

FARM NOTES.

Green manure crops keep the land in fertility by depriving plant food from other sources than the surface soil.

The best place for all kinds of stoves, soap-dishes, etc., is on the manure heap.

Experiments made with the different breeds of poultry, in order to determine which breed of hens produce the largest number of eggs, resulted in no selection.

At the agricultural college in Sweden they tested for seven years the difference in growth of calves dropped in fall, or from October to January, and those dropped from March to June.

There is more money in eggs than in broilers, and farmers will better not try to raise the latter.

For egg production there is not so much in breed as in selecting the most vigorous females to cross with vigorous males.

The food should be properly proportioned to form the different parts of the egg and keep the fowls healthy.

It is a down-grade step when one begins to cross his flocks. No man ever began who did not have a flock of mongrels.

Experiments show that sometimes the crossing of breeds is disastrous. A cross of setter and pointer dogs produces the vilest cur.

The Ayreshire cow is noted for large yields of milk and the Jersey for butter, but it is doubtful if a case is known where they have been crossed.

We have seen hundreds who conceived of combining the "laying qualities of the Leghorn" with the "market qualities of the Plymouth Rock."

When one makes a good cross and finds something extraordinary the world soon hears of it.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Cinnamon Buns.—Into a cupful of bread dough that has risen the second time work a half cup of melted butter, a beaten egg, a half teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of milk, three-quarters of a teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon and a half cup of cleaned currants dredged with flour.

A mint julep is excellent for a sick stomach. Take some sprigs of fresh mint and crush them in a glass with a teaspoon.

Velvet jackets that are distinctly French have the straight box-coat back hanging from the neck in a fluidly pressed box tail, or else a strapped seam finished with rows of stitching.

What to do for baby. Rocking a child to sleep causes dizziness, indigestion, restlessness, and, worse than all, selfishness.

A child should be bathed morning and evening in water which the mother has first tried with her elbow, not with the hand, because a baby's skin is very delicate.

It is injurious to allow an infant to remain too long in the water. For the first few weeks the temperature of the water should be about 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The child should be put to sleep on a hard hair mattress and pillow. Feathers and down cause undue perspiration and are injurious to health.

Remember that a child cannot have too much sunshine and fresh air. Both the child's sleeping apartment and day nursery should be large, airy rooms, into which the sun has free and unlimited access.

They tell us that postilion basques are to be very much the style, at any rate by fall, and, though that is to look far ahead, it will not seem so when I say that the modistes are now busily at work on a skirt which is most likely to be the grand mode by that time.

Many early spring shirt waists are of wash silk, and the designs and colorings are prettier than ever before. Curled effects in stripes and plaids are seen in a variety of pretty color combinations.

Boleto jackets, with or without sleeves, of heavy white, black or coral lace, are worn over velvet, silk or satin waists. For theatre wear, the lace designs are sometimes outlined with gold and rows of gold paillettes, or even the entire jacket is made of gold braid and cord.

Don't make the mistake of having Flemish oak furniture and white woodwork, or anything but white woodwork for a colonial scheme with mahogany furniture.

Teacher—What made you so late? Tommy—I had to wait for my man to wrap up a bundle for me to leave at Mrs. Brown's.

Teacher—Surely, it didn't take your mother nearly an hour to do that. Tommy—Yes'm. You see, the paper had a lovely story in it.

Culture Gradations.

"I understand," said Mrs. Acorn, "that you've had a good deal of sickness at your house."

"Well, replied the haughty Miss Woodby, "one of the servants, I believe, is sick. Papa was ill and mamma is quite seriously indisposed."

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.—"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every joint was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down."

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