

FARM NOTES.

The fattening period is on and the farmer will aim to convert a large portion of his corn into pork. As corn is rich in carbonaceous foods—oil and starch—it is considered essential in producing pork of good quality, and also to secure the greatest gain in weight in the shortest period of time.

Experiments are not complete when confined to the only use of the food, for there is something to be demonstrated as to the cause of the use of mineral matter in comparison with corn, only one lot receiving nothing but corn, another lot wood ashes with the corn, and another lot bone meal with the corn.

The mineral fed pigs were also more vigorous, their bodies were furnished with more blood, the muscles were much better developed, they grew more rapidly, and were in better condition in every respect.

In order that the inexperienced may understand the subject better it is well to mention that ashes contain potash, lime and also some phosphoric acid. The bones contain phosphoric acid and a proportion of nitrogenous matter. It is probable that only a tablespoonful of bone meal at each feeding will be sufficient, but there are foods that contain mineral elements in abundance. It is the lime in the foods that so largely promotes the results mentioned.

A homely neck is woe to a pretty girl. She has caverns in front and blades in the rear and much anxiety is hers. Here is her salvation. Deep breathing first; head movements night and morning—30 minutes per diem—then the nightly use of the all helping lanoline. Persevere and you must be contented by results. In Europe this ointment is used to put flesh upon baby skeletons in hospitals.

That somewhat paradoxical combination of ice cream with hot chocolate sauce grows in popular favor and is often urged on the score of greater digestibility. To make the sauce, put into a saucepan four ounces of chocolate, half a cupful of milk and one cupful of sugar—the brown preferred. Stir until the chocolate is melted and cook until it waxes when dropped in cold water. Serve in a pretty pitcher, to be poured over the cold cream.

Play frocks for children, of dimity, wash flannel, etc., made perfectly plain, just frilled into a neck band back and front are a new idea that is both sensible and convenient.

Tobacco brown velvet or velveteen makes an exceedingly swaggy Russian blouse suit for a little boy's best wear. A belt of buff leather and broad collar of white linen set off a suit of this kind nicely.

Even the Eton jackets seem a standby for quite little girls. A popular model for little girls as young as 8 and 10 wear a collarless Eton jacket and plain skirt. Rows of white silk machine stitching on applied bands relieve the plainness.

Boys' knickerbockers are decidedly fuller than they were last year, so bear this in mind when preparing your little man's school suit.

Covert cloth top coats made on the same lines as men's coats with long shoulders and quite long skirts are very smart for little boys.

The fad for the picturesque in juvenile fashions is in no wise diminished this season. Full length or three quarter coats are designed for children's wear this autumn, those of green and red cloth being considered especially smart, although some serge ones, are seen, too. Plain, almost severe styles of making these coats are well to the fore, and the little garments are adorned with one, two and three capes, made so they may be dispensed with if desired. Really, children's coats are better untrimmied, so this fashion seems a very sensible one.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

According to the girl who is studying art— Always think of your eyes when you buy a new frock or hat.

Try for a shade in your dress or cap that will "go" with the color of your eyes. Tucks and strips running downwards become the women of decided eboupoint.

The slim and slinky girl—I am quoting the art student—should have the stripes and tucks running horizontally.

A fat woman should never wear plaids. You would think everyone would know that, but that some do not, just watch and see!

Black satin intensifies the effect of round shoulders.

Likewise, of undue plumpness.

A florid complexion also.

A small tuque is very unbecoming above a large, round face.

Dull black is especially effective for a fair haired woman.

A slim brunette looks well in something brilliantly black.

A blonde can generally wear pure white advantageously.

Cream colored fabrics are becoming to the brunette.

To whiten red, wrinkled hands and make them plump and smooth is a work of time. When young women or those of 35 complain of such hands the circulation is the fault and must be stimulated. Very hot baths for the entire body are the best treatment not only for reddish hand, but for red noses and swollen lips. Yet hot water is such a difficult luxury, to obtain even in smart houses that it is always recommended with uncertainty, like a voyage to the Azores or a winter in Bermuda.

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White Man is Growing Black

Brooklyn Letter Carrier in Five Years Has Become Darker than a Mulatto. Doctors are Therefore Puzzled.

Gradually turning the color of a negro, yet otherwise healthy, Jacob Berlier, a letter carrier employed in the Brooklyn, N. Y., post office, is the cause of much comment among doctors. Many physicians have examined Berlier, but none has found out the cause of his peculiar affliction. Seemingly he is in the grip of Addison's disease, which gives a dark color to the skin, but the remarkable symptoms that have developed indicate that he is suffering with something new to the medical world.

Berlier's troubles began about five years ago, when he noticed an irritation of the skin. He began to suffer considerably from itching sensations, and the palms of his hands and soles of his feet began to crack. It was impossible for him to stop scratching, and multitudes of little scars bear evidence to this. Consultation with doctors and experimenting with lotions and internal remedies failed to relieve him. Examinations are now being made to see if his disease is tuberculous in its nature.

Just when he began to turn black is uncertain, though a change in the color of his skin was perceptible three years ago. Within the last year this change has become so marked that he is constantly being taken for a colored man, and is caused much annoyance thereby. He is much darker than the ordinary mulatto, but not quite as dark as the full bred negro.

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Bandits in Safe Retreat.

Miss Stone's Prison Accessible Only by Perilous Paths. Negotiations for Missionary's Release May Occupy Considerable Time After She is Found.

Neither W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American Bible House, nor Spencer Eddy, secretary of the United States Legation, had received any news up to noon Saturday from the missionaries who are searching for the brigands who kidnapped Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsilka.

Peet and Eddie had a long conference Saturday as to the advisability of re-entrusting the searchers, but decided that the present arrangements sufficed.

The difficult nature of the country handicaps the searchers, and heavy rains have increased the difficulty of traversing the paths which are the only means of access to the hiding places of the bandits in the rugged mountain range, flanked on the west by the Hills and on the east by the Rhodepe mountains, the summits of which are already capped with snow extending some distance down.

Thick mists generally envelope the region in autumn, preventing even experienced mountaineers, shepherds and woodcutters from traveling. Early in the week one of the missionary searchers actually located the band, and was approaching their retreat when the brigands, apparently fearing the approach of troops, shifted their quarters and track of them was again lost.

Now, however, that the troops have been called off the directors of the search are hopeful of making better progress, though they point out that even after the brigands are found the negotiations may be prolonged, especially in view of the lack of telegraphic facilities.

A FIENDISH ATTACK.—An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions.

He has obtained temporary relief from itching through the use of ichthyol, prescribed by his family physician, Dr. D. F. Lucas, of Fourth avenue and Pacific street. He has improved in every way, except the change of color. His only other troubles have been a constant bad cold, and two painless swellings, apparently muscular, in his chest and his neck.

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