—the maximum grade allowed is 6 per cent, though in some unavoidable cases it can rise to 9 per cent—the ground is excavated in the desired macadamization width to the depth of 14 inches. Herein are planted the rough quarry foundation stones, rising from the sides to the middle, so that the arch of the completed road shall be onefortieth of its width. Upon this foundation crushed basalt or granite in pieces of a cubic inch is strewn to a depth of from four to five inches, upon which, as top dressing, shell lime is liberally strewn before and during the wet pressing by the steam

on one or both sides of the road. Along-side of these paths runs a ditch as deep as A fruit, generally apple, tree, being now planted at every 12 yards, or 100 yards, and with the milestones, the road

is entirely finished.

### FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Not many students of sociology pursue their studies in the practical manner of Miss Annie Marion McLean. She is a young woman who has just accepted a chair department of sociology at Royal Victoria College, Montreal, after holding a fellowship in the same science for several years at the University of Chicago. In order to thoroughly understand the condi-tion of women and children employed in the large department stores, she joined the ranks of the retail clerks during the rush of the holiday trade last Christmas time. She became No. 424 in one of the cheaper shops of Chicago, sold toys from eight in the morning to ten at night, and crept wearily home to a \$2.50 boarding house.

If you want good lemon cream mix two tablespoonfuls of arrowroot with a little cold water, then mix it with a pint of boiling water, the juice of two lemons and a entail less cost than those that come in the spring, as the mares will not be taken to Take the arrowroot from the fire, stir in the fields for work at this season. When spring comes the colts will be weaned and the mixture in a mold to set. Turn out

For late summer and fall wear black silk coats are the thing. They are wonderfully pretty, especially with light dresses, and not very expensive at the present price of silk. Dressmakers have been trying for a long time to make the silk coat popular, but it has never been accorded the recognition it deserves. I have an idea that it is about to score a triumph. Nothing could be prettier than a gray skirt of the new slate shade which is coming into fashion and one of these black silk coats. The skirt must not have a touch of lace about it, but it may be trimmed to similate a tunic or made into two skirts, the upper cut in fishtail points. A white waist, as doing many of the seeds of weeds will be dressy as you please, may accompany the costume, and a hat in any degree of gor-

Suddenly green-dark green-has become weeds it will not yield satisfactorily next one of the most fashionable colors for costumes. Being adopted so late in the summer season indicates that it will be one of the shades favored for the ensuing fall and in all probability winter. It is at present much seen in transparent fabrics, worn over a silk lining of the same color. The shade preferred is of the bottle green or the new fuchsia green. It is a color which has been somewhat put aside of late, and has, therefore, all the more chance of maintaining the favor which it already attains.

> For fall wear. Sheath and habit skirts still in high favor. An unusually attractive array of plaids for skirts to be worn with plain bodices. No colors too bright, nor combinations too gaudy, seemingly, for the newest golf capes. Cotton shirt waists of cotton corduroy, colored French piques and heavy linen duck, to be worn throughout the winter.

A dark traveling gown made with a stylish coat or Eton jacket and a plain skirt, braided if you wish, will be the most stylish traveling gown for an October wed-

You may wear this gown all the rest of the season, and it is the only thing that every bride is traveling in. It should be well made and of a medium dark color, such as blue serge, that will stand a sea-son's wear. Do not get it of gray or of cadet blue. The skirt should be lined with dark blue silk and the jacket may be made over white satin, for this latter lining is to be fashionable this winter. man, "that some day you may see me bring You should wear a pretty silk shirt waist the earth home." should first be deeply spaded, so as to break under this, or one of wash flannel, with a up the hard soil below the surface. Lay silk strip in it, or a dark blue taffeta with his meek wife, "don't forget that the door the sod and trample it down well. If there stylish, with a dark blue silk ribbon and last time these halls were scrubbed I did a little white muslin turn over at the top. These, with a small blue or black toque or simple walking hat, will make any woman well-dressed for the train, or anywhere

else, in fact. The autumn stock is in no way connected with the gown. It is made of white material, generally thin pique, and is so fitted to the neck that it hooks in the back above a tiny cape of the white pique which falls around the neck, making a narrow yoke. The shirt waist, or bodice, is lownecked and is filled in by this pique yoke. You get the idea? Why not adopt it? Cut away the soiled collars from your summer to keep the footpaths, ditches and every-thing pertaining to the road in a most per-fect condition, which duties occupy him a about six hours per day throughout the

> As for waists, the blouse style is little seen; nevertheless with the exception of tailor-mades there are few darts used, the fullness thus produced being retained by the band of the skirt or by the new girdle which now accompanies many dresses. the robes worn at her coronation. These are broad, loose, and are jeweled or beaded, and fasten at the back beneath two This is the Sarah Bernhardt effect, and allows the robe to be cut loose, the weight of the beaded and fringed girdle retaining the slight fullness in place. This style relieves the pit of the stomach from pres-sure and is hygienic as well as gracefu.1

The present sheath shape of skirts is singularly adapted to plaids, which are again much in evidence on the counters of our best retail stores. The softer colorings, such as brown, dark gray, and a dull red crossed by lines of coloring only a trifle lighter or darker than the background, will be given the preference and take the lead in all soft long-haired goods. The bright Highland plaids will no doubt find great favor with young women; they are high-priced, however, which will somewhat restrict their popularity.

The craving for something to drink is strong during sickness, and the nurse is often at a loss to give the patient that which will quench the thirst and yet not prove injurious. In all cases the doctor's opinion must be asked as to the advisability and the manner of catifuity. ity and the manner of satisfying a pa-tient's craving, but the following recipes given by Woman's Life will afford a choice: In any illness. except diarrhoea, barley water is a soothing and refreshing drink if properly made. The primary cause of its dislike by the sick is the inefficient washing of the barley before it is boiled. Put an ounce of pearl barley in a basin, fill up with cold water, allow it to stand a minute or two, and then carefully The roadbed being so completed, a gravel footpath of about 1½ yards in width is made three times, and you will then have got rid of several impurities that too often are boiled with the barley and render the drink the road bed, which receives the water from the road through gullies at short intervals.

distasteful. When cleansed in this way put the barley into a saucepan with a quart of water, sugar to taste, and a few drops of essence of lemon. Boil until it is of the required consistency. Do not over-sweeten or it will not be liked.

## Crop Averages.

September Report as Given Out by the Department of Agricultur

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The September report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the following averages of condition on September 1st: Corn, 85.2, wheat, 70.9; oats, 87.2; rye, 82.0; buck-wheat, 75.2; potatoes, 86.3; barley, 86.7. There was a decline in the average con-

dition of corn during August amounting to 4.7 points, but the condition on Sept. 1st was still 1.0 points higher than on September 1st, 1898, 5.9 points higher than at the corresponding date in 1887, and 2.9 points above the mean of the September averages for the last ten years.

The condition of winter and spring wheat

onsolidated is 70.9, as compared with 68.7 on Sept. 1st, 1898, 85.7 at the corresponding date in 1897, and 82.5 the mean of Sept. averages for the last ten years. The condition on the first of the present month was the lowest September condition in twenty years. The reports from the principal winter wheat States are, with the exception of Kansas and Missouri, slightly better than on July 1st, but in the spring wheat States there has been a decline of 3 points in North Dakota, 2 in South Dakota, 12 in Minnesota, 16 in Iowa and 11 in Ne-

braska. The Department will make no quantative estimate of the wheat crop, pending a revision of the acreage figures in the northwest

### Bogert Jury Could not Agree. The Vote Stood Ten for Acquittal to Two for Convic

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 16.—After 42 hours' deliberation the jury in the case of former postmaster Bogert, of Wilkesbarre, charged with opening letters, was discharged by Judge Buffington this morn-ing. On each of the last ten ballots, it is

said, the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. In discharging the jury Judge Buffington said: "In face of the farcical exhibition just concluded at Rennes, it is refreshing to note that an American jury would, at the end of a hard week's work, and when all wanted to get home, give careful attention to an important case and remain as long as necessary to do this."

## Union County Fair.

Reduced Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad. For the benefit of persons desiring to attend the Union county fair, to be held at Brook park, near Lewisburg, Pa., Sept. 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Brook park on September 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, valid to return until

Special trains will be run Thursday, Sep tember 28th, and on Friday, September 29th, as follows: Leave Mifflinburg 12:00 noon, Vicksburg 12:08 p. m., Biehl 12:13 p. m.; arrive Brook park 12:18 p. m. Re-turning, leave Brook park for Bellefonte and intermediate stations at 5:45 p. m. Special trains will also be run on Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th, between Lewisburg and Brook park every half hour from 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. All regular trains will stop at Brook park during the fair. For time of regular trains consult time-tables.

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"If you bring it on your feet," cautioned last time these halls were scrubbed I did it myself." Chicago "News."

-Prosperity, has struck a snag in Johnstown. The Cambria steel company on Saturday announced a reduction of from 70 to 80 per cent. in the wages of the men employed in the structural department. This is the biggest wage cut on record, and a general strike is threatened.

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—Robert R. Stuyvesant, of New York, has just sold a plot of ground which has been owned by the Stuyvesant family for 216 years. It was purchased directly from the Indians by Peter Stuyvesant, Governor of New Amsterdam.

> --Sir Edmund Antrobus, owner of the estate upon which Stonehenge stands, has offered the land to the British government for 125,000 pounds.

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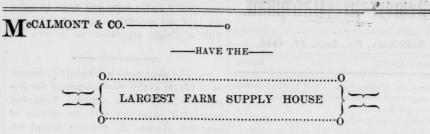
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