

FARM NOTES.

—There is no necessity for buying expensive carbolic acid to be used as an antiseptic. The ordinary crude carbolic acid is not only cheaper but much better than the refined for the purpose of the farmer. It will, like kerosene, easily crush with a solution of hard soap, and it renders the kerosene emulsion more serviceable when used in that connection.

—To make the early lambs grow provide a pen into which the lambs can go, but which restrains the ewes from entering. In the pen place a pair of ground oats and let the lambs help themselves. The ewes should be well fed on ground oats and a full supply of clover hay also, in order to provide plenty of milk. The ground oats should be considered only as an additional supply to the milk, as milk will give better results than any other food.

—When warm weather begins the supply of eggs will increase. The corn should then be decreased and a larger supply of meat or animal meal allowed, or the hens will become excessively fat and fail to give their full quota of eggs. Corn is the best food during the cold season because it creates animal heat, and serves as a protection against severe cold, but corn is very unsuitable during warm weather. Grass is also excellent for fowls, and they should, therefore, be given a free range as soon as conditions permit.

—Families that keep only one cow should have only the best to be procured. More labor is required to care for a single cow, proportionally, than for a herd. The cow for the family should give a large flow of milk for at least ten months in the year, and the milk should not contain less than four per cent. of fat. It is better to have a cow that gives even richer milk, but the majority of family cows are selected without regard to merit in this respect. It is difficult to raise the calves in such cases, hence in purchasing a family cow it will be profitable to pay a high price for a superior animal.

—The time has passed when the swill barrel is considered a necessary adjunct to the keeping of pigs. No food was filthier than that from the swill barrel, and the pigs were compelled to accept food that had undergone the most offensive process of sour, but which was a mass of disease germs. The invention of the cream separator has worked changes in the feeding of swine. It is now cheaper to give the fresh skim milk to the pigs than to attempt to keep it, and the ground grain is thus more easily fed at the same time. Pure water, clean food, dry pens and comfortable bedding have done more to eliminate disease than medicine.

—Feed grinders are now made to grind clover, the results being good meal. As food for calves it has been found excellent, the meal being scalded at night and allowed to remain until morning. For ducks, geese and chickens, when mixed with ground grain, it serves as a nitrogenous diet and adds greatly to the value of the whole. As an addition to the food of young pigs it has given excellent results. When scalded the clover meal swells, becomes soft and is very palatable. It is not a substitute for clover hay for adults, however, but should be used where ground grain is made a portion of the diet for young stocks.

—Among timely bee notes A. H. Duff advises in *Farm, Field and Fireside* as follows:

If you find a good many dead bees outside the entrance of the hives after the bees have taken a fly during winter, it is a good sign that they are strong enough to clean out their hives. If you find a colony that has no dead bees at the entrance, you may conclude it is dead or so weak it is unable to do business.

Do not offer to feed liquid food in winter to your bees, for it is almost sure death to the colony. Begin feeding liquid feed after the weather turns warm in early spring and the bees are flying daily.

You can erect windbreaks at any time during the winter without molesting the bees, and if not already done, do it now, as it will pay you for the time and expense. Make some candy from the best grades of sugar, and give it to the bees that you find scarce of stores about midwinter or a little after.

—Watercross growing is a profitable industry for women who live near large towns and who have running water at hand. The health of the plant depends upon an abundant, continuous current and a shallow stream. Without these the leaves become stunted and the growth will not be plentiful.

The best soil for it is gravelly loam on clay, because it retains the water, makes the bottom firm and supplies sufficient nourishment. Cleaning and replanting should take place annually. This entails a good deal of expense, but it is necessary if one would obtain the full value of the beds.

It is a good idea to allow ducks to follow the workmen while this is going on, as they eat the caddis worm, which is always a trouble among the new plants.

In remaking the beds the upper sprigs of the cress are first gathered and put down in a convenient spot for replanting, sheltered from the wind and sun. The beds or dikes are then thoroughly cleaned out and the muddy soil removed with all the old roots, weeds and living creatures it contains. The bottom is then carefully leveled and the stream allowed to flow, to thoroughly scour out all impurities, for a sufficient time. The replanting can now proceed. The cress is carefully laid down in rows or spread broad cast on the ground. The former plan admits of a steady flow of water. If seed is sown then it is advisable to do so where the water is sluggish, otherwise the force of the stream would carry away the greater part of the seed sown. After the plants are laid down it will be necessary sometimes to make a dam of stones where there is a danger of their being shifted from their position. The water is then let in sparingly at first, for fear of the plants being disturbed, until the young rootlets strike which will in the course of three or four days. In this way every brook, stream or ditch which has a strong current can be turned to account; it will only be necessary to see that the water rises sufficiently for the nourishment of the watercross.

The water of the stream should be guarded with care in order that it may not become contaminated.

Careful picking is necessary and the front stem should be selected and gathered singly two or three sprigs at a time. The more cautiously this is done the sooner the beds will be ready for picking again.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Senator Warren, of Wyoming, who has introduced a woman suffrage bill, says that his family have for three generations been advocates of the right of women to vote.

The hem of a woman's gown when she comes in from the street is alive with bacteria. These disease germs are distributed about over the floor, to creep into the mouths of children, or to find their way back into the air, and possibly into the systems of older people. They cannot be seen. They seek dark places where they may live and grow. They lurk there, ready at any moment to creep into the systems of unsuspecting victims.

The germ most frequently found on a woman's skirt is that of tuberculosis, states a physician. Consumption is a disease that is undeniably transmitted in this way. This germ is especially tenacious of life. It will live for three or four days even when exposed to the air and sunshine.

Take the matter of openly remarking in his presence on a child's looks and manners, which is one of the common occurrences of every day. Who could endure to be scrutinized by their dear 500 friends, and listen to their unbiased judgment passed upon her faults and foibles. We should consider it a torture worthy of the Inquisition. Fancy being told to your face that your eyes are too small, or your face too large, or your complexion horrid. How would you like to hear someone exclaim: "Mercy what an awkward, overgrown creature!" or, "Dear me, almost a dwarf, isn't she? And what skinny little arms!" In our innermost souls we may suspect—even know—we possess these defects, but to suspect them and hear them put into blunt words are two different things.

This season boleros no longer end in a line with the waist, but slightly above it, so as to show a wide filigree gold or steel waistband; as light as fine lace. Many of these garments are in seakskin or sable in front with basques almost touching the waist, and behind a long end, giving the effect of the flaps of hunting jacket without the split. Round the waist is a band of satin ribbon matching the sable, through which is passed a thread of some precious metal brightened up with beads of precious stones.

The correct storm skirt escapes the ground by just three inches. That is the latest flat of fashion, so if you are contemplating a new purchase bear that in mind. There has been a strenuous effort made to have this comfortable feminine garment attractive, and we are nearer that end now than ever before. In a short time the short skirt will be as objectionable as bloomers, and then there will be a general adoption of storm skirts. Women who have avoided the startling and ugly short, skippy skirt will desert their long draperies in favor of an extremely sensible garment.

Mr. Edmund Russell, of Delsarte fame, has declared it a popular fallacy with every woman that she looks best in black. He has small patience with such belief. He goes on to say: "Black makes the flesh look a little whiter by contrast, but it makes every shadow duller, every line deeper. It ages a person more than anything else. The only persons who look well in black are those who are fair and plump, with no lines, no wrinkles in their faces."

This dictator considers gray par excellent and he has a great deal to say of tone harmonies which in dress he thinks should be as perfect as in music or pictures.

It is probably going too far to say that a girl sets about being "smart" in order to be healthy, but it is absolutely true that she is quite likely to grow stronger because of her correct way of carrying her body.

How many women sink into a little heap the minute they sit down—shoulders drooping, chest sunken, the whole weight of the body thrown on the end of the spine. The smart girl sits in the same erect, alert way that she stands, and if she wishes to rest she leans back against her shoulders, and not the middle of her back. In bending, whether at a desk or a dishpan or a dinner table, she bends from her waist, not from her shoulders, and she not only looks well, but avoids fatigue and the actual injuries that come from any strain on misplaced muscles.

Having learned the full value of a proper carriage, the smart girl sets about to study and understand every detail of her wardrobe, that she may not mar fine effects by trifling defects. It is not a question of the newest fashions and richest materials, but of the hang of a skirt that makes it seem a part of the woman herself; of carrying a waist over shoulders and bust so skillfully that the material seems to adapt itself to express the very personality of the wearer; of making a garment, whether it is loose or tight, suggest the charm of the person. This smartness in dressing, and cannot be accomplished over a slovenly body.

The smart girl may not own the newest girdle, but whether her belt is a bit of ribbon, a twist of silk or a band of satin, of one thing you may be sure, she will put it on in such a way that the pretty curve of her waist will not be disguised, for she knows that the waist line of a woman who breathes properly is a full inch lower in front than in the back, and she recognizes the beauty of the curve.

Her neckwear is dear to the soul of an artist. It never carries the poise of her neck, and there are no cheap frills or fur-belows to spoil the graceful lines from head to shoulder. And, above all else, it is always put on in such a fashion that the fastenings and connections with the bodice are never remotely suggested.

A skirt that gapes, a belt that sags, loosely in the back, a collar that initiates the beholder into the mysteries of the toilet, are all an unknown quantity in the equation of the smart girl.

If she "goes in" for severe effects they are perfectly carried out. Her linen is as fresh as her brother's, and her neckties as well and knotted always in the approved fashion. In fact, every detail of her dress is perfect, just as every muscle of her body is normal.

She is well groomed, because silky hair, creamy skin and delicately manouevred hands are just so many expressions of pleasure in physical perfection.

bed up in some clumsy fashion might not prove a State prison offense, but it would be out of harmony, and what could be worse from the smart girl's point of view?

Had a Big Constituency.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—The *Evening World* to-day says: Cecil Leslie, "Press agent" and employe of the Miller 520 per cent. swindle, has made a long confession to the *Evening World*. Briefly economized, Leslie says: "The Franklin syndicate was a colossal bunco game. Some of the men who were interested in the concern were formerly managers of Lyons & Co. and the E. S. Dean company in this city, which were run on similar lines. Miller must have gathered at least \$1,000,000 out of the scheme, probably more. He had behind him more political backing than any schemer, swindler or gambler this country ever knew. Politicians of highest rank, Senators, Assemblymen and leaders of both parties were his clients. The syndicate stock market connections were fairly tales. It was organized with its first clients from among members of the church in which Miller taught a Sunday school class. The wives of high officials and a great number of policemen and firemen were among his investors. When I last saw Miller he had \$10,000 in jewelry on his person and always carried immense sums of money in his pocket. The Miller deposits of \$100,000 in the Wells Fargo bank have not been withdrawn. Leslie is now out of the State, but the *Evening World* knows where he is.

A Peculiar Case.

Condition of Ali Shilling, of Clintondale.

The case of Ali Shilling, of Clintondale, is an interesting one. Mr. Shilling was in the hospital in Lock Haven about a year ago where he was treated for gangrene in the second toe and instep. After remaining in that institution a short time he was removed to his home. Since then the foot has mortified and the disease has extended half way up the leg. He suffers intensely, but the attending physician, Dr. Dumm, has made the patient as comfortable as possible. It was thought recently that the leg could be amputated, but an examination revealed that Mr. Shilling had become so weakened from another disease that he would not be able to survive the shock incident to the amputation. This disease is called thrombosis, or occlusion of the artery, well up in the groin, which disease had its start as far back as 1895. All these years the weak collateral circulation of the blood has sustained the limb, but the infirmities of age have become so marked that the limb is now slowly dying.

A Hog's Long Fast.

A farmer named August Rougeoux, residing near Salisbury, is said to have lost a valuable hog last September, and though he hunted high and low, the animal was not found. A few days ago, however, while working about a hay stack, Mr. Rougeoux heard a pig grunt. Upon investigation he discovered his long lost hog underneath the hay stack, the hog having lived three months on what it could bite off and without water. It was reduced to a skeleton.

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