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FARM NOTES.

—Much attention is necessary to raise lambs successfully for the winter and early spring trade. In the first place secure ewes of a good lamb producing strain, preferably belonging to one of the mountain breeds. There is some difficulty in having the lambs come at the right time. They should be dropped from the beginning of October to the middle of November. This gives them an opportunity to get a start before very cold weather sets in. The ewes also give milk much more freely than later. If the weather is fine the lambs may be allowed to run in the yard or pasture a few hours every day. If some green feed such as rye, rape or mustard can be provided they will do well. The lambs must not be allowed to remain out in cold or wet weather.

The ewes should be provided with an unlimited supply of good feed, especially when confined to the barn. Silage and clover hay with an occasional feed of shredded cornstalks should comprise the roughage. As a grain ration use a mixture of linseed and cottonseed meal, with whole or cracked corn and bran. Oats are fine feed, but as a rule are too high in price in this part of the country.

I like a basement barn with a southern exposure for sheep. This can be kept at an even temperature, but must be well ventilated and free from drafts, with a thoroughly dry floor. The floor must be well bedded and kept perfectly clean. The ewes should be divided into small lots of not more than twenty, so they will not crowd at the trough. They should also have plenty of trough and rack room. Those with twins should be placed in a separate inclosure, as they will require more feed than the others. The lambs should have a separate pen where they can go to be fed, and about be given corn, linseed meal, animal and beans, with plenty of good clover hay.

Sheep should always have plenty of water and salt. It is best to have this where they can get at it at any time. Winter lambs require a great deal of attention, and unless this can be given do not attempt to raise them. However, they usually sell for high prices and fully pay for all the effort expended.—Richard Wolley, in *New England Homestead*.

—A problem to many farmers is when to spread the manure. If done in the fall upon plowed ground the land may lose part of the plant food by flow of water from the land. If done in the spring the work comes during a busy period. In such cases the topography of the land is largely to be considered, and no plan or method will apply for all. The effects of liming the land are also frequently discussed, but the application of lime must be governed by the amount of green material plowed under, the requirements of the soil regarding lime and its acidity. The farmer must endeavor to study his conditions, for too little lime may be of no service, while too much may cause injury. The selection of live stock depends upon the fertility of the farm. Some breeds can forage better than others, some can find subsistence on hilly land that cannot be plowed and some require less care than others; but there are breeds which thrive only on luxuriant pasturage, and which demand attention during all seasons of the year. On certain farms only the active breeds are suitable, but on other farms the most profit is derived by the use of breeds that give a return for the extra labor bestowed. Every farmer must be capable of selecting what he requires, and if he is unable to do so then he has something to learn as a farmer. What each farmer should endeavor to do is to intelligently plan in advance his operations for the year. He may probably learn much by observing his neighbors, but there will be some conditions on his farm which do not apply to their soils, and he must solve the problems unaided. Much benefit is being derived by farmers from the work of the experiment stations, but the farmer should also make his farm one on which to experiment. The information given from the stations will be valuable, and of great assistance, but the many little details pertaining to each farm cannot be anticipated by the directors of the stations, and farmers can therefore not only educate themselves by experiments, but also be of service to the stations by making known their experience.

—Perhaps you are killing your soil with kindness. Old gardens that have been superabundantly fed with manure year after year, often behave in an unsatisfactory manner. The soil has become as rich as a manure heap itself, and is apparently in the best condition for the production of maximum crops of any kind of vegetables. Yet the old stand-bys will not do so well as they used to do, and even skillful cultivation cannot prevent their often turning out complete failures. We have had such complaints frequently, especially by people who grow lettuce and spinach quite largely for the market. The cause of such strange behavior is somewhat a matter of speculation and theory. Some say the soil has become "manure sick," but it is not quite plain what exact condition should be understood by that term. We incline to the belief that the cause of the trouble is to be found in the fact that the soil has become corrupt with fungi, and perhaps insect enemies. The fermentation of organic matter in such soil is unusually favorable to the germination and propagation of lower form of life, the parasitic nature of which will not give much chance for the development of the higher forms on which they feed. So much for theory. What we would do in practice is to give the soil a thorough change in feed and treatment, withhold barnyard manure or any other organic fertilizer entirely, and perhaps change the crops for a few years. To dispose of injurious fungi and insects we would make liberal applications of air-slacked lime, or the refuse of lime kilns, and perhaps try a light sprinkling of sulphate of iron (green copperas) well pulverized. If nitrogenous manure were used only nitrate of soda and in any case would only grow those crops for a year or two that have seemed to be least affected by the unfavorable soil conditions.—*The Epitomist*.

—Experiments show that it is a risk to grow onions, cabbages and radishes in succession on the same soil, as the maggot which attacks the three plants is really the same in many respects, for, while differing in appearance, all gradations have been found between them. Onions have been badly affected on ground that produced cabbages. The cabbage maggot has also been known to attack the radish. The rule should be not to grow any of these crops on land that produced one of the other crops the preceding year.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Ribbon muffs are the newest things. They consist merely of a great big bow, with a little hand pocket in just large enough for two fingers. The bow is made out of ribbon nearly half a yard wide, and there are four loops, but no ends. If preferred there can be a smart little saw-edged end, but it should be short and made to stand out instead of lying flat like the bow. The muff part is a little black silk bag, open at both ends, and fastened flat to the back of the muff. It is lined with cotton wadding and is very neat when the "muff" is turned over.

There is always something you can do to earn your living and do well. Find out what it is.

It is not an exhibition of your great heart to worry yourself ill over somebody you love. It is only an exhibition of your weak head.

Things which one should have ready at hand in case of need are, first and foremost, essence of cinnamon. When exposed in a sick room it will kill the bacilli which are floating round. A decoction of cinnamon is recommended as a drink to be taken freely in localities where malaria or fevers prevail, for cinnamon has the power to destroy all infectious microbes.

Peppermint is an old friend, but not on this account to be snubbed. Nothing is better for the bee sting than the application of a drop of peppermint.

In case one is near the premises or apartments where there is diphtheria, the simplest yet most effectual mode of fumigating is to drop a little sulphur on a hot stove or on a few hot coals carried through the rooms. In this way the spread of the disease may be stopped.

A disinfectant to use in different parts of the house, which will sweeten the whole place, may be made for ten cents or less. Take one pound of common copperas and eight ounces of crude carbolic acid and dissolve in one gallon of water. Use frequently.

A little carbolic acid added to the water in which burns, bruises and cuts are washed greatly lessens the soreness.

After applying iodine to the skin, if it smart too intensely to be borne, it is well to know that it can be washed off with ammonia.

For some reason or cause green is by far the fashionable color this season. Hunter's green is one of the most popular of all the street frocks. In dress materials the greens are particularly good among the zibelines. A frock which was brought from Paris this fall showed a smart way of making up this material. It was of dark green zibeline, so shaggy with white hairs as to resemble a camel's hair cloth. The skirt was made with three simulated flounces, each headed with a stitched strapping of green velvet.

At the back, the lowest flounce developed into a short train. The bodice was finished at the waist with a folded band, and had three strapings of velvet arranged on the loose fronts and continued on the hips to give the appearance of a jacket. Some delicate embroidery was put on almost as a joke, and this appeared again on the full under sleeves of white silk.

Almost invariably the green frock of fashion shows touches of black or white and often both in its trimming. A green speckled homespun has a short bolero leaving the waist free, opening over an under corsage of a lighter green cloth embroidered and trimmed with black and green passementerie. The skirt forms a double pleated skirt above a scalloped flounce in form at the base.

Lip biting in summer is optional, but in winter or autumn the direct punishment is cracks in the lips that will distress the victim all winter. A preventative is an oil that soothes and is not palatable. Doctors advise a little aloe in a good lip salve.

Low-cut gowns and transparent or short sleeves demand pretty arms and neck. "Beef" arms—that is, red, mottled arms—are benefited by massage. Use inoline or fine cocoa butter, rub the oil well into the skin. Exercise faithfully, using swimming and rowing movements in order to restore perfect circulation.

A handsome sofa pillow is made of oozed calf of an old green shade. On it is painted an Indian chief's head in life size, the green leather being left uncolored in the hand across the chief's forehead, and a part of his robe. The edges of the leather has been finely slashed. The opposite side of the pillow is also of the leather, with the smooth side out, making a good contrast. This is slashed also. The two sides are joined by strips of leather, woven in and out and terminating in pointed ends. The four corners are differently treated in the way of fastening the strips. One is made into two loops and ends, the right side leather out; the other has the smooth side of the leather out, and so on, making variety in the arrangement.

Rather short sash ends with loops, or a soft rosette finish at the waist line, are one feature of the new dressy gowns. They are usually made of fine silk drawn in with a tasseled finish at one end, and attached either at one side of the front or directly in the back.

The direct cause of fainting is a diminished circulation of blood through the brain. To revive a person who has fainted it is necessary, therefore, to alter this condition as quickly as possible. In order to do this the individual should be laid quite flat, the head on a level with the body, so that the feebly-acting heart will not have to propel the blood upward. The neck and chest should be exposed, fresh air admitted freely, water sprinkled on the face, and stimulating vapors, such as ammonia, held at intervals to the nostrils. When there is difficulty in restoring animation, friction over the region of the heart with the hand or a rough cloth should be applied vigorously.

We cannot recall any season hitherto when the pompons on ladies' hats have been larger. When will they stop growing? The increase in size since last winter is perceptible. Lace pompons have jetted spikes for centres. Many leather pompons will be used. Although a great variety of colored leathers are made up in pompons none are more truly smart than the white, black or white and black pompons. Black chenille is applied in flakes on some soft white pompons. One of very short white feathers is curled up tight.

Small pleated jackets held well in with a belt of cloth or satin are worn as an accompaniment to the pleated skirts, which are a feature of autumn modes.

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Dug Up Will and Money.

Mansfield Buried Both Together For the Man Who Might Find Them.

A will was dug up at Echlos, Ky., last evening. Here it is:

The last will and testament of Ben O. Mansfield.

PARADISE, Ky., Nov. 17, 1871.—I know my life air short in this world, and as I haint got no relatives here and not men friend I bury me money and the man who finds it kin have it. I have some relics here also you can have them to.

Ben O. Mansfield.

While repairing an old building, James O'Conner found a piece of wire partly buried and when he pulled it up he found that it had been fastened to a tin bucket, now almost eaten to pieces. O'Conner removing a little earth, found the bucket. The lid was removed and a few old papers were taken out. At the bottom was \$1,815 in gold, wrapped in a paper upon which was written the above will. Among the relics mentioned by the eccentric testator was an old oob pipe.

O'Conner is a laboring man with seven children, and an invalid wife. Mansfield resided in the house, under which the money was found, the last six years of his life.

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There are so many alum baking powders about, most of which are represented to be made of cream of tartar, that the following list of powders in which chemists have found alum will be of value:

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Young Bride Left Old Husband Because He Wore a Wig.

Mary Trendwell, who became Mrs. Patrick Canley a few weeks ago and left her husband, a McKeesport business man sixty-seven years old, soon after the wedding, is declared by her father to have been indignant at the discovery that her husband wears a wig. The bridegroom is only fifty-one years older than the bride, but she, in all the innocence and ignorance of sweet sixteen, supposed him to be a younger and wealthier man than he is. This, according to her father—John Trendwell—a dairyman living four miles from Wall Station, is the reason she left before the honeymoon had fairly commenced. She declares that she never, never will return.

The Supreme court of Iowa has fixed the cash value of a man's leg at \$8000. In a case tried last week the jury gave a verdict for \$14,500 for an amputated leg, but the court declared that sum excessive, and followed a precedent established a few years ago, when a verdict of \$12,000 was cut down to \$8000. This is now regarded as the standard value of an Iowa leg.

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