

FARM NOTES.

A half-teaspoonful of saltpetre, dissolved in a quart of water, and applied when the earth in pots is dry, will kill white worms.

Manure should not be dumped in the fields, but spread on the ground at the time of loading at the barnyard. If manure is dumped, and a rain comes before it is spread, the spot upon which was placed the manure will receive the larger share of the soluble portions. This may be noticed on all fields where manure has been dumped, as certain portions were enriched, and the growth of the crop, especially of grass, is very uneven. These enriched portions show the effects of the extra allowance of manure for years, and give good evidence in favor of its liberal use.

Hungarian grass and millet are summer crops. They may be seeded down from now until July. Millet is cut when the seed heads are in bloom, but Hungarian grass may be mowed once a month on fertile soil. These crops are usually sure, and they are grown where a hay crop must be secured in a short time. As a destroyer of weeds there is no crop that equals Hungarian grass, as it not only crowds many weeds out to a large extent, but the frequent mowing of the Hungarian grass also causes the destruction of weeds.

The ground cannot be made too rich for gooseberries and currants, and any extra attention given them the first year will have its effect for years after, as a good start is an advantage. Plant in rows four feet apart, cultivate thoroughly, and then mulch. Cutting out the old wood should not be overlooked. It is not difficult to get large yields of fruit when the soil is rich and the cultivation is thorough.

Some weeds are valuable foods for hogs, and if cut down or pulled up and thrown into the hog-pens can be utilized to advantage. Pigweed, purslain, ragweed and young poke weeds will be highly relished by hogs, as will also a quarter, which grows nearly everywhere.

Does it pay to grind the grain and cut the hay? Opinions differ, as the cost of the labor is sometimes greater than the gain made by reducing the feed. It is claimed that if grain is ground there is a saving of one-third, and that 15 pounds of hay when cut up fine will be more serviceable than 20 pounds uncut. Cutting the hay permits of mixing with it not only ground grain, but linseed or cottonseed meals.

Early turnips are salable in market, and are so easily grown that to be without them as a crop is to miss an important item in the line of farm rotation. They can be gotten out of the way in time for late potatoes. One of the best fertilizer mixtures for turnips is superphosphate and wood ashes. Broadcast the substances on the ground and work them into the soil, then plant the turnip seed in rows. After the plants get a good start they will grow ahead of the weeds.

It is better to keep a lookout and kill the white butterflies, the parents of the cabbage worms, than to depend solely on remedies. It is not difficult to destroy them, and, though some may escape, yet the number of worms will be greatly reduced and much damage avoided. Some growers give children a few for every dozen of white butterflies destroyed.

If the feeding of any class of cattle will pay it will pay to feed baby beef, writes Joseph E. Wing in *The Breeters Gazette*. There is no doubt that gain is produced at much less cost on the calf than on the older animal. As his age progresses each succeeding day sees the cost of gain increase. Compared with weight the ability to eat, to digest and assimilate is immensely greater in the young animal, and the "food of support" is in comparison much less in amount. Provide besides your corn and barley plenty of good alfalfa hay. There is need of plenty of protein in the ration that is to be fed to the baby, whether it is a baby steer, a baby lamb or a baby hog or girl. Protein, which goes to make lean flesh and blood and bone, to build the frame, without which you will have not room to hang your fat. It keeps the animal in health and vigor. The mature animal will endure a ration of corn alone, not so the baby.

As to the questions of market, they are well answered in the following from a leading Chicago commission house:

"We think it pays to feed baby beef. In the first place, this class of cattle is gaining favor every day, and it makes no difference how many cattle are on sale there is always an excellent demand for baby beef—in fact, the demand exceeds the supply, and they are about the first cattle that sell in the morning. Baby beef will weigh from 1,150 to 1,300 pounds at the time of market. The heavier they are the better they sell, as the eastern shippers are strong competitors for heavy-weights. Barring Christmas time, the months of June and July are the best market months for baby weight beefs. This is on account of their suiting the warm weather trade much better than the heavy-weight beefs. We strongly advise feeding nothing but top calves. Heifer calves will sell about the same as steer calves."

At reasonable prices barley is an economical concentrate and should be used as freely as possible, writes W. A. Henry of the Wisconsin experiment station. Barley, however, is not particularly rich in protein, ranking lower than oats and considerably lower than bran. As the young bulls are growing bone and muscle they should therefore not receive too much of the barley, but instead a reasonable allowance of both oats and bran. At the prices named there is not much choice in these two latter feeds excepting that being richer in protein than the oats the bran will supplement the barley very nicely. After giving all the home and out hay the bulls will eat allow them for concentrates a mixture as follows: Barley, 200 pounds; bran, 100 pounds; oats, 50 pounds. Of this mixture allow not less than one pound per hundred weight of animals fed. Some will eat a little more, and some will possibly get on with somewhat less. As the animals grow older the proportion of barley to other concentrates can be increased. The barley should be reduced to meal either by rolling or grinding, preferably the former, and it would be well as a rule to grind the oats, though if the person is some distance from the mill or has not the machinery available he can try feeding whole oats, giving them separately if the animals do not take to them kindly when mixed with the other mill feeds.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A year ago it was considered graceful to have the belt merely a folded string around the waist. The shirt waist or bodice came into this belt with fullness and there was no attempt to make the lines trig and smooth. To-day all the fashions of the waist line have changed. Even the most negligee shirt waist fits in with that trig, bias look under the arms and across the back of the waist; the belt must be smooth and shapely.

The old leather belts will not do at all. Do not think yourself economical in using one, for it is not the shape required. It is as broad in front as in the back and keeps that square look under the bust which is now considered one of the marks of ignorance in dressing.

People that make good gowns say that they use no box pleated skirt backs. Those are to be seen in the ready made costumes. However, they are effective in heavy woolen goods, but prettier than the single box-pleat in any of its variations, double or triple, are two box pleats each a couple of inches or more wide.

The ribbon bow which fastens the uptied locks or curls of the little girl, is becoming a veritable topknot. Fashion has ordained that it shall be moved well forward of the ears, instead of at the crown of the head. The hair is divided and combed upward as usual, away from the face. The locks at the back are curled, braided or suffered to hang loose. The front hair is pulled forward at the last moment before tying on the ribbon. This makes it slightly puffy and pompadourish over the brow, and the ribbon bow is then tied in triumph.

Strawberry Charlotte Russe. Line a glass dish with a delicate meringue made sponge cake and fill it with a strawberry whipped cream, made as follows: Pick the stems and hulls from a quart of perfectly ripe strawberries, put them in a colander and let cold water run through them to cleanse them from dust and sand; then crush the strawberries and press them through a sieve so fine that the seeds cannot go through; sweeten this juice with powdered sugar to your liking. Dissolve a table-spoonful of gelatine in three table-spoonfuls of water and add it to a full pint of rich, sweet cream; then whip the cream till it is so stiff it can be cut with a knife; as you are whipping it gradually add the strawberry pulp. This will make a dainty and delicious dessert, enough for six persons.

Do you chance to know a woman critic who is feared?—yes, actually feared—in her own household? No doubt she fancies that she is performing a very worthy mission when she recognizes the fact that, being known as a "just critic" among those that are nearest and dearest to her, they make evident efforts to come up to her expectations. But right here I want to tell the "just critic" a secret. It is possible, you know, for those who are trying to live up to the family critic's demands to resort to deception sometimes. Better, far better, is it for the family critic to be known as generous rather than just.

The woman who has fallen into the habit of criticising is very apt to see the worst rather than the best in her neighbors. It is so easy to forget the "diamond in the flaw." It is rather a strange thing that when we may draw so much happiness from the good that we may see, just by overlooking the shortcomings, we still persist in keeping our gaze fixed on the flaws. Somehow we so persistently remember the evil that we hear rather than the good, and many times make it impossible for folks to reinstate themselves in our eyes by holding themselves aloft, because as critics we are certain we have reached just conclusions.

With the going out of yokes in shirt-waists has come in an odd trick of trimming that is fetching.

It is a one inch bias or straight band (usually the latter) of the fabric, stitched down the shoulder seams and out to a little point on the sleeves.

It has a good theory behind it, for it makes the line of the shoulder long and sloping and covers any ugliness in the way the gathers are put in at the shoulder seam.

If a moth miller is seen in a closet, it is a good plan to burn a little camphor gum very promptly. Frequently this simple precaution, if taken very early in the spring will rid the closet of moths for the season.

Had you thought in connection with the "grandmother sleeves?" that the elbow sleeve is the thing?

Though so far these filmy undersleeves have been made in one with the uppers, some thoughtful ones are having them built apart, that they may appear in elbow sleeves pure and simple, and in this old new notion without investing in two dresses.

Another thing; sleeves absolutely tight at the top are not much seen. Whether we have rebelled or the style has changed, there's no knowing. At any rate most tailors give us a bit of room in our sleeve tops, and most dressmakers at the least devise some trimming for the sleeve tops of gala dresses.

The stylish shoes for morning and for wear with tailor suits have the high polish, and round toed, with stitched tips, a moderate flat heel and over the whole shoe a good deal of heavy stout stitching.

Whatever else you buy don't get a dull kid shoe with the vamp ornamented with patent leather.

If there must be patent leather on it have the entire vamp of it.

An experienced cabinet maker says the best preparation for cleaning picture frames and restoring furniture, especially that somewhat marred or scratched, is a mixture of three parts of linseed oil and one part spirits of turpentine. It not only covers the disfigured surface, but restores wood to its original color leaving a lustre upon the surface. Apply with a woolen cloth, and when dry rub with a clean woolen cloth.

The most fashionable lines for wash dresses are five gored skirts with shaped or vertically tucked ruffles. Swiss insertion and lace on the dimities; coarse embroidery on the gingham put on as a plain edge. Make your morning gown with skirt and shirtwaist alike and wear a narrow ribbon velvet for a belt pinned very low in front with a tiny circular buckle.

The inch wide ribbon velvet pinned down to a low point in front is the best belt for a stout woman. If you have a trig waist you may wear one of the narrow enamelled kid belts with a tiny black buckle.

Young Couple at Ridgway Meet Frightful Deaths.

Young Lady Instantly Killed and Her Escort so Badly Injured That He Died Shortly After.

Ridgway residents are lamenting the deaths of a worthy couple in that place. Sunday evening Rennie Decker and Miss Fannie Segar attempted to cross the track between the sections of a freight train, which had been out at a crossing to permit pedestrians to cross over. As they stepped on the next track they were struck by Eric mail east. The young lady was instantly killed, her body being terribly mangled. Mr. Decker was so badly injured that he died shortly after. Mr. Decker was about 25 years old and Miss Segar was about 21 years. The two were engaged and were making preparations for their wedding, which was to take place June 1st.

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