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FARM NOTES.

—Corn should be fed with judgment. Old corn is better than new and there is a loss in the crib while waiting for prices to go up, as corn dries some the older it gets. Corn that is smutty or moldy should not be put in the crib, as it is injurious to all kinds of stock, producing a disease styled by some "stomach staggers."

—The main leak on the farm is the ditch around the barnyard, which permits the rich, black liquid to flow away, for with it goes the wealth on the farm and the most valuable portions of the manure. It should be absorbed with some kind of material, and to prevent leaching of the manure it should be kept under cover.

—Scalding the milk pails will not cleanse them, as hot water causes portions of the milk to curdle. First, wash the vessels with lukewarm water, dissolving a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda (washing soda) in every quart of water used. Scrub well and rinse with clean cold water and then scald, using more carbonate of soda in the boiling water, then rinsing with clean cold water.

—If the ground remains warm make a bed on the south side of a building, use plenty of manure and sow lettuce seed. When the plants come up cover the bed with coarse litter and leave it until spring. If sown in a cold frame it will be better. Lettuce is hardy and yields considerable crop. If the seed is sown late it will come up very early in the spring. The young plants may be transplanted to other cold frames if desired.

—The corn fodder that is left in the fields is sure to be wasted. It should be stored under shelter, an open shed being excellent. The corn crop would not be so valuable but for its abundant yield of fodder, and farmers who leave the corn shocks in the fields to be injured by rain, snow and frost have not yet arrived at the stage of progress reached by those who grow a few pounds of provender grown on their farms serve some useful purpose.

—The best time to treat the lawns so as to secure good growth next spring is at this season of the year. It will pay to use wood ashes liberally, and an application of manure will also be excellent. Early in the spring rake the lawn over so as to clean it of the manure, litter, and apply nitrate of soda—at the rate of 50 pounds per acre—and do not mow the grass too soon. In fact, it will be an advantage to cut the first growth with a scythe, but the grass should not be allowed to produce seed.

—It is sometimes an advantage to plow the ground and spread the manure in the fall, but the kind of land and circumstances of local nature must be considered. If the manure is thoroughly worked into the soil with the harrow there will be but little risk of loss of the soluble matter. Manure, as a rule, is mostly solid material, and the frosts and moisture assist in disintegrating it. There will also be a saving of time in the spreading of the manure, as less work will be required during the busy season.

—It is claimed that if the roots of hyacinths and tulips are left in the beds where they bloomed and the stalks cut after blossoming they will bloom annually, provided the bed is well protected in winter. A shovelful of well-rotted manure over each stalk, with straw or some other covering over the manure, will serve as a protection. When tulips or hyacinths are grown in glasses the flowers and stems are produced at the expense of the bulbs, but when grown in rich soil the exhaustion does not occur.

—There are many ways of keeping pork, and smoking the meat may be done more easily the smaller the pieces. For 100 pounds of meat use a pickle made as follows: Salt, six pounds; saltpeter, four ounces; brown sugar, one pound. Mix the ingredients with enough water to make a strong brine; keep the meat in the brine six weeks (being careful to have every piece covered with the brine), and then smoke the meat. The meat may then be sewed in cotton bags, which may be painted with thick lime water.

—Milk is variable. Not only will it be difficult to find two cows in a herd that yield milk of the same quality, but that from one cow will vary daily. The milk from some cows will contain a lower percentage of solids than that from others, and it attempts to draw the proportion of solids by law will be to cause much annoyance to the farmers. A cow that produces milk containing less than 12 per cent. of solids, however, should be disposed of. The food, duration of milking period, facilities for obtaining water, manner in which she is milked and condition influence the quality.

—All plants that are put out in the fall, such as blackberries, raspberries, etc., should be cut back to within six inches of the roots. Cones that are left on will be of no advantage next season. Open a drain in the middle of the row with a one-horse plow, so as to draw the water from the vines and to permit the surplus to flow off, and it will pay to use manure around the young plants, leaving it on the surface until spring, when it should be worked in with a cultivator, the working of the ground being not difficult if the plants are checked in the rows.

—Farm help is always in demand, but those who have had no experience on a farm will be of little use. Every one cannot milk cows or handle the plow, cut wood, etc., and when a farmer is busy he has no time to teach a beginner. Those who advise the laborers in the cities to seek work in the country know very little of what is required of a hired man on a farm. He is sometimes more than an ordinary laborer, as he must not only be able to work at all seasons, and at times from sunrise to sunset, but he must know how to do certain kinds of work at the proper time and in a thorough manner. There are many farm hands, however, who could easily get higher wages if they would use their brains more. The farmer likes a man that must not be told what to do, one who knows what is required as well as the farmer and does it. The farm hand who comes to the employer every now and then to know "what next," or who must be instructed every day as to the work he is to do, is a nuisance to the employer, as it takes more of the farmer's time to look after such a man than to do the work. It is cheaper to do a thing sometimes than to lose the time informing some one how to do it. A farm hand who desires good wages and permanent work should make himself indispensable and not bother his employer about matters that can be attended to with out advice from anyone.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Of all the enemies to beauty worry is the most deadly. And, after all, it is largely habit. When one stops to figure the amount of energy spent in worry and to compare with it the amount of good that it has accomplished the result is depressing.

One reason that many women become sere and yellow through worry is not because their mental troubles are so great, but because their livers are out of order. Their aims are bad and they usually hit all over the face of the victim to the ruin of its beauty.

No woman should expect true friendship when she is incompetent to give such friendship to others.

Mrs. Leland Standford's gifts to educational institutions on the Pacific coast foot up \$19,000,000. She has as much left, which at her death will go for similar purposes.

No matter what society papers and journals may illustrate as fashionable in the matter of long skirts on tailor gowns, the fact remains that at all high-class tailors and tailors' modistes and also at the importing houses official word is given that the newest, smartest models in cloth, cheviot, covert suitings and similar handsomely tailored fabrics will be made to merely touch but not sweep the ground on the sides, and only with a small "dip," which when necessary, can be lifted. There will be no useless, untidy demi-train to become ruined by contact with the pavement. This most desirable style will please the great majority of women who dress handsomely but are not wealthy enough to discard an expensive gown the moment it shows the least sign of wear.

Habit backs in skirts are decidedly going out of style. This is a prophecy for the next three months rather than the condition of to-day. The best tailors and dress-makers are putting box pleats in the back, or five single half-box pleats in the back, or five single half-inch pleats stitched down on either side.

In making French flannel shirt waists, the shoulder seams are on the usual line. They are not brought over the chest to form a yoke.

With a light-blue and white waist, wear a high stock collar of pale blue velvet, or liberty satin, with a white turn-over muslin collar. A band of black velvet at the bottom, tied in a little flat bow, with a silver or gilt button on each end, would be a good finishing touch.

No more "swell" or becoming kind of hair ornament could be worn with a black jetted or spangled evening dress than a bunch of spangled poppies of a beautiful rich dark red shade. They are the very newest kind of headdress, and are most becoming.

Silk and velvet flowers are to be worn in the hair this winter. But to be thoroughly in style they must be large single flowers, or never more than two. Bunches of small flowers with covering, and light-colored stock in the center, are entirely gone out of date. A beautiful hair decoration is one large single orchid of the different shades of violet, worn at the left side rather flat against the head. Small black velvet bows are often worn in the hair with simple costumes in the house.

Quite an attractive hair ornament, to be worn with light evening dresses principally, is the maidenhair fern, in velvet or silk, in a beautiful shade of green. This comes in small bunches arranged on a long hairpin, and is worn stuck in at the left side, with a branch or two of the delicate leaves laid against the hair towards the back. This style is particularly pretty when the hair is arranged in a few pulls in the back and the leaves placed in and out of them. Shaded and dark green leaves have been much worn in Paris, but the ferns are newer and more effective. One pretty head-dress is composed of two rather stiff dark green leaves stuck in the hair at the side and standing up a little, but not too high. The great advantage of these ornaments is that they can be worn with gowns of any color, and are effective and becoming.

Do not put a yoke in the back or front of your shirtwaist, for a yoke always cuts off a short-waisted person, especially if the waist is not small.

Make your flannel shirt waist in the new mode, which depends on its cut and its style rather than its trimming. Get a good pattern. A flannel shirtwaist is either a mistake or a beauty. The pattern should have a good long sweep from neck to girdle and snug-fitting under-arm pieces. The back should be fit without the slightest wrinkle at shoulder or throat. With your figure the shirt should be dropped in the front and the girdle brought to the lowest point of your waist.

Put the fronts into the shoulder seams with little fulness and into the throat with three single box pleats on each side of the opening. Bring these box pleats in a straight line down the waist, and do not allow for much of a sag.

If you put a belt on the waist you must put it fully two inches lower in the front than in the back and fasten it to the corset with a safety-pin. This gives you the long, straight line in the front aided by the box pleats, which is so fashionable and which is so much desired.

To make peanut crisps beat the whites of five eggs until very stiff, add to them two cups of powdered sugar, a quarter of a cup of sifted flour, and a cup of finely minced roasted peanuts. Line a baking pan with greased paper and drop the mixture by the spoonful upon it. Bake in a moderate oven. These crisp meringues are delicious with vanilla ice cream.

Tying a bit of narrow black ribbon close about the topmost edge of the high stock is still the fad of high favor.

Not more than a half an inch in width, and preferably narrower than that, must be the ribbon. Surely must it cling to the rim of the collar and very precise must be the flat little bow with which it ends at the back. What is it therefore, anyway?

It has no relation to any other part of the costume. The rest of the collar may be a flyaway film of lace or chiffon, or a prim little band of satin, but the narrower black velvet ribbon must skirt its upper edge.

It is subtle woman's trick to accentuate the whiteness of her skin by contact with ink or violet?

Enough that it suits my lady's pleasure for the moment. And that puff-blow of tulle. There it is, as white as the snow-drift and looking not unlike a big chrysanthemum stuck on the back of the stock. It isn't any more to match the foundation stock than the velvet circle, but it is just as popular.

Piles of Pearls.
Gigantic Effort to Smuggle Goods Uncovered.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Francis Book, a jewelry manufacturer and dealer in precious stones, of Providence, R. I., was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields this morning and held in \$5,000 bail for examination to-morrow morning upon a charge of smuggling 10,000 pearls into this country. Book was arrested by special treasury agent Theobald and custom inspector Cloyes upon the arrival of the steamship La Bretagne yesterday from Havre.

In several of his pockets were found packages of pearls. In his trunk three pairs of shoes were discovered, fastened together heel and toe, wound about with string, and finally wrapped in paper. They had been worn, and at first appearance looked like pairs of shoes which had been tied tightly and wrapped in paper in order to occupy as little space as possible and to prevent them from soiling the clothing in the trunk. When the wrappings and strings were removed from the first pair of shoes a few packages fell out, which upon being opened were found to contain pearls.

The shoes were packed full of the pearls. The officers proceeded with their work of investigation, and the pile of pearls grew in size until it was estimated that 10,000 of the stones had been discovered, valued at about \$50,000. The investigation made from the trunk took place first, and after 30 packages of pearls had been recovered, attention was turned to the traveler.

Book was dressed in a shaped-paddock coat, and it was searched. Several packages were found to be fastened at the top by safety pins, and upon searching these more packages of pearls were discovered. From the overcoat the officers turned their attention to the waistcoat, coat and trousers of Book. In nearly every pocket at least one package of the pearls was found, and when the search had taken in his hat and shoes, it was found that in all 40 packages had been recovered. They were taken to the appraiser's office, and their value has not been determined. Mr. Theobald said that there were pearls enough to stock a jewelry store.

Book does not speak English. He said he was born in Austria and had gone from Trieste to Paris. Special agent Theobald has learned of a trip the inventor made from Paris to this country last May and regrets that Book's baggage was not searched that time.

Proposals for Dredging Channel Received.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20.—Proposals were today received by Lieutenant Colonel C. W. Raymond, United States engineer, for dredging the Delaware river channel to a depth of thirty feet. The bidders were the Virginia Dredging company, of Richmond, Va.; the James & Matthews Dredging company, of New York, and the American Dredging company, of this city. The bids are all within the amount available for the commencement of the work, \$500,000. The estimated cost of the completion of the project is between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. Application will be made to Congress from time to time for appropriations. The contract will not be awarded for several days.

Ninety Boers Killed.
Official Returns of the Transvaal Casualties Since the War Began.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show that ninety men have been killed and 200 wounded of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front. Newspaper reports from Cape Colony say that a general rising of the Dutch farmers is imminent in Natal, and that the colonial Boers in those districts which have been proclaimed republican territory have already joined the Boer forces.

New Words for Old Things.

The young woman whose vocabulary is mostly slang and who makes a habit of meeting her sister—was with an excursion party on the Potomac river. The Washington Post treasures a fragment of her conversation: "This is Alexandria we're coming to now," said Margaret. "You must go over there before you go away."
 "What is there to see?" asked the young man.
 "Oh," said Margaret, "there's an old graveyard there—the funnest old place you ever saw, with just a lot of the cutest old gravestones in it. It's just perfectly grand!"

—He stood before St. Peter and meekly applied for admission to the better land. "Cannot admit you, sir," "Can't admit me!" exclaimed the dismayed aspirant, "Haven't I lived a Christian life?" "Yes, in the main," "Haven't I obeyed the laws of the land?" "Oh, yes," "What then has been my heavenly sin?" "You wanted to stop your newspaper and instead of dropping a line to the publisher and paying arrears, you had the postmaster send a message to the effect that his paper was finished. A man so contemptible would find no company in heaven, so please move on to the land where they don't shovel any snow."

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