

FARM NOTES.

Scientific farming means much more than is generally understood by the term. Farmers are prone to suppose that scientific farming is practiced by a certain class of experimenters only, and that ordinary farming is a different pursuit.

More skill is required to properly manage a farm than in any other occupation, as farming includes many different branches of business; and, while some are more skillful as breeders, others are more successful in growing special crops.

In ordinary farming with field crops alone there is much to learn. The simple rotation of the crops of to-day is scientific farming compared with the system practiced fifty years ago.

To give the pigs a thorough scrubbing may appear to be labor thrown away, but if two lots of hogs are treated alike in every respect except that one lot receives a thorough scrubbing with soap once in a while while there will be a marked difference in favor of the hogs that are washed when the time for slaughtering arrives.

Burn off the asparagus beds now and clean the ground thoroughly, applying manure plentifully. All bushes or weeds that have not been cleared from the ground will serve as harboring places for mice and insects.

Field mice do not attack old trees if they can get the bark of young trees, and they sometimes do much damage to orchards. Wrap the trees with tarred paper, extending the paper several inches into the ground.

November and December are excellent months for pruning apple trees, as the wood is then matured. There is much to learn on the part of those who go into an orchard and saw off limbs without regard to the symmetry of the trees or the injury inflicted.

The best food for ducks and geese after grass 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.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. John J. Ingalls is famed throughout Kansas for her blackberry jam.

Huge granny muffs are all the rage, some are altogether of fur, others with frills of satin or velvet.

A new fur which is rich and handsome closely resembles smoked fox. As a matter of fact, it is the fox treated with an application of white hairs which are sown in separately.

Fur boleros and Etons are to have straight fronts, rounded into a tab at the bottom. Fur applique on lace is an oddity—a costly one, too.

Odious mannerisms are fatal to a girl. Giggling simply maddens some men. One girl missed becoming the wife of a nabob because she "sniffled."

The right and wrong way of washing the face is now being intelligently studied. The method of performing this daily face washing is of great importance, as even if one only washes it twice a day the operation is gone through over 700 times in the course of a year.

Highly-scented, or highly-colored soaps should be avoided, and one which gives a soft lather and does not cause any feeling of irritation is the best.

The soap should be well rubbed into the face with a clean piece of flannel, and bathed off in a basinful of absolutely clean water, so that every particle of soap may be removed.

After a thorough washing the face should be dried with a Turkish towel, then with a moderately rough towel, unless the face is very sensitive, and finally well rubbed over with a piece of chamois leather.

Gentle friction of the face with soft leather, or, better still, with the finger tips, when clean, tends to remove lines and prevent the formation of wrinkles.

Not all young mothers understand the best method of taking care of the baby's hair. It is necessary to remember how sensitive the scalp of an infant is, also that the bones of the skull do not close until the child is nearly two years old.

If you want some good corn fritters prepare canned corn for stewed corn, since the fresh article cannot be obtained at this season of the year.

The biggest fashion change of the season is Paquin's new box-pleated skirt. It surrounds the death knell of the skin tight habit back skirt, which has been so popular and vulgar.

The first skirt of this sort was made by Paquin, the greatest French designer of the day, and was only a slight change from the flat habit back.

It introduced a carefully fitted, very flat, much pressed box-pleat with hardly showed it was a pleat at all until half way down the skirt, when it opened to fall in graceful folds.

It was a forerunner of a much more pronounced box pleat skirt—the skirt which now promises to be the most correct fashion of the winter.

The skirt still clings to the figure over the hips, but it does away with all the plain tight effect at the back, and instead the material falls in graceful double box pleat, which widens into ripples as it nears the hem.

Besides the double box pleated skirt, there is also a skirt made with a single pleat which is a separate piece, and is tucked to the skirt six inches deep from the belt, and then the seams of the pleat and skirt are run together on each side and spread out in folds to the end.

A pretty new model for a winter skirt has the back breadth laid in a novel box pleat, a small box pleat placed over a very large one, and the fullness is allowed to escape very soon in a naturally sweeping train.

One of the reasons why the old-fashioned buttoned have come in for cuffs to the exclusion of links is because it is the fashion now to have the cuffs ironed in creases exactly opposite to the usual places.

Mrs. Highly (who is near sighted)—"George, what is Miss Smyth wearing to-night?" Mr. Highly—"Oh, nothing, to speak of."

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