

Democratic Watchman

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FARM NOTES.

—When the cool nights of May have caused each tender plant as lima beans come, the sparting also have a yellow color, the best thing to do is to plant seed in all the vacant spaces, and the probability is that the later plants will overtake the earlier ones, due to warmer weather and more favorable condition.

—Small farms can be made to combine many advantages. Some poultrymen grow plums in the poultry yards, and also keep bees. Others grow early vegetables under glass and also grow two or three crops in the open ground. One gardener near Philadelphia makes a large profit on four acres, on which he grows only lima beans. Another makes peas a specialty, following the peas with late cabbage. To attempt to "farm" four acres in the usual way, with wheat, corn, oats, etc., would cause bankruptcy. The crops that pay best are those that require the most hand labor.

—The small whitish insect which sucks the life out of rose leaves are rose hoppers, which are frequently found on the lower side of the leaves. It is said that if attended to before they are fully developed they can easily be destroyed by dousing the infested plants with slug shot. When fully grown they are very persistent, and several applications have to be made in order to kill them, and even then absolute riddance is doubtful. Aphids propagate so quickly, and in numbers so great, it requires close attention to keep them moderately free from them. The secret is to commence at first sight of them, or perhaps before they arrive—for there are very few plants that are not attacked before the season advances very far.

—Before we can determine the age of a horse by the teeth it is necessary that we have a general understanding of the form and structure of the teeth. The horse has two sets, the temporary and the permanent. The temporary teeth of both upper and lower jaws begin to fall out at about the age of 3 years; first the two center incisors of the lower and upper jaws, the next one on each side come out at about 4, and the corner incisors fall out at 5. Now the permanent teeth fill these places as fast as made vacant. These permanent teeth in the crown have a depression or cup the lines deep or one-fourth of an inch. But cups of the upper incisors are six lines or one-half an inch deep. The teeth wear off with a certain rate or regularity, one-twelfth of an inch per year, therefore the lower two middle teeth would be worn smooth at the age of 6, the next two at the age of 7 and at the lower corner ones at the age of 8. The upper incisors are six lines deep and therefore the upper two middle incisors would be worn off smooth at the age of 9, the next adjoining one at 10, and the upper corner ones at the age of 11. Thus all are smooth at the age of 12. After the age of twelve there is no certain rule that will apply.

—The treatment of cattle governs their product to a certain extent. A milkster requires different management from a beef animal, as she is expected to give a special service daily, and is therefore, a creature whose disposition is a matter to be considered. The calf must be taught from the start that every person on the farm is its friend, and it should grow up without fear of blows or scolding. Kindness will make it a cow that will have no vices, and it will be easier and more quickly milked because it will have no cause to show opposition. The first year with a young cow will largely influence her usefulness afterward. She should be milked up to within a few weeks of her second calving, even if but little milk is obtained, as she will be likely to give more milk after the calving, and hold out over a longer milking period, thus forming a habit. The heifer should be accustomed to regular hours of milking and feeding, which she will soon learn, and will consequently save labor by coming up promptly at the proper time. It is important, however, when raising a calf to have it well bred, as then much will be known of it before it is matured, as each breed has its characteristics.

—Roup often causes a very sore mouth and gaiting in the throat, which is a consequence of canker in the windpipe. Wash mouth and nostrils with weak soda water, quiet warm. Take a wing feather, and with it wipe out the split in the roof of the mouth then dust with burnt alum and borax. Leave it a minute or so, and then wipe out as dry as possible; then apply the following mixture: One part turpentine, one part sweet oil and one third part iodine. Shake well before using. Drop this into the nostrils twice a day until the fowl is better, then once daily for a few days. As soon as the eyes begin to swell, paint the head with iodine, but do not get any into the eyes. If the eyes are the only parts affected, just drop a little of the mixture into the nostrils.

It is very necessary to feed good, sound food. Do not feed corn to rumpy hens, but give wheat, oats and vegetables cooked and thickened with wheat bran until quite dry. Salt the feed as you do your own. See that the poultry house is clean and bright. Keep the fowls in during wet weather.

To prevent the spread of the disease, take a shovelful of live coals to the poultry house when the fowls are on the roost, pour on some tar, and hold the shovel well under the perch for quite a while. Do this three successive evenings, and again smoke for three more evenings. Be sure to give clean water to drink.

—To secure the milk without contamination is a problem which is practically solved by washing the cow's udders before milking them. Clean, pure, sweet dairy products are desired, one of the first and most essential considerations in the process is to get the milk without contamination. Of course many will question the sanity of a farmer dairyman who is seen with buckets of water and necessary cloths cleaning the udders of his cows. This is to be expected. But let it be reported, if any one finds pleasure in circulating the rumor that the udder washing farmer is slightly "off" and has "cranky ideas." Just keep an eye on him and it will be learned that his butter and cream are bringing fancy prices and go into the kitchens of the well-to-do town and city people. Moreover, if investigation is made it will be discovered that the excellence of his dairy products is due largely to cleanliness.

If cleanliness is practical while milking, the udders of the cows washed beforehand, it is very probable that it will be observed in the subsequent handling of the milk. It is right always to begin at the beginning and to wash the udders in the first step toward uncontaminated milk. This is done with milk-warm water, and the udders are dried with absorbent towels or cloths. The milk drawn first should be rejected as it contains bacteria which have developed at the orifice of the teat since the last milking. This is "extra work" but it pays.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Skirts for wash dresses neither drag nor are made with trains, a consistent, pretty and comfortable fashion.

Vests and chemisettes of tucked white mousseline or fine nainsook alternating with inserting are among the prettiest neck pieces.

Russian blouses constitute the prevailing mode in the small boy's serge and pique suits or braid trimmed.

Tailor-made linen and cotton gowns are among the unique features of the summer styles, and are considered very smart. They are substantial and compact, being heavily stitched, but not stiffened by any whaleboning or mohair. They occupy a particular place in the summer wardrobe and are in pleasing contrast with the more flax and decorated costumes everywhere in evidence. The wash goods tailor gown, by comparison with other reigning styles, is very severe as to outline and cut. The gowns consist almost entirely of a skirt and jacket, both of which are firmly and heavily stitched. The skirts of these suits return somewhat to the close styles of last fall, though different in cut. The seven-gored bell skirt, composed of narrow gores, fits smoothly to the figure, having many vertical lines of heavy stitching. The Eton and bolero jacket covered with stitched lines is the correct jacket for these skirts.

This little plan to prevent moths was tried last year by a woman who was perfectly satisfied with the results. When she saw the first miller she went through her house, room by room, in this manner: She closed the windows and doors and opened the closets and drawers while she burned about a tablespoonful of gum camphor in a tin plate, set on top of a bean pot, and away from all draperies or anything which might take fire from the flame. The room soon filled with smoke, which penetrated the closets and drawers, and she let it remain for an hour, because it soiled nothing. An excellent powder to keep in closets as a preventive against millers is made by mixing one ounce of tonquin bean, one ounce of caraway seed, one ounce of cloves, one ounce of mace, one ounce of nutmeg, one ounce of cinnamon and six ounces of Florentine orris root, all powdered. Put the mixture in bags and hang them among the clothing or lay them in trunks or drawers. There is no objectionable odor to cling to the clothing—nothing but a sweet, spicy fragrance which pleases the senses. This is good for the year around.

A pretty waist arrangement which it is said will be popular this summer is a sash of black tulle carried snugly around the waist, fastened at the back with a pretty buckle, then falling in long ends to the edge of the skirt. The ends are finished with plaitings of the tulle. This sash completes a pretty light costume when there are touches of black, as, for instance, a pretty pink or blue lawn with black embroidered figures.

String ties of polka dot velvet with tassels at the ends are in order. The ends are simply crossed under a pin or tied in a plain knot without bows.

If you attempt to squeeze out blackheads the pores will be enlarged in this way and scars made. Blackheads call for soap and water and a camel's hair flesh brush. Give soap and water bath every night. Follow with cold cream massage, allowing the cream to remain on overnight. In the morning wash face with warm water, following with cold rinse. Persist in treatment and the pores will gradually be freed from clogging matter.

There is a horrifying suggestion that the low, round neck and no collar corsage is coming back. It is a case in which woman must be firm and unyielding, if ever. The effect of a gown so cut can never be less than atrocious, as it "cuts" the neck line in just the wrong place and destroys every possibility of grace. The waist should be cut as low as the shoulders in order to preserve symmetry or else reach the line now customary, below the chin. The collar with "ears" is, of course, a monstrosity, but the fashion prevailing for several years is the most tasteful that can be devised. It may be that the threatened round neck style is a tentative effort toward the frankly low-necked gowns worn by day as well as evening 50 years ago. In that case it might be tolerated, but the transition should be speedy.

At present the most popular model for the black taffeta Eton comes from Paris, where it was much worn last summer. This has tufts running down into a point in the back and is trimmed with heavily stitched plain taffeta bands. Small sleeves garnished with stitched bands and stitched revers complete it. Perfectly plain ones, with a yoke back and three seams are in high favor, because they are only found among the most expensive kinds. Its double, heavily machine stitched revers, are cut so that it may be worn open in blazer fashion, making a very effective coat.

Strawberry Bavarian Cream—One quart of berries, half a cupful of cold water, half a box of gelatine, one and one-eighth cups of sugar, one pint of cream. Soak the gelatine in the cold water for two hours or until thoroughly dissolved. Mash the berries and press them through a sieve that is fine enough to keep back the seeds. Add the sugar to the juice and stir until it is dissolved, and mix with the gelatine. When it begins to set, fold in carefully the cream that has been whipped stiff. Turn into a mold and stand on the ice until it is thoroughly set.

Strawberry Sponge—One quart of strawberries, half a cupful of cold water, one cupful of sugar, one-third box of gelatine, juice of one lemon, whites of three eggs. Soak the gelatine two hours, or until it is melted. Mash the berries through a sieve. Mix the sugar with the juice, add the lemon and gelatine, and stir until all are dissolved. Stand in a pan of ice water, and when it begins to thicken fold in the stiffly beaten whites, stirring until the mixture begins to thicken. Turn into a mold and set on the ice until stiff. Serve with sugar and cream.

Embroidered Holland is a favorite this year among the summer fabrics, and pique treated with incrustations of coarse lace is as effective as it is striking. Pique and duck costumes will again be worn. Some piques shown are quite light in weight, having an open work dot, really an eyelet hole that is worked around with hand or machine embroidery. The fashion that has heretofore been popular of wearing silk waists with pique skirts will still prevail.

but now the white waists are the correct thing, and the thin materials, like embroidered muslin, wash silk or those made of lace and ribbon are preferred, and over them will be worn bolero or Eton jackets of pique.

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