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## FARM NOTES.

-The cow will pay for what she receives but she will not give something for nothing. She may be well bred and capable of producing an unusual quantity of milk and butter, but she will not do so unless she is iberally supplied with the raw materials suitable for her purpose.

-Grain and vegetable foods are nourishing and contain more of the elements to supply the wants of human beings than does animal food. The mineral matter protein, fat, sugar and starch can be found in all vegetable substances, while meat is sometimes deficient in both the fat, starch and mineral substances. Horses perform heavy labor on corn, oats, hay and grass and even the meats are produced from vege table substances.

-Corn cobs are not valued by farmers as they should be, yet they are exceedingly rich in potash, and it will pay an enterprising farmer to buy them for fuel, the ashes to be saved. Corn husks are used in the manufacture of beds, being sent to market in bales. They must be clean and bright, and must be harvested before they are damaged by wet weather. Corn stalks are shredded and sold in bales in some sections, where hay or bedding is scarce.

-Careful stacking saves much loss of hay and straw. But few farmers stack their hay, preferring to put it away in the mow, but straw is usually left outside. There is some skill required in stacking straw so as to pretect it, and it is more valuable if | ly on the wrong side. bright and clean. Cattle will pick over the straw even when well supplied with hay, and they will eat a large proportion of clean straw when they will not touch that which has become wet and mouldy.

-Good grooming is important in making a horse's coat shine? using the brush with a little bran or cornmeal, increasing the allowance daily until a pint is used. It will loosen the skin and greatly benefit the animal in many ways. Should it prove too laxative reduce the quantity. Linseed meal may be given to all horses regularly twice a week with advantage.

-Nature restores soils to fertility by covering them. The barren soil will in time support some kind of plant life, and the broad and fastened with a little broad in front. The contrast with the each year will witness more plants and greater growth. The leaves of trees fall to the ground and serve to cover the soil, and in every case where growth can be secured there is no bare soil. It is when the ground is covered that the formation of humus occurs and the covering protects the soil from loss of plant food from rains, while the roots convert the mineral substances of the subsoil into soluble matter.

of hydrogen, the lightest of all substances, as well as nitrogen. Ammonia results from the decay or fermentation of the substances the full fifteen inches. Either five or threein the manure, and it is seldom that it is gored pattern is good form, but for anynot present in the heap. Cold water absorbs it, and when the odor of ammonia is is preferred. If it is a walking gown the it is only an inch long. What makes it Stories of Railroad Life. easily noticed it will not be a mistake to force a crowbar into the heap in several places, and pour cold water into the holes, or the heap should be over-hanled and plenty of absorbent material added.

-The advertised "lice killers" used for destroying lice on poultry are made principally with naphthaline as the main substance. Dissolve as much naphthaline in a gallon of kerosene as it will take up, then add a gill of crude carbolic acid two gills of gas tar and a quart of crude petroleum.
When wanted for use paint it on the roots or wherever lice may appear. The naphthaline evaporates and penetrates the feathers of the fowls while they are on the roost, destroying the large body lice as well as the small mites. The cost is but a small sum.

-Dairymen who desire cows to remain in flow of milk begin with them early. It is claimed that a cow with her first and second calves should be milked up to within a month of the time of the birth of the third calf. After that she will be a persistent milker. All habits of cows are fixed when they are young. The kind treatment of the heifer influences her disposition when she becomes a cow and the surroundings also affect the animal in many respects. Some cows when removed to another locality become discontented and do not fulfill expectations or prove as valuable as before.

-The admonition frequently given to clean the fence corners from weeds and rubbish may be repeated at this season, as the weeds have been touched by frost and are dead and dry. They should be cleared out and burned. Sometimes the work can be done with a rake. Later in the season, when the snow covers the ground, it may be more difficult to collect rubbish and burn it. All material on the farm that foot. She's the girl for me." has no value should be consumed, as by consigning such to the flames many insects will be destroyed. Rubbish and dead weeds make excellent harboring places for

-Every consumer of honey ought to know that all pure extracted honey granulates and becomes a waxy mass resembling lard in cold weather. It granulates early in autumn after taken from the hives on the approach of cool weather and remains r afterward unless it is heated up nearly to the boiling point, when it returns again to liquid. Glucose and other syrups used to adulterate honey do not thus granulate, but remain liquid, and all such found on the market and offered for honey may be looked upon with suspicion. The masses of the people have the mistaken idea just the reverse of this and form their conclusions that the purely liquid article is the pure honey and that the granulated article is some kind of sugar.

-There is more poor cheese on the mar-ket than can be sold, yet the demand for a of your muff and cut it down the center, full-cream cheese is greater than the supply. If any one wishes to know how cheese sells it is only necessary to visit any reli-able merchant, and it will be noticed that there is a wide difference between good and inferior cheeses so far as the prices are conof violets nestling among it will complete inferior cheeses so far as the prices are con-cerned. Filled cheese has greatly injured the muff and make it absolutely up to date. the cheese industry, but there are excellent openings for farmers to co-operate in making cheese of the best quality. The milk must not be skimmed from one milking, the next milking to be left untouched, but the whole milk from all the milkings should be used. Taking time to properly cure the cheese is another point. The desire to hurry cheese to market is one of the causes of lack of quality. The European fancy cheeses brought to this market owe fancy cheeses brought to this market owe their excellence to being well cured, and they bring high prices. Much of the cheap cheese is unfit for consumption, being indigestible because lacking in fat and also being too "green." Cheese is salable every month in the year, and it is sometimes difficult to get a first-class article.

A leading tailor is making a special ty of cream cloth coats, cut only a few inches below the waist, with sable collar and revers, and red cloth coats trimmed with white fur. The contrasts are very smart, and both red and white are to be much patronized during the winter.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The fashion of stitched bands that was eagerly adopted by many women last win-ter seems to have redoubled in value in-stead of losing. The most elegant frocks this winter show this manner of trimming on everything. Circular flounces on the foundation skirts instead of having tucks have two or three graduated bands from an eighth of an inch to an inch wide, holding

four or five bands of stitching.

The newest idea is to trim chiffon bodices and even those of Liberty silk and satin, with bands of stitched cloth. For instance, I saw a white chiffon bodice made over pale green Liberty satin. Down the front went seven rows of pale green broadcloth cut half inch wide and stitched down three times with white silk thread. These bands graduated to a point at the girdle. There were three more bands down the middle of the back. The cloth was satin faced broadcloth of the thinnest texture.

The white cloth and white flannel waists with a colored dot or stripe, are just now in marked favor. Those described a month ago as models from the other side have been copied, and now waists of wool in regular shirt waist style can be purchased at any of the best dry goods houses. These fit perfectly, and they are at once neat, dainty, serviceable and becoming; and, being simply made, are easily cleaned.

Table linen should be ironed when quite damp and ironed with a very hot and very heavy iron.

Embroideries should be ironed on a thin, smooth surface over thick flannel, and on-

Linen may be made beautifully white by the use of a little refined borax in the water instead of using a washing fluid.

The black velvet ribbon stock and bow with long ends is the most prominent fad on the streets. It takes two yards of ribpopular. It is wound around the neck twice, with a very small bow at the throat and very long ends. The cross piece at the neck usually holds a fancy jeweled brooch. Another black velvet ribbon faucy is to wear with any light tinted stock a very narrow velvet. This is about half an inch wide, and is worn at the foot of the stock

The best skirt of to-day which seems Yolks of four egg probable to last until next winter has a box then add chocolate. plait down the middle of the back. It fits very snugly around the hips, the box plait is stiched down to give a flat appearance at the back and the skirt flares from the of the four eggs to a stiff froth, stir careful-

It is long in front and at the sides and —Ammonia is much lighter than the air dips from eight to fifteen inches in the and rises. It contains a large proportion back. Ten inches is the medium which most dressmakers use for a standard on cloth gowns. House gowns are made with thing except a walking gown a three-gored lining is made with it. If it is a more elaborate frock the lining is made separate. No stiffening is used at the bottom. Shaped ruffles are still in evidence, but are face from two to five minutes, then it will worn more as a foundation for a tunic than explode, hurling its contents into the air like on a plain skirt. All seams are still strap-

> The authoritative tone that the majority of young women take with their mothers nowadays is not precisely an indication of good breeding; but then good breeding seems to be rapidly going out of fashion, complains a woman of the world. A few distinct of the distin of young women take with their seems to be rapidly going out of fashion, complains a woman of the world. A few relics of it are still left, just enough to show how delightful a thing it was. A really courteous man is now described as being "of the old school." A really high-bred woman is called "old-fashioned."

Nobody would like to see children go back to the stilted stiffness of the days when they called their parents "Sir" and "Madam." But their present demeanor is the reverse of polite or gentle, and reflects but little credit on themselves or on those who have brought them up. The mothers seem to get accustomed to this kind of brusquerie from their daughters, and do not preceive its effect upon people who hear and see it for the first time.

But men notice it. Only last week a young man said to me at a dinner party: 'I wish my brother was here. He's rather gone on Miss Bengaline; but he'd have changed his mind if he'd heard her snub

her poor old father as she did just now."
"Girls do nowadays," I said.
"Nice girls don't," said he. "There's
Miss Marguerite. She adores her mother, and watches her to see if she wants any

From Paris comes the news. "One very rarely sees an overskirt on the new fall gowns in Paris, and the best tailors and dressmakers are making none at all. The new skirts are made very simply and plain-ly and are noticeable for their perfect lines

and folds." It has been whispered that many of the graceful, lithe figures of society owe their beauty and suppleness to the abandonment of corsets. Whether this be true or not, it is a fact that some one is wearing the dainty little satin girdles and very low cut boneless bodices which one sees displayed in the corset shops.

Rather to our discomfort we find, that this year, fashion has decreed that large granny muffs are to be used by well-dressed women. Those of us who have the or-dinary fur muff look at it with despair, wondering how it can be enlarged so as to make it up to date. Take the lining out making of it two bands. Mount these on your muff, making the center part of drawn velvet with large double frills of the same on either side of the muff. A knot of lace If you wear white gloves much line your muff with white glace silk, for this will not soil your gloves as the ordinary colored

lining will do. Large frills on either side of a muff are extremely fashionable. Some have the further addition of lace inside them. A muff of this kind with a velvet toque to match is exceedingly smart.

Choice Recipes.

Virginia Cream Sherbet-Three pints of water, juice of four lemons, and one cup of sugar mixed together. Beat to a froth the whites of three eggs, one half-pint sweet cream and one ounce of sugar. When stiff mix with the water and lemon juice and freeze. Oranges or oranges and lemons may be used instead of lemons alone. Spanish Fudge-One cup of cream (or cream by boiling; add butter; when this begins to thicken pour in the vanilla and need not be boiled as long as the chocolate. To make double the quantity I would advise making two batches instead of one.

moved and the chestnuts mashed with butter. Whole chestnuts should also be used

in thickening the gravy. One cup sugar.

Half cup milk. Two cups flour,

Two eggs.
One and a half teaspoons baking powder, nix all together. Take half cake chocolate.

One cup sugar. Yolks of two eggs and cook these ingredients until the thickness of cream, when

powder.

Dissolve two ounces chocolate in five teaspoons boiling water.

Half cup sweet milk

ly into the mixture.

Put together with boiled icing.

ditions of its habitat.

-The Medical Record gives the following "more or less good advice to doctors"— and sounds as though it might also be good for their patients: "Drink less, breathe more; eat less, chew more; ride less, walk 44-44 more; clothe less, bathe more; worry less, work more; waste less, give more; write less, read more; preach less, practice

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union.

-Mrs. Newlywed-Let's toss up to see whether I get a new hat or you get a new coat. Mr. Newlywed-But I don't want a new

you can let me have your chanc

---What are you going to be when you are a man, Tommy?"
"I'm goin' to work till I get enough money to buy a candy store, an' then I won't do a thing!

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The result is a finer grain. Turkey Filled With Oysters-Put in the frying pan over a clear fire a teaspoonful of butter. Heat until slightly brown, then

cut into it a small onion. Stir until the union is nicely fried. Add to it two cup-fuls of bread crumbs and stir until well mixed. Chop fine a teaspoonful of parsley a bay leaf, a sprinkle of cayenne pepper and a teaspoonful of salt. Drain the juice from twenty-five oysters and add them to the bread crumbs. Fill the turkey and roast. The same recipe may be used for a turkey that is to be boiled. Chestnuts make a delicious stuffing for roast turkey. They should be boiled and the skin re-

Chocolate Cake-Half cup butter.

Half cup milk.

Flavor with vanilla and add half cup

Mix all together and bake in three layers. Put together with boiled icing, using the

whites of the two eggs. RECIPE 2.

Cream, half cup butter. One and a half cups cugar. Yolks of four eggs, beat all thoroughly,

One and three-quarters cups flour. Two teaspoons vanilla, beat the whites

Bake in three layers.

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