

Bellefonte, Pa., June 15, 1900.

### FARM NOTES

-An excellent method of destroying asparagus beetles is to cut the shoots as they are just appearing above the surface, and such shoots are tender from tips to butts. If preferred the beetles may be kept in check by going over the rows as soon as the stalks are a few inches above ground and rub off the eggs. Do this twice a week for several weeks. It can be done very quickly.

-Variety of food is essential to rapid growth of young stock. Experiments made in feeding pigs for four months on potatoes alone caused rickets, or softening of the bone. Other pigs, from the same litter, fed upon potatoes, oatmeal and phosphates, had normal skeletons, but there was a difference, according to the phosphates added. Those fed upon phosphate of potash had porous bones. The pigs that were given phosphate and carbonate of lime (as food ingredients) were healthy, thrifty and

grew rapidly. -Less difficulty would be experienced with sheep if they were taught to come in to the barnyard every night and be protected from storms. A trough in which salt has been sprinkled, with hay in racks, will get them into the habit of expecting such, and they will not be slow in show ing that they are willing to accept of the delicacies. As a rule sheep graze in the cool of the day, sometimes traveling over a distance of ground, but they will always er all around the upper portion than any of appear regularly for salt or a mess of hay the skirt models in vogue for seasons past. or ground oats.

-The planting of waste land to trees for timber is receiving more attention than thing equaling a foulard; few other dresses formerly. Farmers who planted trees give quite as much comfort with constant twenty years ago now find that they then made good investments. It is claimed that properly made up with the minimum of lincherry and hickory trees require about thirty years before they are valuable for it is for street use. timber; maple trees, twenty years, and black walnut, fifteen years. A black walnut tree is said to attain from twelve to fifteen inches in diameter in fifteen years for demi-toilette or church going, although munity, there were 150 families in and there seems a lack of ceremony about a four about Johnstown on the list of outdoor fifteen inches in diameter in fifteen years for demi-toilette or church going, although

profit with some growers of timber. plowed deep and harrowed fine. The land some foulards are woven with a glossy surface, and in the appropriate range of colors. fore the plants are up. Kun a harrow over the field, both before and after the potatoes are up. The seed may be planted about five inches deep and given level culture instead of hilling. Clover sod land is excellent for potatoes, and to avoid disease it is best not to plant potatoes on the same land twice in succession. Frequent and shallow cultivation rather than deep should

-The early garden crops should be used and gotten out of the way as soon as possible, in order to plant something else. When a garden plot has been heavily manured it is frequently the case that the second crop is more benefited than the first because the manure has become more soluble and in better condition for the plants. By putting in another crop as soon as the first one is removed the capacity of the garden is increased, and a very large amount of produce can be taken from a small plot from spring to the appearance of frost in the fall. Not only can peas follow on the same land, but the plot will be ready for string beans and late cabbage after the early crops, and several crops of radish can be grown.

Because there is so much surplus nectar which the bees can convert into honey. The farmer can exchange the honey for money after he has set 100 pounds of it aside for family use. Because honey is the only product on the farm which will not be set in the product of the product of the product of the product of the product. spoil if not hurried to market. Because bees will pay a better revenue per acre than any other department of agriculture. Because only a little capital is needed to make a start. The number of hives can be increased very fast. Now is the time to get ready for next spring. Study up during the evenings and be ready to put your knowledge into practice when the

—Chickens are machines by means of which grasshoppers, cut worms and other injurious insects are converted into eggs women to their everyday lives: Think -Chickens are machines by means of and marketable poultry. Is there not a profit in keeping them on the farm, even if they do eat a little grain and annoy us a little by scratching? It is claimed that poultry manure, if properly taken care of, and judiciously applied, is worth half of the food the fowls eat. Poultry manure contains 2.43 per cent. of phosphoric acid, 2.26 per cent. potash and 3.25 per cent. nitrogen as ammonia and organic matter. It is claimed that poultry manure is worth from five to eight times as much as the from five to eight times as much as the same quantity of stable manure. A little more attention to the chickens and other poultry on the farms, would enable us to considerably reduce our fertilizer bill, or better, leave it at what it is, and increase our yield from the farm.

-The Oxfords, Shropshires, Southdowns, Hampshires, Cotswolds, Lincolns and Leicesters are regarded as the mutton breeds, though the three latter are really classed as "long wools." The "downs" (the first four mentioned) are classed as "middle wools," the little Merino heading the list as the "fine wool." The Dorsets are also placed among the mutton breeds, but their chief prominence is in their prolificacy as some ewes of that breed produce lambs twice a year, with from one to three lambs only takes a few minutes to wipe the glass at a birth. The Southdowns, though not as large as the Oxfords, Hampshires and older she had each child wipe their own as large as the Oxfords, Hampshires and Shropshires, are considered superior to all for quality of carcass. Like the Merino, it is hardy, can subsist on scant pasturage and may be kept in larger packs than some breeds. All the "downs" breeds have dark or black faces and feet. What revolutionized the methods with sheep, however was the enormous weight attained by ever, was the enormous weight attained by the individuals of some breeds, as well as the rapid growth of the lambs. As long ago as the Philadelphia Centennial there ago as the Philadelphia Centennial there ago as the Philadelphia Centennial there was shown an Oxford ram that could tip the scales at 425 pounds. He was a very costly animal and but few farmers would expect to invest in the breed, but the ram then shown created an interest in the breed the shown that has resulted in great benefit of their senses at once, and the offenders will at once rush out and beg you to come back, promising good behavior, anything and everything, so you will come to them

PUR ers of sheep that has resulted in great bene- again. fit. Now that nearly 24 years have passed the Oxfords are no longer rarities and can be obtained at prices which place them within reach of all who desire to improve. Rams weighing 400 pounds (live weight) and ewes 325 pounds are not now considered very far above the average for choice stock, while young lambs have been known to reach 100 pounds when three months old. It may be claimed for the Hampshires and Shropshires that they are but little behind the Oxfords, and when compared with the Merino the latter does not appear worthy of a pleas in the list of not appear worthy of a place in the list of

### FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Here we have the real explanation of oright and clear complexions fresh air, and

elenty of it. Plants wither and flowers droop in the overheated rooms of many of our American mansions, and it cannot be considered strange that woman's beauty should suffer from the same abnormal cause. It is not so much the rigorous American climate that bleaches as it is the furnace-heated atmosphere of living-rooms that destroy the freshness of the complexion. And surely, at this season, when the medicine is so pleasant to take, we should give systematic attention to this simple cure for complex-

The tailor-made girl wears a four-in-hand of black velvet ribbon, with her linen collars and starched blouses. Black polka-dotted white organdies is to

enjoy great favor for summer.

Thin muslin gowns are fitted to the figure below the waist this season in an easy and graceful way. Fine vertical tucks are taken, from a quarter to half an inch in width, and of graduated length. giving a pointed effect where the tucking ends. The superfluous fullness is thus equally disposed of all around the skirt. The yoke of accompanying waist is similarly tucked. These are arranged in clusters of five, and a band of narrow insertion is laid over the centre (third) tuck, and the muslin is cut

away beneath. A new English skirt just touches the ground at the back, is less sloped on its front and side gores, and is some inches full-

For a utility frock it is hard to find anywear. They are light as a wash frock if

There is a great difference in foulards. Some are entirely for morning wear, and look so on the face. Others are good enough lard, on occasions where the India silk or -The land for late potatoes should be taffeta makes a smart gown. Nevertheless, face, and in the appropriate range of colors.

The pastel shades should be avoided; be-

cause, although they are altogether lovely in ladies clothes, soft fine woolens and in organdies, they are not successful in the two tones of color indispensable to a printed foulard.

The sage green foulard is an excellant choice for visiting, church or street use. Patterned with white ecru, it is at its prettiest. In wood color, deep moss green, old blue, navy blue or brown, we have the useful foulard. The grays are excellent in color, but do not always prove as soft and becoming as in other colors. The crushed raspherry and russet foulards are successful examples.

Stitched belts, fastened with a small buckle or tiny pin, seem to find favor with a large number of women, who usually manage to wear what others have overlooked. These made in black velvet, stitched in white satin or in silk to match the color of the gown give an exquisite finish to the waist. Remember that they are made extremely narrow, sometimes not more than an inch wide.

Is your gown of white taffeta or black —The farmer should keep bees because they work for nothing and board them-

> Do you know that many slights that cause you pain are only fancied ones, after all? | can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the Havent you sometimes thought that a friend was neglecting you shamefully only to learn that he or she had been ill and not forgetful of you at all? Of course, when you learn this, you were deeply sorry that young thought unkind things even if you had never said them.

and marketable poultry. Is there not a only good, speak only good and do only

It is just folly to be so particular about keeping the window panes free from marks where there are children; for if there is anything in the world that can prevent them from marking the windows, when covered with frost or steam, it has yet to be found out. In vail we ask, plead, beg, implore, soold, storm or rave by turns; they remember only until the very next of time, and the worst of it is, we can scarcetime, and the worst of it is, we can scarcely refrain from doing the very same thing ourselves. So we have concluded that life is too short to be always worrying over them, and just yield to the force of circumstances, and let them mark away.

I once knew a dear little woman a model horselvener too whose three small people.

housekeeper, too, whose three small people were always marking the windows. I asked her if it never annoyed her to have them do so. She gave me one of her own bright smiles and replied: "Oh, not in the least; it does make them so happy and it

Sometimes the little ones are just too tired to go to sleep, and toss restlessly about in their beds, when not even a story or any-thing that one can do will induce them to be quiet long enough for the drowsy god to have any effect on them, but if we can just

### Turkey's Poverty

One reason why the United States has to wait so long for the Sultan of Turkey to pay the indemnity he is understood to have promised is that money is scarce in Constantinople. The people are ground down by taxes till they are almost on the point of rebellion. The "Young Turks," or performers are no longer a small band, but are becoming numerous and aggressive. The report sent to the Sultan last year by Emin Arsian Effendi described the sufferings of the peasants of one of the richest provinces of the Empire, owing to the arbitrary methods of taxgathers as well as the taxes themselves. These peasants are said to be cutting down their trees, tearing up their vines and emigrating. Over 100,000 Syriaus are said to have come to America. What becomes of the money? Emin Arsian shows that it goes chiefly in huge salaries to excessively numerous officials. The salaries are fantastic. The Grand Vizier, for example, gets twice as much as Lord Salisbury. The military, invading the diplomatic service, get two salaries. As ambassadors alone they have enormous salaries. There are 44 marshals-11 times more than in all other countries in the world. There are besides 40 visiers, all with the rank of marshal, 80 members of the Council of State—as many as in France and Germany combined. All these offi-cials receive somehow from the Treasury two or three times the amount of their enormous salaries. Hence the financial embarrassment of the Empire, says the report, and the paralysis of public service. Taxation can never satisfy the cormorants who live on the Treasury, and until the Sultan gets the courage to clear them out of the Empire will continue to decline. Sundry inconvenient things might happen if the Sultan's government were obliterated but it is hard to believe that the condition GIVE of the masses of the people would not be materially improved by almost any conceivable change of sovereignty.

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