

FARM NOTES.

Cut away the tops of the asparagus and when dry burn the bed over, so as to destroy insects.

The best food for ducks and geese after mass disappears is a mess of cooked turnips, thickened with bran, twice a day.

Colts that are foaled in the fall will entail less cost than those that come in the spring, as the mares will not be taken to the fields for work at this season.

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.

Old strawberry beds may be burned over as soon as the leaves die off, and by so doing many of the seeds of weeds will be consumed.

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.

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.

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 should first be deeply spaded, so as to break up the hard soil below the surface.

These state roads vary in width being 6 to 12 yards, the average width being 7 1/2 yards. The average cost per mile is \$10,000.

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 observation:

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 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 roadbed being so completed, a gravel footpath of about 1 1/2 yards in width is made on one or both sides of the road. Alongside of these paths runs a ditch as deep as the roadbed, which receives the water from the road through gullies at short intervals.

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 in the department of sociology at Royal Victoria College, Montreal, after holding a fellowship in the same science for several years at the University of Chicago.

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 cupful of sugar. Boil for five minutes.

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.

Suddenly green—dark green—has become 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.

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 wedding.

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, which will stand a woman'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.

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 low-necked and is filled in by this pique yoke.

As for waists, the blouse style is little seen; nevertheless with the exception of tailor-made there are few darts used, the fullness thus produced being retained by the band of the skirt or by the new girde which now accompanies many dresses. These are broad, loose, and are jeweled or beaded, and fasten at the back beneath two clasps, continue to follow the waist as far as the hips, then descend to the front in a point about six inches below the waist.

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 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 satisfying a patient'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.

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Crop Averages.

September Report as Given Out by the Department of Agriculture.

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; buckwheat, 75.2; potatoes, 83.3; barley, 86.7.

The condition of winter and spring wheat consolidated 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 Department will make no quantitative estimate of the wheat crop, pending a revision of the acreage figures in the northwest and on the Pacific slope.

Bogert Jury Could not Agree.

The Vote Stood Ten for Acquittal to Two for Conviction.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 16.—After 42 hours' deliberation the jury in the case of former postmaster Bogert, of Wilkes-Barre, charged with opening letters, was discharged by Judge Buffington this morning.

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 Sept. 30th, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip (no less rate than 25 cents.)

Special trains will be run Thursday, September 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. Returning, leave Brook park for Bellefonte and intermediate stations at 5:45 p. m.

"I am so ambitious," said the egotistical man, "that some day you may see me bring the earth home."

—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.

—Miss Ann Klumke, who inherits all of the property of the late Rosa Bonheur, is a California woman, and a painter of note.

Niagara Falls Excursions.

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September 7th and 21st and October 5th and 19th are the dates of the remaining railroad popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and intermediate points.

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Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for \$1.90 on September 23rd. In connection with excursion of September 7th, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto fair.

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