

FARM NOTES.

The cow pea is well known in the South, and has been grown so long that it is almost a surprise to the Southern farmer that it is now receiving so much attention in other portions of the country...

The tried-and-found-true designs in shirt waists seem to be receiving the greatest share of favor. One that is always welcome has a sailor collar with the regulation tie knotted beneath it...

Very slender figures are becoming in sailor "jumpers" whereas those of more solid build are safer in a choice that gives them flopping collar revers—to give them their correct name, waterfalls...

Now that blue, pale blue and grayish blue have been monopolized as the uniform dress of the trained nurse and child's nurse a readjustment of "color values" has become necessary in the household...

A great many women lately have put their waists in light colored wash dresses, not only in summer, but all the year round. It looks fresh and dainty, they think, to have the front door opened by a maid neatly gowned in starched pale colored muslin...

If the maid be young and blooming, and an effort is made to secure such services for opening the front door, the chances are the pink gown will prove immensely becoming.

If a few drops of ammonia are added to the bluing water, the clothes are likely to improve in whiteness. Another laundry hint, worthy of notice, is that a wine stain may be removed by sprinkling salt upon it, then pouring hot water through it until it is gone...

Often, in removing stains, the agent is such a commonplace, ready-at-hand sort of thing that it seems too simple. Take the instance of a ink stain on white linen. If there is a ripe tomato in the house it will accomplish the work with the aid of clear water...

Wide sashes of the same material are the latest notion shown on the ready-made wash suits. The newest gowns show a marked disposition to cling to elaborate waists. Sleeves vary much in cut, but for the most part are tight to the elbow...

Ice cream croquettes have no kinship beyond name and general appearance with the product of the chopping bowl and kettle of smoking fat. They are ice cream of any desired flavor packed in croquette-shaped molds. Have ready some browned and finely chopped almonds or powdered macaroons in which to roll the molds of cream quickly before sending to the table with a claret sauce.

Collarless gowns are predicted for summer wear. There will be no collars to the dresses very shortly or, at least, to a great many of them. The low-neck will be warmly welcomed by the average woman, especially when genuine summer heat arrives...

Wood ashes give the best results on pasture land, orchards, small fruits and on clover. To purchase wood ashes is a risk, as it is difficult to procure two lots alike in composition, while exposure to rains may cause loss of potash by leaching.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

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