

FARM NOTES.

When the hay crop is short the farmer with a long crop of corn can cut it up with a harvester and shred it at the right time, and the shredded feed makes a very good substitute for hay.

Clean off the asparagus tops, burn them, and also burn the surface of the bed by using any dry material in order to kill all insects or other enemies on the bed. Cover the bed thickly with well rotted manure, allowing it to remain until spring.

Onions keep best in a dry location, dampness being injurious. If they become frozen they should be kept so, or thawed very slowly. They should not be stored in boxes or barrels, but in shallow receptacles. If spread out on the floor of the straw or barn loft and covered with hay or straw when frozen they should keep in sound condition until spring.

Pontreyn who have ows and have surplus milk have a decided advantage over those who do not. Milk is both food and drink, and at this season is especially beneficial to the growing birds. A safe way to supply it is to heat it scalding hot, and when it has cooled let them drink as much as they want within an hour in the morning. It should then be disposed of and the vessel cleaned. Rotten milk is little better than poison.

The calf should be gently handled from the start. The future disposition of the cow depends upon her treatment when young. To make a gentle milker the calf should never receive a blow or harsh word, in order that it may have confidence in the attendants, and it will not thereafter be nervous. It should be rubbed, brushed, petted, fed from the hand and the teats and udder frequently handled. It is essential to break in a calf from the start to a vicious kicking cow.

A good time, if not the best to cut timber or fell trees is in mid-summer, when the leaves are full grown. If the trees are cut from the 1st of June to the 1st of September and left two or three weeks until the green leaves are dried before cutting or splitting, the leaves will draw the sap from the body of the tree and thus quickly season the wood and prevent sap rot and worms. The 1st of August is one of the best times to deaden trees says Field and Farm.

It is only two months before the demand for turkeys will be mixed, and any cure given to the growing turkeys, or even the adults, will pay when the birds reach the market. Turkeys will not thrive if closely confined, and they prefer high places for roosting. They frequently become lame by alighting from high limbs to the ground, for which reason they should have a roosting shed when young so as to be taught to prefer such roosts to the trees. Young turkeys sometimes die of what is termed vertigo, but usually the difficulty is that the large grey lice are at work on the skins of the head, necks and bodies, the birds being tormented to death. A few drops of melted lard on the head once a week is an excellent preventive and remedy for the large lice.

Some farmers and gardeners have a compost heap for providing fine manure to flower plants and tender vegetables. Compost is simply fresh manure mixed with muck, dirt or any absorbent material that is in fine condition. The heap is kept under cover, and if a large supply of material has been collected, making a bulky heap, the soapuds and urine are thrown upon the mass. It must be worked over so as to secure decomposition of all the materials, and if it heats too much more dry dirt must be added. If the farmers would treat all the manure made on his farm as so much compost there would be a great saving of plant food. The principal value of compost is its fine mechanical condition and its careful handling under shelter.

If you come in from a drive and the horses legs are wet, rub them dry before you leave them. Never leave mud on the legs of horses, whether they are clipped or not. The mud closes the pores of the skin and checks the insensible perspiration, and in a very little time you will have a case of mud poisoning or scratches which may be difficult to cure. The mud may be allowed to dry and then be cleaned off and out of the hair thoroughly, but should never be left on all night.

An old broom, cut off so it is stiff and stubby, is good to take off the thickest, and finish up with a whisk of straw or a coarse cloth.

This keeps up healthy circulation in the legs and makes them healthier and stronger.

Wheat fluctuates in weight according to the dryness of the air. The extent of this variation under ordinary conditions does not exceed 6 per cent, but where the grain is taken from an intensely dry climate to a comparatively damp one the gain may amount to 25 per cent.

Oats stored in the fall lost in one instance over three per cent, by the following May, less than 2 per cent. In the second instance and exactly 2 per cent. in the third and in a fourth lost but seven pounds in 100 bushels.

Corn, when the entire plant is stored in the silo, suffers a very considerable loss in weight. As an average of four tests this loss amounted to 8.25 per cent. In other cases the loss varied from 14.57 to 20.36 per cent.

When the entire plant is cured in the field, subsequent variations in weight are determined by the dryness of the air. At the Connecticut station, where 27.36 tons of corn were cut Sept. 1st into shocks, hauled to the barn later and stored for fodder, the gross weight was but 4.8 tons. On Feb. 8th following the weight was 7.5 tons. In a duplicate test 25.5 tons of green corn weighed but 5.2 tons on Nov. 11th and gained to 8.5 tons by Feb. 8th.

When the corn is husked in the field, the loss of weight suffered by the ears depends on their condition when hauled to the crib. Very damp corn cribbed early in October shrunk in weight 30 per cent, by the middle of February, while dry corn cribbed Oct. 21st had shrunk by the last of January 11 per cent. In another case corn very dry when hauled shrunk by New Year's less than 3 per cent. At the Iowa station the loss in an entire station was 20 per cent. in one case and 9 per cent. in another.

The relation between the weights of kernels and cob does not stay constant as the ears dry. When first husked, fully 25 per cent. of the weight of the ear lies in the cob. An elaborate set of experiments at Houghton showed that the shelled corn lost in weight but about 7.45 per cent, from October to March, while the cobs lost fully 36 per cent.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The Clean City club is the name of Chicago's latest club. It is composed of children and was organized several months ago by Miss Gertrude Howe, the head of the children's club work at Hull House. From a handful of children, it has grown into an organization of more than 1,000 members. Each child promises to pick up and destroy at least one piece of paper from the streets every day. When the street receptacles are full, the children take their pieces home or to the Hull House and burn them. Once in awhile when there are extra accumulations, a jubilee bonfire takes place.

Spirits of camphor will quickly remove the white spots on polished wood surfaces made from the spilling of spirits or from too hot plates. A large and serious stain caused by the breaking of a bottle of brandy and the spilling of its contents on a mantle was entirely eradicated by an application of spirits of camphor. The camphor must be wiped off quickly, and in this case the surface was wiped over afterward with a soft cloth upon which a few drops of good furniture polish had been poured.

In answer to the question: "Who is the greatest woman in all history?" put to 200 Macon county (Mo.) teachers Miss Nannie Vickroy, of Macon, made a unique answer, which was awarded the prize for its originality. Miss Vickroy passed Queen Victoria, Frances Willard, Helen Gould and other women whose names were the most popular, and declared: "The wife of the Missouri farmer of moderate means, who does her own cooking, washing and ironing, brings up a large family of boys and girls to be useful members of society and finds time for her own intellectual and moral improvement is 'the greatest woman in all history.'"

A good model for you to follow for your cloth gown has the new bodice yclept the military coat. This is a tight-fitting, double-breasted, three-quarter-length affair. It is only fastened as far as the waist. It has a distinct style of its own, and is strictly tailor finished. Twenty black velvet flattened buttons close this on the left side. Although arranged in a straight row, the buttons are made to appear as if in groups of five on account of the decoration of ornamental stitching. From each of five buttons a line of machine stitching runs to a point on the right side, slightly beyond the middle of the waist. The lines of machine stitching converge at the point, making ornamental triangles of stitching, and in connecting the groups of five buttons apparently detach them from the others in line. There are twenty velvet buttons, and so arranged in groups of five we have four triangle patterns of machine stitching. Below the waist the long skirts of our military coat are edged with a double row of machine stitching. The designs in stitching simulate braiding in soutache but are considered rather more novel. The patterned rows of stitching decorate the collar, the coat front and the gauntlet upturned cuffs. The cuffs are stitched in rows for almost their entire height.

The tailored skirts accompanying the military coat has been made up on a circular foundation, finished with a dust ruffle. The feature is the graduated flounce rising high in the back. Above the flounce are nine rows of machine stitching sweeping upward toward the back. This serves as a heading for ornamental stitching on the flounce, a design of triangles resting on the broad base.

The Norfolk jacket with the short skirt is a prime favorite this fall for walking suits. The single breasted Norfolk jacket is made with tight-fitting front and a little skirt effect over the hips; the sleeves with cuffs instead of being plain. The skirt has seven gores, and flares, with a deep facing around the bottom finished with stitching. The seams are lapped and the back of the skirt is entirely new this fall, with an inverted pleat. It has no lining.

Straps and stitched folds continue as the favored trimmings for cloth gowns. The straps are often fastened down with buttons, which often harmonize with the gown. Lacings of black velvets or satins are almost a necessity on a fashionable gown. They are used on almost everything except a tailor-made. Skirts and corsage alike are laced and then laced up with velvet ribbons. Or the front of the bolero or corsage is laced across the chemisette.

The half and three-quarter length coats, made in flowered silk, cloth and velvet, will be very much worn this coming season as outside garments.

Cut-out cloth will be used extensively as trimming, both on velvet and silk.

Do you know how to make French knots? Too bad, if you don't, because French knots you must have, and it costs a neat little sum of money to order them done. You know what they are, of course. Just dots made by thread scattered along a cloth surface in regular geometrical progressions or in scattered groups.

Half the modish women one sees these days in the country are busy with needle and thread making these knots. No matter if they haven't any special use for them at this time they know how much they will be needed when the fall and winter frocks are being put together.

Knobs of white thread put on fine hemstitched muslin bands may be used on thin blouses for the winter, for there is no doubt that this winter will sanction the fashion of the various thin white blouses to be worn under a plain or elaborate jacket.

Louisiane will be the fashionable fabric for dressy blouses to be worn with handsome cloth suits, and French knots look immensely well on the bands that go to making collar, cuffs and front box pleat. Black knots on white are charming. Try making some on bands of white taffeta and see how stylish the result is! Then hemstitch these bands and apply them to the white blouse you will surely have this winter, with cat-stitching of black silk.

See if your friends don't admire it! The color of the eyes should determine the choice of dress and millinery. A blonde may wear pure white with advantage, but the brunette nearly always looks better in cream colored fabrics. This ought to be more generally recognized.

Brown eyes and brown dress go well together. Blue-eyed girls should wear blue as often as possible. The tau shades are not often suitable for slim figures. Black satin intensifies the effect of round shoulders. Dull black is the best choice for a fair-haired woman, while a brunette must order something brilliantly black if she really wishes to look her best.

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Mrs. McConnell is Mr. Conger's sister. Miss Conger was attended by her cousins, Miss Mary C. Pierce and Miss Lavinia Pike McConnell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. W. Hanson. The bride was attired in a princess gown of white embroidered crepe, trimmed with duchess lace, and carried lilies of the valley.

Among those present were the bride's mother, Mrs. Conger, the father and mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Buchan.

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