

FARM NOTES.

-The month of May is the time to be on the lookout for the asparagus miner, which was not generally known until the fall of 1896, but since that time the pest has be-come more numerous, and if the growers of a paragus do not take the matter into or aparagus do not take the matter into consideration the growing of this valuable crop may become more difficult. The New York experiment station has given the pest careful investigation, Professor F. A. Sir-rine, in bulletin 198, making known the results of his work in the efforts to assist growers with a more thorough knowledge of the habits of this enemy. During the past year the adult fly was reared from some of the old infested stocks collected early in May. The adult flies issued in confinement on May 30th were found in the field June 8th. On June 19th puparia and maggots were found beneath the epi-dermis of that season's growth, no adult flies being then found, but were taken again on August 2nd, only occasional spec-imens being then seen until the asparagus was killed by the frost. The adult flies can usually be found around the flowers, but are generally found congregated around wounds made by the asparagus beetle, ap-parently feeding upon the juices exuding from these wounds. The place and method of depositing the eggs have not been deter-mined, but frequently the mine made by a maggot started beneath a leaf scale, and generally near the surface of the ground, thus indicating that the eggs are some times deposited under or near the leaf In some instances mines were scales found which started nearly a foot above the ground, but generally the majority started at or near the surface of the ground and extended downward below the surface of the ground, for distances varying from three to four inches three to four inches.

THE METHOD OF DAMAGE.

As there are several enemies of asparagus where the old dead stalks remain moist. Although this pest has been carefully watched during the past four years no noticeable injury from its work has ever watched during the past four years no noticeable injury from its work has ever been detected on cutting beds. During bleach the spots when it reaches them. It the last year they were apparently more numerous than before and did considerable numerous than before and did considerable injury to seeding and newly set beds. The injury showed itself by the plants turning promoting the activity of the skin, in a yellow and finally dying much earlier than they naturally should do. Possibly the fact that the structure of the asparagus plant is such that it can withstand girding much better than more woody plants ac-counts for the injury not being more easily noticed. Furthermore, the life history of the pest is such that the first brood cannot the pest is such that the first brood cannot get much of a foot hold on cutting beds, especially where ridging is practiced. Al-though the injury to cutting beds is not noticed there is no doubt that the plants are materially weakened later by the at-tacks of the pest. At present it is not known what natural enemies this pest has and no parasites have as yet been bred has, and no parasites have as yet been bred from the puparia. The only enemy noted was another fly, which was not identified, but which fed upon the fly of the asparagus miner.

REMEDIES.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. Stained floors grow upon one. Even conservative housekeepers are beginning to grant the beauty of smooth, glossy floors and rugs, and the labor is not one half as great as some suppose, not one whit harder than sweeping carpets.

The new coiffure low on the neck is graceful. At the annual senior dance held at Columbia college last week low coiffures were worn by a number of young girls. Almost without exception these experiment-alists dressed the front hair in great fluffy bandeaux, which, however, were not in the least like those made familiar some seasons ago by Cleo de Merode. Instead of falling over the ears, like Cleo's tresses, like Cleo's tresses, like cleo's tresses, the wavy bands of hair were carried back above the ears, joining the whole mass of the locks, which were gathered upon the neck and fixed with ornamental pins, from towns. which escaped curls falling over the shoulders.

By one or two the more formal "Empress Eugenie" coiffure was worn, the hair arranged in a series of puffs on the back of the head and wreathed with a garland of cowslips, short curls making their escape below

a delicate complexion in no way compen-sates any daughter of Eve for their unwel-come presence. The poet may call them "the kisses of Apollo," but she prefers to dispense with the attentions of the sun god. Probably the least offensive and dis-forming of all ship blencher is the sun figuring of all skin blemishes, they are the most obstinate to remove. Dermatologists have tried in vain to compound a remedy which would be a permanent cure. It has yet to be found, says the *Ledger Monthly*. True, they may be faded, even removed in many cases, after persistent treatment; but with the advent of the warm spring days and summer winds, they are very apt to reappear. The summer girl, inclined to freckle, who yet justly refuses to be housed when sun, sky and sea woo her has on hand a perpetual problem. Freckles are divided into two classes;

As there are several enemies of asparagus the work of this pest should not be confused with the injury of the European asparagus fly which mines into the stalk while the asparagus miner simply works beneath the outer bark or epidermis and devours all the green portion of the plant between the epi-green portion of the plant between the epiasparagus miner simply works beneath the outer bark or epidermis and devours all the green portion of the plant between the epi-dermis and the bast or wood fibre. Five below the surface—offers an obstacle. One Winettr in the way of their removal lies or six of the maggots will usually complete-ly girdle a stalk. The puparia are always formed within the mines and generally be-low or near the surface of the ground, ferent skins. A freckle lotion that will have no effect upon one's complexion will irritate and blister that of another.

must have usually something to draw them manner prevent the small deposits of iron. Good facial circulation is a foe to most facial blemishes. The commonest acid and the most effective is lemon juice, pure or diluted as the skin dictates

Half sash curtains are entirely passe. The most approved window dressing at present consists of lace or thin stuff curpresent consists of lace or thin stuff cur-tains, window-sill length, hanging straight down against the glass. Inside ones of soft silk hang over these, pushed close to each side, but with a valance in the centre across the top to form a continuous line. Green and yellow are the preferred shades but unless much care is shown to get a decided gray green it is apt to throw a rather ghastly light, while a soft pale yellow is always mellow.

Cloudburst Near Pittsburg. Railroad Tracks Washed and Parts of them Carried Away A heavy rain of one hours' duration caused considerable damage Friday night

near Pittsburg. South of Pittsburg, at Carnegie, a cloudburst up Camybell's Run sent a flood of water down that carried away bridges and fences and barns. The water was piled up a foot high over the Panhandle tracks at Carnegie. The flood subsided in three hours. At Tarentum, thirty miles northeast of the city, the heavy rain flooded the creek, washed away 200 feet of the Western Penn-

lost. Nearly all the creeks and runs within twenty miles of Pittsburg became bank full

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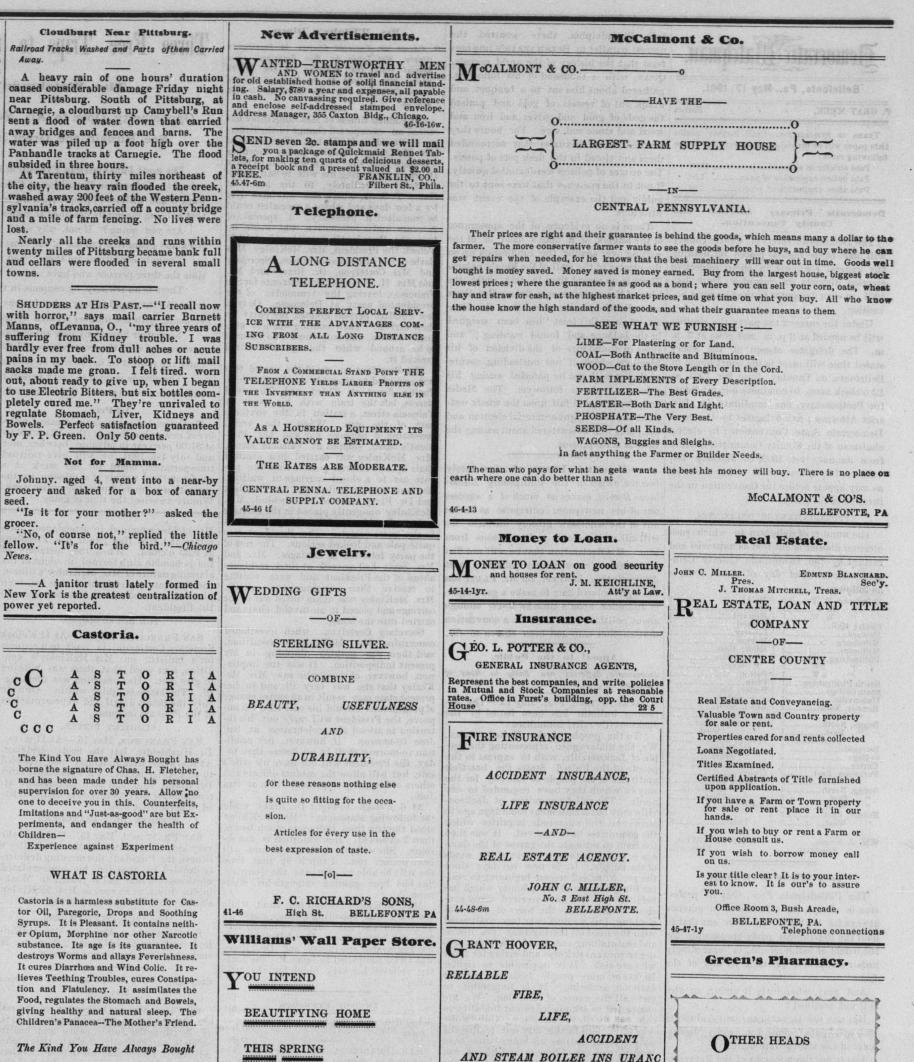
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There is but little opportunity for apply-ing insecticides, and none have been tested, owing to the habits of the pest. Cultural and preventive measures can, and should be applied. As the eggs for the first brood are deposited early in June much can be done toward keeping the pest under control, by not allowing any small shoots to grow on cutting beds during the cutting season. Where new beds are being put out yearly the pulling and allowing of the old stalks to dry, and burning them, will aid in keping the pest under control. The stalks can be pulled and burned any time after they are dead, but, when possible, it should be done late in the fall. Where left until spring the stalks rot to such an extent that the bark slips off and the pupurita are left in the ground. The conclusions arrived at by the investigators are that growers of asparagus are not generally aware of the work and injury of the pest, as it usually works in the asparagus stem below the surface of the ground. It is still a question whether the pest does enough injury to cutting beds to warrant growers going to extra expense to get rid of it, but this does not necessarily prove that it may not become a troublesome pest, as it has al-ready been known to injure seedling beds. As a remedy for the ordinary asparagus beetle (not the miner) hens with broods of obiols have been recommended as then chicks have been recommended, as they carefully search every stalk, but the beetle cannot do much damage if the bed is cut daily and the shoots not allowed to grow above ground before cutting. As a preven-tive measure the beds should be burnt over when the tops die down and not a stalk left. Early in the spring the beds may be ridged with advantage as a partial protec-

compared with the winter months, and if eggs are lower in price the profit may therefore be nearly as large as when prices are high. The cost of keeping poultry in confinement will be greater than when the fowls have a range, so far as the food is concerned, but more land is necessary for the fowls that are at liberty. All kinds of poultry prefer grass and animal food to grain, and seeds form a large share of the food secured by the birds when they have an opportunity to forage. The active an opportunity to forage. The active breeds, such as Leghorns, will give much better results when they can run at large as they are not disposed to be contented when confined.

-Lima beans makes one of the most im-

ranks first, and second comes the coat with an infinitesimal basque. This type is gen-erally arranged to be worn opened or closed, and with a smartly-stitched collar and fussy front helps to form an attractive spring gown. A coat of this description is useful throughout the year, and if of faced THE CEN 46-4 cloth can be worn with black or colored skirts.

Another suggestion for spring rejuvenation of wall covering is to paper the ceiling of a very low-ceilinged room in white or pale ivory, and run it down a foot or so on the side walls to a white or cream picture moulding, as the case may be. This adds very much to the effect of height. The plain white ceiling thus loses itself above tle and Fe you and never accentuates its own limitations.

That the color of a woman's dress can make her look larger or smaller is a fact that many professional dressmakers now take into consideration.

Dressed in black and dark hues, stout women look smaller both in the house and when out walking; and by the use of the same hues, the dimensions of small people are so decreased that they appear like dwarfs.

The optical effect of white and light colors is to enlarge all objects, and make the stont woman who wears them almost mountainous in her appearance. She need not, however, look dinggy and dull, for the rich dark hues offered to her for selection are varied and numberless. Greens and blues in their various shades, are better than reds, giving an effect of repose and distance

All light colored materials should be avoided for the waist. During the awk-ward age of girls, between the age of 12 and 14, dark blue or plain red cashmere or which will of them fir do well to in DuBois serge is found to be productive of the best 46-10-2m

Florid persons should wear the tints that subdue color and give the effect of distance such as blue and green. The most lucky of all girls are those with fair complexions and a color. To them few shades will be unbecoming. Those with pale complex-ions should wear only fresh colors such as observe and pick.

Lima beans makes one of the most important crops that is grown in a garden. The bush varieties should be planted for an early supply, but the pole varieties are preferred by some as a main crop. It is not too soon to prepare the ground and apply the manure, but the seed should not be planted until the ground is quite warm. In place of poles wire fencing may be used as supports.
While using Paris green one part to 150 parts plaster is sufficient. The smaller --While using Paris green one part to 150 parts plaster is sufficient. The smaller the proportion of Paris green that can be used the better, as it injures the leaves of potatoes if used in too large quantities. It is advisable to hand-pick the potatoes when the beetles first appear, if the patch is small, in order to avoid dusting the plants until compelled to do so.

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