

## Bellefonte, Pa., December 21. 1900.

### FARM NOTES.

-Sheep will not thrive on all kinds of soils. Some breeds are very active and will thrive in large flocks, but the large will thrive in large flocks, but the large mutton breeds require good pasturage, and will not give satisfactory results if com-pelled to work over large areas for all they get. All sheep should have dry soils. Foot rot will always occur in a flock that is kept constantly on wet lands.

-Where meadows show indications of failing give an application of manure this winter, leaving it on the surfaces In the spring apply 50 pounds of nitrate of soda. 100 pounds sulphate of potash and 200 pounds acidulated phosphate rock. This should be done in April, the bare places to be seeded with seeds of a variety of grasses. Keep the cattle off until the grass makes considerable growth.

-Sheep are subject to internal as well as external parasites, and examination of the flock as to the condition of the members should be made frequently. Worms sometimes infest sheep, and the flock will fall off in condition before the fact may be discovered. A little sulphur mixed with

-The farmers who supply milk to cream-eries are usually paid in proportion to the butter fat in the milk. According to this plan a cow that gives less milk than another may be the more profitable because her milk contains a larger percentage of butter fat, but the cow that yields milk largely also gives a profit in the skim milk, which is used for feeding pigs. The dairy-man who sells to the creamery is therefore interested in the breeds that give rich milk, and it will pay him to raise his calves from a selected breed, in order to bring his herd up to the highest standard of efficiency.

-Frequently the hens will refuse to lay in the nests. Examination will usually show that owing to lack of arrangement of the roosts the hens perch on the nests and foul them with their droppings. All kinds of poultry will seek the highest points on which to roost, which is a natural instinct that prompts them to seek the best places for safety, and if the nests are higher than the roosts they will use the ledges or par-titions of the nest boxes. When the hens do not lay in the nests the eggs are liable to become frozen during severely cold weather, and considerable time is all lost in seeking the stolen places in which the hens deposit their eggs. Keep the nests

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. When breakfast things are cleared away The same old problem's rising, For she again sits down to think Of something appetizing. The dinner she must soon prepare. Or give the cook directions,

And great is the relief she feels When she has made selections When dinner things are cleared away The problem that is upper Is just the same with one word changed-

"What can I get for supper?" She wants to give them something new, And long is meditation, Till choice is made, and then begins The work of preparation.

That "woman's work is never done" Has often been disputed, But that she's worried is a fact, And cannot be refuted. The worry over what to eat Is greatest of these questions, And glad she'd be if someone else Would make the meal "suggestions."

As the Christmas holidays are close at hand and festivities of all kinds are sure to be arranged, some may like to know what a quaintly pretty decoration for the supper table at a children's party may be made by using what in Germany are call-ed "Christingles." These are fashioned as salt, placed where the sheep can get it at will, is considered a preventive and rem-edy, but sulphur should not be given dur-ing damp weather. —The cattle will not refuse good, clean, bright corn fodder, but care very little for that which is storm-beaten and dark. It is the loss of corn fodder from exposure that compels the farmer to feed his hay. that which is such that which is such that which is such that compels the farmer to feed his hay. As food corn fodder is nearly equal to the grain taken from the stalks on which it is grown. The fodder should be cared for as carefully as the grain. When properly prepared it will keep both horses and cattle in good condition during the winter. The formers who supply milk to creamature Christmas tree in the centre of the table, or placed at intervals along it, so as to form some special design. In Germany it is the custom to light them always on Christmas Eve.

> In spite of the fashion of wearing bows He was called by wise men of old the of gauze, strings of pearls, mercury wings, and other developments of the aigrette in the hair, there is a more simple decoration for the coiffure which seems particularly appropriate for very young girls. This is the introduction of a few very small rose buds, as pink as possible, but not red, in the part of the coiffure, which directly overshadows the brow. The buds are not pinned up too tight but have enough stem loose to dangle slightly downward, so as to move with the motion of the head. Some of the most charming of the December debutantes affect the new decoration. Three rose-buds are all that are needed, and these should be very small

The long, smooth, close-fitting sleeve so much worn and so well liked recently is really a thing of the past. Most of the changes, however, are brought about by the methods used in decorating them, for they are really all modifications of the simple bishop sleeve or else the new Roxane

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nens deposit their eggs. Keep the nests clean and have them low. —If every farmer would contrive to con-duct the liquid manure to some receptacle where it could be absorbed and retained, millions of dollars of valuable plant food would be saved. It costs something to have cement drains to conduct the liquids to a cemented pit, but the farmer will ex-pend almost as much for fertilizers every year as would be required to a arrange for saving the liquids. The liquids are far

the maids who are about to essay this method of hairdressing: Scorn not to make a liberal use of your hand-mirror, for while the front view is ofttimes as fascinating as possible, the back is frequently more curious than beautiful.

Dog Stops Runaway Horse.

"Jack," a shepherd dog owned by Fred-erick Gay, of Palmer, Mass., on Sunday stopped a runaway horse. Mr. Gay left his horse on the street, hitched to a cart, when for some reason it took fright and ran up the street. The dog, who always accompanied the team, was at a distance, but started after the horse. The dog gainbut started after the horse. The dog gain-ed on the animal, and as soon as he got by its side began a series of jumps into the air in front of the horse, which could not get past him, and after a short time slackened his speed and finally came to a standstill. When the owner came up "Jack" was sitting upon the ground in front of the horse, and at the sight of his master began to was his tail. to wag his tail.

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-Too often there is a child forgotten entirely amid the Christmas festivities. Christ Child.

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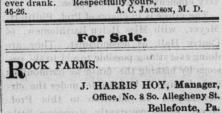
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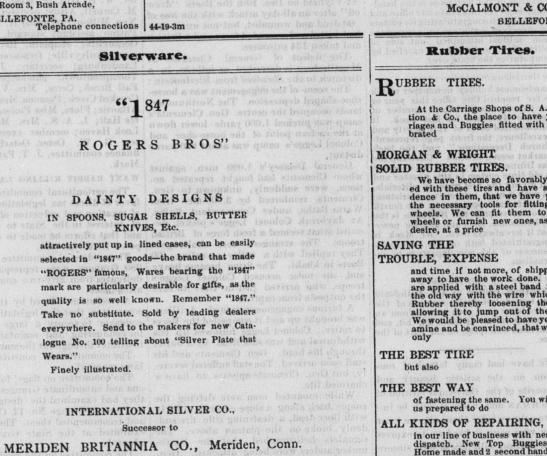
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saving the liquids. The liquids are far more valuable than the slid manure, and being soluble are more earsily carried away by rains. Some farmers content them-selves by absorbing as much of the liquids as possible and throwing the materials on the heap in the barnyard, but the manure the heap in the barnyard, but the manufe containing any portion of the liquids should be covered or be placed under shelter of some kind. One of the advantages pos-sessed by the farmer of to-day is that he can shred his constalks, and the portions not eaten by cattle will serve admirably to origin a choring the liquids as well as assist in absorbing the liquids, as well as render the cornstalks more valuable as a portion of the crop. The shredder is do-ing its part in assisting farmers to save more manure, as well as rendering the food more palatable.

--- The lessening of labor on the farms of this couptry cannot be appreciated except by those who have had experience on farms 30 or 40 years ago; that is, by a compari-son of the present with the past. Half a cantury ago many of the breeds of horses, effect is most charming. cattle, sheep and swine were unknown. The fast trotters had not come into existence, while the running horses were from 10 to 20 seconds slower in going a mile on the race courses of that day if compared with present records of time. There were no Jersey, Holstein, Galloway, Angus or Guernsey breeds of cattle in this country, and the Shorthorn was known as the "Durham." The Cotswolds held the lead amon sheep, the Oxfords. Shropshires and Hamp-shire (all "down" breeds) coming later. The Berkshire hog had been introduced, but it was not like the Berkshire of to-day. The Chester White, Yorkshire, Essex and Suffolk hogs were years in winning public favor, while the Poland China is of much later date. Among poultry the Shanghai and Cochin were introduced about 1853, and Cochin were introduced about 1853, and from them have come, by crossing, many of our best breeds of poultry, such as Brahmas, Plymouth Rooks, Wyandottes and Cochins, so well known now. The Embden and Toulouse geese, Pekin duok and some of the breeds of turkeys were un-known. The Percheron, Clydesdale and hackney horses were not improved to their present form, even in Europe, and the horses used were lighter, but had more speed and endurance in hauling loads to market, as the farmer had to use the turn-pike and country roads to forward his

double the service derived from their kind half a century ago. Comparing the new year and new cen-tury with the year 1850 the labor-saving implements that have been invented for cool, dry place. service on farms, the farmer of the present can ride when he plows, harrows, culti-vates, plants or harvests his crops. He can also perform more work, in some lines of farming, in a day than could formerly be done in a week, and also at less cost. His done in a week, and also at less cost. Its produce can be sent to market in bulk, and in a few hours instead of days, and his wagons are not only stronger and lighter, but much cheaper. Wire has banished the old-style worm-rail fence, and new varieties of grains, fruits and vegetables have been introduced. In 1850 the strawberry

was but little larger than a pea; the tomato was about the size of a walnut; the crab not been greatly improved.

sheer goods. Quite a number are in the short puff style, with a tight undersleeve, such as is worn by little children. Many of the lace and dainty mull under-

leeves are finished at the hand by a wide black velvet band, which is exceedingly becoming to the wearer's haud. The idea of working lace and embroideries with small French knots with silk floss in bright colors, or of studding the materials with tiny jet or steel pinheads, is becoming very popular. This is particularly so with such mulls and laces as are to be used in making yokes and undersleeves for very dressy gowns. In fact, as beautiful as the workmanship is in a piece of real Cluny or Honiton, it is decidedly more fashionable just now if small French knots in green floss are worked in so as to outline and bring out the beauties of the original pattern. When such lace is used for yoke, sleeves or bolero of a handsome gown the

Christmas Fruit Cake-Six eggs, one cup Christmas Fruit Cake—Six eggs, one cup of butter, 1½ cups of powdered sugar, two cups flour, one-half pound raisins, one-half pound of currants, a quarter of a pound of citron, one teaspoonful each cinna-mon and nutmeg, one-half teaspoonful ground cloves and a third of a cup of molasses. This will make a large cake, and should be baked about two hours in a moderate oven.

If you want to give your mother or sis-ter or friend a Christmas present she will thoroughly appreciate make her a shirt waist box. It will hold her shirt waists for all seasons of the year; winter flannel ones, spring silk ones and summer wash ones, as it has both a tray in the top and a good roomy drawer below. It is thirty-six inches long, seventeen inches wide and fourteen inches high. These boxes may be had covered in denim, art ticking, repp, corduroy and velour, and range in price from six dollars and sixty cents to ten dollars and ninety cents, according to cover-

Cream Mints. One cup granulated sugar, one-quarter cup cold water, one drop oil of peppermint. Boil the sugar and water tomarket, as the farmer had to use the turn-pike and country roads to forward his produce, even the roads being as primitive as the wagons and implements used. The animals of the present day give almost double the service derived from their kind half a century ago.

> The girl who wears an up-to-date coiffure wears a curl, not right in the middle of her forehead, but lying gracefully upon her snowy shoulder, as Janice Meredith

wore hers. In fact, this ringlet is known as the women.

In order to make it effective the curl must be long and loose, not at all of the sausage order-unless it's a bologna sauapple was in the lead; the Concord grape was unknown, and the peach and pear had not been greatly improved. sage—and the hair must be knotted low on the neck to permit the ringlet to lie grace-fully on the shoulder. And here's a tip for

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