

FARM NOTES.

The rule of evaporating the inferior fruit may save loss of fruit, but such fruit reduces prices. Only choice fruit should be evaporated if it is to sell at choice prices.

For late crops manure the ground now and work it into the soil. The ground will be all the better for so doing, and the rains will dissolve the plant food of the manure, which will be absorbed by the soil.

Put out the young strawberry plants for next year's crop. Every garden can afford space for strawberries, even if but a few rows. Be sure and get the plants of the staminate and pistillate varieties or there will be no fruit.

As to the indications when a bearing orchard needs stimulating the eminent pomologist Dr. Gardner said, "When the growth of the terminal branches fails to make an annual extension of at least one foot in length, the tree should be stimulated by manuring the land and giving it thorough cultivation."

Satisfy or vegetable oyster, it not extensively grown, but those who know the value of the plant as an addition to the garden crop never omit it. The same may be mentioned of okra. The satisfy seed should be put in as soon as the ground is warm and the plants kept clean.

Among fine was snap beans for home use a leading place is claimed for the saddle back wax. The pods are tender and stringless, round smooth and fleshy. The meat is solidly joined between the beans. It is recommended not to plant them until nights are warm, as they are more tender than green podded varieties, though the plants are vigorous and prolific.

During the spring high winds frequently prevail, and it is a risk then to keep trees or plants above ground; that is, to expose their roots, as they quickly dry if the wind reaches them. Keep the roots wet and under shelter, or put the trees or plants in the ground as soon as it can be done.

It is not desirable to plant seeds of vegetables too early. If the ground is not warm the seed may rot before it can germinate. Such crops as beans, melons, squashes and egg plants will not endure even cold nights. Get the tomato plants well grown, in stocky form, and have them ready for transplanting as soon as the ground is warm and danger from frost has passed.

Young celery plants should be started. Sow the seed in rows, one foot apart, and transplant when the plants are three inches high, placing them four inches apart in the row. The soil for celery should be very rich and also rather moist than dry. A special liquid fertilizer for celery is recommended, but an abundance of manure or mixed fertilizer should also be used.

One of the best guides in the planting of garden seeds is to do so when the apple trees are in bloom. Peas, however, may be planted in April, but when the apple trees are in blossom it is then safe to put in the seeds of the tender plants. Much depends upon the soil. If it is plowed or spaded deep, and then worked fine with the harrow and rake, the air takes in the warmth and the ground is warm and moist, but when it is given careless preparation.

Garden seeds are usually planted too deep. Small seeds require just enough covering to give them moisture and darkness. The soil should be very fine so as to contain no lumps. Some seeds, however, such as peas and beans, should be planted deep and the ground rolled over them. Pressing the earth on seeds hastens germination, and it also increases the chance for the seeds of weeds, but if the rows are made straight it will not be difficult to keep down the weeds until the crop gets well started.

When pigs are fed milk freely, cornmeal may be fed as the grain ration, giving one pound of meal to each eight pounds of milk. Ground oats or wheat middlings are also excellent food for pigs fed in same relation to milk. The selection should depend partly upon cost. As the pigs grow older the proportion of grain to milk may be gradually increased. The total food daily will be an increasing quantity as the pigs grow and must be determined by the appetite and condition of the animals.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Caroline Stannard Tilton, widow of Frederick W. Tilton, of New Orleans, has given \$50,000 to the Tulane University, of Louisiana, for the purpose of erecting a library building to be known as the F. W. Tilton Memorial Library.

If I might dress an old lady, in the days when her once thick hair has fallen out and waned to a scanty thinness, so that her parting is wide, her side looks straggly and poor, and her knot at the back a mere microscopic wad, writes Margaret E. Sangster in Collier's Weekly, I would first of all put on her head a beautifying cap. Universally at one time as the headgear of an elderly gentlewoman, this useful and ornamental article of attire has quite gone out, so that she is exceptional, who, though past 30, acknowledges her need of something soft, sheer and white to veil the denuded head and lend grace and to drop in diaphanous tissue around her throat and her chin.

Old faces are generally interesting, because they are strong and full of character; their fine lines and crossing wrinkles are not blemishes, rather the opposite. But the complexion in age has usually lost its pristine freshness and it requires something like lace to supply a camouflaged veil. A little additional height to a figure no longer erect as in youth. The objection to caps is a twofold one. They are costly, and they cannot be worn under a bonnet, and must therefore be carried about wherever one goes. But an umbrella is an incumbrance and so, for that matter, is a shawl strap. A homely old woman may be transformed to an impressive and elegant one by the adoption of a cap as part of her toilette.

Then, in her costume the old lady should sedulously avoid whatever is too juvenile for her years. Rich dark materials should compose her gowns. A fleecy shawl is not to be despised by her, and, having decided upon a style, she should adhere to it, and be as resolved as ever an old fashioned friend or a Lady Abbess to dictate to her dressmaker and to submit to no dictation from her. One gracious dame, alive to the importance of a queenly state in her costume, wears black silk, with a slight train, made very simply with garments of lace, and over her high tortoise shell falls a scarf also of lace, which is in its rich drapery, a foil to her white hair.

One sometimes hears the question asked whether it is best to have a gown made up with the skirt stitched down to the lining, seam for seam, or to have a "drop skirt" over a lining underskirt. It depends somewhat on the material used. For a crepon or grenadine, the silk under-petticoat does best instead of a full lined skirt. These skirts may be worn a great deal, but they are not subjected to the rough wear and tear of a regular traveling dress or street gown. A competent authority avers that the tailor gown will last longer if the material be basted and stitched to the lining "seam for seam," whether taffeta or cambric be used for the purpose. A gown worn in traveling gets some rough usage, and therefore should be well made, and firmly lined. The "seam to seam," method of lining a skirt certainly keeps the cloth from drooping and sagging.

The tailor and walking-skirts will barely sweep the ground, and the long trains have entirely passed away with the habit and close fitting backs. Butcher's linen is used for some of the new shirt waists. It has one great advantage, the more it is laundered the better it looks.

The Saint Cecilia neck is the name applied to the bodices cut out about the throat on Raphael models or a la Vierge. The décolletage is very slight, but it adds to the comfort as well as to the beauty of a bodice intended for hot weather wear. A band of black velvet or a simple necklace is intended to be worn with such a waist. The Saint Cecilia neck is the popular model for a house gown this season. Of course no one would dream of wearing such a bodice out of the house.

Alas, poor femininity! Just as she gets her Easter costume completed, with a box pleat in the back—as she thinks the latest and most correct thing—the autocrats of fashion come forward and say that the box pleat has been so generally adopted that it has lost its exclusiveness, and therefore, its desirability, and that the tucked back is much newer and smarter. This back has three-eighth-inch tucks on each side of the centre of the back, stitched down for about five inches, and then allowed to hang full. For soft material, crepe de chine, soft silks, wash goods, etc., this back will be particularly favored, but the box pleat skirt may find consolation in the fact that for heavier goods that style will still be much seen. Besides, the box pleats has not been in vogue for so long, and so many of the Easter gowns have been made with it, that even if this tucked back is a newer model, it will likely continue for some time.

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