

FARM NOTES.

The currant is one of the finest fruits that can be grown, considering the various uses to which it may be applied...

The soil best suited for currants is a deep, rich, mellow loam, but it will grow almost anywhere if well manured.

There are but few obstacles with currants compared with some small fruits. The borer does damage, but vigorous bushes escape to a certain extent...

May is the month when chicks of the small breeds, such as leghorns and Hamburgs, should be hatched.

All young animals quickly learn to eat ground oats and there is no food that gives such quick results as the oats.

In the garden let the crops be rotated—that is, do not plant the same kind of crop on any one location.

The Eternal Fitness. "I hurl the lie back in your teeth!" he cried.

Which was quite appropriate, for they, too, were false.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Falling hair is one of the most common ills that attend upon spring, beautiful spring! Possibly it is a symptom of weakness, and as such should be treated by a tonic of iron, which the doctor will prescribe.

An excellent shampoo is made by melting a cake of pure Castile or olive oil soap shaved into thin slices in a quart of boiling water.

Scalp massage is a powerful auxiliary to hair health, and is best performed by a specialist. It affords relief to nervous headache and neuralgia.

A clever girl who likes everything about her dainty and pretty, but who has not always the necessary cash to gratify her tastes, is making an exceedingly pretty bedspread.

As to shapes, large, broad and flat, are the adjective which best describe the new millinery. There may be one brim or five, a double crown or just the suspicion of a crown.

It is undoubtedly a season of flowers, and too much cannot be said in praise of the reproduction of all kinds of blossoms rather than dominate the garden of artificial flowers.

Geraniums are charmingly reproduced and make very decorative material for the embellishment of the new hats.

The bolero—the ubiquitous bolero, it has been called—is seen on all of the new spring gowns. It has become quite an elaborate little affair, being made of lace, or encrusted with steel or gold.

White linen shirt waists are the rage this summer. A good rule to go by in making them up is, have them as plain as possible; have them as different as possible, one from the other; have as many as possible, and unless you are slight, a side body which has been condemned for a year or two, but which is back again for women who are large, will take away the "wide" look that clings to the shirtwaist made with a single seam under the arm.

Shirtdress boxes that have a tuck in the top and a drawer below covered in denim or ticking, cretonne or glazed chintz, are so convenient in a summer home these shirtdress days as almost to seem a necessity.

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The History of Rubber.

Man That Came Over With Columbus Saw Haitians Playing Ball.

The world was a long time learning the uses and value of rubber. For two centuries after the Spaniards saw the gum in the hands of the natives of the Old World, it was little more than a curiosity.

Jose, King of Portugal, in 1555, comes down to us as the wearer of a pair of boots sent out to Para to be covered with a waterproof gum. Yet 300 years were to elapse before a Connecticut Yankee should make a pair of boots of rubber which would not decompose.

The conversion of the gum to useful purposes made, but slow headway. The first waterproof cloth in 1797 was the work of an Englishman. It was tentative, and of course it would not stand heat.

Consumption of Railway Ties. How many railroad ties are used annually in the United States is a question which is often propounded, but in which there are no exact statistics.

There are about 205,000 miles of main line track in the United States at the present time. It is estimated by railroad men that about 400 ties to the mile are each year required for replacements; the average number of ties to the mile is 2,500, and the average life of a tie is seven years.

A Remarkable Man. Prof. Crook Says He Has Never Used an Oath, Drank Liquor or Kissed a Woman.

Prof. Algie R. Crook, the bachelor member of the faculty of Northwestern University, Chicago, surprised the students during a heart to heart talk in the laboratory, by saying that the frivolities of the world had not tempted him.

Pan-American Stamps. The new Buffalo Pan-American stamps will soon be on sale. The one cent stamp of green color will have the picture of a lake steamer to represent the transportation industry of the inland seas in which Buffalo is so much interested.

King Edward's Coronation. The Ceremony Fixed For the End of June, 1902.

A London special of April 16, says: The coronation of King Edward will take place at the end of June, 1902. Westminster Abbey, according to "Truth," will be entirely closed to the public for four months prior to the event, and all services will be suspended in order to prepare the interior for the ceremony.

Spring Fever. Spring fever has arrived. It always comes ahead of the calendar. Generally it is announced by advertisements telling of remedies that will cure the tired feeling.

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