

FARM NOTES.

I have estimated that there is manure enough wasted in the average barnyard every year to keep from one to three acres of ground in fine fertility several years...

When the time comes that we can muster courage to rebuild our stables, they will be put all in a single line, with a feeding floor adjacent, and the stable floor will be of cement...

There seems to be no doubt that a large proportion of the Kieffer pears that are canned are sold under Bartlett label, says The Rural New Yorker...

When horses have their liberty, they almost invariably turn their tails to the wind in a storm or bad weather...

One thing women should understand—that there is much art in dressing the neck. The long throat needs high collars, broad ribbons and many folds...

When the fall sown wheat is winter killed or where the Hessian fly has been troublesome, spring wheat may be sown, says the American Cultivator...

The thing which concerns fruit growers at present is why trees which bloom full do not set a reasonable amount of fruit. Ordinarily but a small proportion of the blossoms set fruit...

The weather has something to do with the matter. The injury to fruit blossoms from unfavorable weather may come while they are yet in the bud or during the blooming season...

A Plain Distinction.

What's the difference between a fiddle and a violin? A fiddle is a violin when the man who plays it has on a swallow-tail coat.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Fruit continues to be a fad in the trimming of hats. Gooseberries and currants are seen on the spring hats...

The crinkled, high, spidery velvet bow, so effectively worn last winter for evening, has dwindled into a tight, compact, little old-fashioned bow with two short prime ends...

Now about the shoulder seams. They were never so long, and the reason of it is very apparent. The exceeding small waist given by the pointed girle requires broad shoulders to make it more lovely...

The backs of the bodices to-day are not cut out until they reach the very edge of the arm and the shoulder seam runs over the top of the arm. There the sleeves fit into it without gathers and the armhole is made exactly as small as the sleeves...

Another significant feature in fashions is the trimming of skirts directly down the middle of the front and usually nowhere else. One of the loveliest models brought here from France is a dark gray cheviot...

Some mothers have a horror of their children crying. Doctors in these days tell us that this is a great mistake. Of course there may be cases where it is not desirable that a baby should "scream its insides out"...

Small bows of black velvet and little fancy buckles put down in the front of the waist, a little edge of black velvet around the cuffs and collar, and a black velvet belt add greatly to a red crepe de chine waist...

Shirtwaists are as stylish as ever. The cuffs are narrow, tight, the edges heavily stitched and are worn with lark cuff buttons. Black satin and crepe ribbons around the neck, with the white muslin turnovers at the top, will continue stylish for morning wear...

A girl of 19 is a young lady and wears her hair accordingly—pompadour, and in a small knot on top of her head, with a round contour in the back given to it by combs. The figure "8" is not very stylish, and the hair is worn either very low or very high. The modern hat requires it very high for comfort...

Make a gray cloth with stitched bands of the material, putting them on in the new way; an inch wide, starting at the waist and running toward the hem, cut there to a sharp point, both edges heavily stitched with gray silk thread. Make the centre one run to the bottom of the skirt, then graduate each one on each side until they reach the back. Put a single box pleat heavily stitched, down the middle of the back...

Cut a French waist with these stitched, pointed bands running from shoulder to girle, three in back and three on either front. Make a narrow vest of ecru lace over turquoise liberty satin and collar of the same. Heavily stitch the edges of the front, make the sleeves plain, with a stitched band running down from the shoulder and wear a wide shaped girle of the lace over the blue...

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