

FARM NOTES.

Chestnuts for seed should be procured in autumn at the time they are ripe, and mixed with sand. They should be kept in a cool place, so as to avoid liability of heating, and planted in the spring.

The manure from sheep is more valuable than that from horses or cows. Compared with horse manure at \$2.20 per ton, sheep manure is worth \$3.30 per ton. It is rich in phosphoric acid, and more concentrated than horse or cow manure.

Just at this season, prompts an experienced friend, is the proper time to trim grape vines. He says most vine owners make the mistake of trimming in the spring. Best results will be obtained by giving this care to grape vines at this time.

Celery blights or rust may be kept under complete control by spraying either with ammoniacal carbonate of copper or with Bordeaux mixture. The spraying should be begun while the plants are still in the seed bed, and should be continued at intervals of from one to two weeks after the plants are transplanted until cool weather prevents the further development of the fungus.

No farmer can progress unless he is willing to study and learn. In all occupations theory is a mighty factor, for education is considered essential to success. The farmer of to-day who maintains that only practical farming is worthy of his consideration, and who believes that his sons can learn all that is necessary about farming on the farm itself, daily witnesses the sons of those outside of farming deriving knowledge at institutes at which instruction in mechanics is imparted.

Ten pounds of good timothy hay and twelve quarts of water will make a standard ration for a driving horse, to be varied according to the individual needs of the animal. When not at work, the oats may be largely reduced, or (better) good straw and bran may be used, straw an libitum and four to eight pounds of bran daily. Twenty-five pounds of hay or its equivalent will make a sufficient ration for a dry cow. When in milk, she will need from eight to twelve pounds of grain—corn, oats and bran—or its equivalent.

Country Gentleman. While Massachusetts is fighting the gypsy moth simply to prevent it from spreading, and other States are spending large sums to protect against insect pests, man goes out armed to the teeth to destroy birds for sport that are necessary to his very existence, for when the birds go man will not be capable of holding his own in combat with insect pests, which multiply faster than he can destroy them. While some sportsmen may gain a dollar or two in value of game birds, the insects may be destroying, or will destroy in season, a hundred times as much in trees, fruit or crops. It is time that farmers protect the birds when they can do so.

By all means fatten your turkeys. Do not send them to market half fat, as so many do, says J. C. Clipp in National Stockman. You can have your turkeys in fine market condition with but little extra trouble. Get them up about ten days before you expect to market them and confine them to a small yard. To fatten them quickly we find no better ration than sweet potatoes and cornmeal. One can use the small and unsalable potatoes in this way to great advantage. Cook them and just before removing them from the fire add the cornmeal, feeding the mess when it is cold, two pounds of meal to one peck of potatoes. If the mess is mixed with skim milk, instead of water, it will produce a superior flavor. Do not fail to give plenty of fresh water and feed four times per day. Grit should always be placed where the turkeys can have free access to it.

The feeding of cows under all conditions requires more or less skill, and is not a routine daily practice to be followed without regards to results. Some farmers feed all cows alike, without regards to circumstances. When good cows are not yielding milk they are more liable to be come fat than when in full flow of milk. Careful feeding is also necessary for a dry cow that is expected soon to come in. When a cow is giving milk, and is also highly fed, her system is kept at a high tension. If she is dry for a few weeks this tension should be slackened, and she should not be fed more than just enough to keep her in good condition. All fattening for clover hay, ensilage and grasses if the pasture can be used. Such foods as bran, middlings, oats and a small allowance of linseed meal may be given. The object should be to avoid making the animal fat, as the result may be milk fever.

It is generally accepted by many fruit growers that best results in apple culture are obtained where constant and careful cultivation, as well as pruning, spraying and other up-to-date methods are practiced. This system, however, is not applicable in all cases. One of the most striking instances in opposition to this method of handling orchards was given by Grant G. Hitchings, one of the most successful orchardists in western New York.

His remarkable exhibit of 55 varieties of apples grown in orchards, the trees of which vary in age from five to one hundred years, and kept constantly in sod, was one of the most striking and interesting features at the late New York State fair. In size, color, freedom from scab, insect pests and quality, there was no other collection of apples as good, and, in fact, it was difficult to find even a variety better in any respect on the tables than those shown by him. Successful fruit growers and experts who crowded around this collection had the props knocked from under their pet theory that perfect fruit could be grown only in cultivated orchards. It was useless for even the most sanguine to argue the case, as the fruit itself attested in a most fascinating manner nature's approval of the system practiced by Mr. Hitchings.

While we do not believe that sod should be left in every orchard, there can be no question of doubt that this system is best adapted to some soils and locations. In the fruit sections of parts of Canada, it has been found by experience, that it is best to have grass or clover growing in the orchards, especially where there is a cold, wet subsoil.

This is another striking example illustrating the fact that a particular system adapted to one section is not necessarily the best method to follow in another. In other words, fashion and location require as much careful study and consideration as the varieties to be most successfully grown. Because one succeeds in developing perfect fruit from up-to-date cultural methods, it is unfair to state that the grass or clover system is not equally as satisfactory and as profitable under other conditions.—Agric. Culturalist.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

To prevent a mustard plaster from blistering, mix the mustard with the white of an egg. Spread it on pieces of cheesecloth, and put a piece of flannel over it so as to keep the air out.

There is nothing more necessary to a fine figure than broad shoulders and a high full chest. Breathing exercises will do a world of good, and should always be indulged in. A correct, well fitting, loose corset is absolutely necessary, since stays that pinch at the waistline—or pinch anywhere, for that matter—will ruin the loveliest figure. Learn to hold the head well, and keep the chest up high. Breathe deeply and go in for all sorts of outdoor sports and exercise.

Few women understand fully the beautifying effect of light color near the face. Only the most perfect blond complexion can stand a dead-black frock, and the average woman, be she ever so lovely, is rendered still more lovely by delicate colors. This one reason is why most women look better in evening dress than in their ordinary high-necked gowns. The expanse of delicately tinted shoulder puts the face at its best. For this reason all house gowns should have light yokes or vests, or perhaps a collar with long ends or a bow in front.

Windburn is far more unbearable than sunburn, for it not only burns, but smart and itches intolerably. To veil the face and hair is never so wise as during November; not with thin fabrics, but thick veils. To wash the face in soap and water before going out into the November winds is very foolish. If the face is very soiled use almond meal and dry thoroughly.

Common petroleum jelly acts like magic upon some persons' hands and wrists, and for genuine facial use outwits half the expensive creams extant.

Red noses are due to the pores being especially open upon the nasal surfaces. Massage at night and bathe the next morning with cold water and alcohol.

Before going out on a blustery day take some of your good cosmoline and rub into the pores of the whole exposed parts of the face and neck. Dust well with plain talcum and wear a veil that protects.

The inflamed condition of the eyes in blustery weather is due oftentimes to dust particles and dotted veils. A plain, honest veil in bad weather helps the eyes; a dotted veil irritates them viciously. Warm-water baths for the eyes should be taken whenever they smart or sting.

Bad soap and imperfect drying cause half the facial woes, bad cooking and foolish eating the rest of them. Care, is the best cosmetic, and eating only a sufficiency will secure away coarseness of outline.

A shiny nose and forehead generally denotes a butter-loving, oil-eating person; and until the world ends the stomach will be the monitor of her beauty.

Coaraine and rose water is a good lotion for chapped lips.

Pretty throats are never yellow; they are white, firm and smooth. Let nature come to the rescue. Discard tight ribbons; they make wrinkles. Sleep on small pillows to avoid "three ohms." Massage the throat at night with lanoline.

Keep the teeth nice; a pair keen, critical eyes to watch a speck of discoloration. A good brush to scrub them with after each meal, not forgetting the back or under side of the teeth.

The most fashionable hats seen at the New York Horse show were made, not of fur, not of lace, nor of felt, but of fruit and flowers.

Flowers have a prominent place on the dresser hats. A much used fancy is to trim the crown with a band of flowers, like small roses with their foliage. Whole crowns or rims of lace are again composed of flowers or fruit and foliage. Fur hats are second choice, but are here in goodly numbers, too—in a set of hat, neck-piece and muff. Sable and chinchilla are used to the exclusion of everything else in fur. Matched sets of Chiffon, hat neck-piece and dainty, fluffy muff, in much lighter color tone than the muff combinations are quite noticeably frequent, too. Irish crochet lace trims many of the most striking head coverings of this very smart dress parade and looks especially chic in combination with sable.

Christmas gifts that you can make your self. Pompadour opera slippers and fan bags, made of satin and applique with Arabian lace motifs, a few stitches of gold thread here and there and some mock jewels to brighten it.

A pretty case for holding the pretty turnover collars that women wear. Two pieces of card-board 3x16 inches, covered with silk, and tied with a narrow ribbon, with a small spray of flowers, a monogram or crest to finish it.

Turn-over collars stamped on colored linen and embroidered in cotton. A beauty has three lobes, the one in the center bearing the initials of the woman you give the gift to. These are among the latest novelties.

Some children can make pretty little gifts with their deft fingers: Stamped pieces of linen to be embroidered and made into needle-books, jewel-cases and tobacco pouches.

There are darning bags to make up, laundry bags, shoe pockets, stamped and tinted on art duck with pretty designs for outlining. These are very much of a fad just now for gifts.

Stamped squares for pillow tops in college designs or in conventional and flower designs.

Scrap baskets made of card-board covered with flowered cretonne.

Daintily embroidered scarfs and pin-cushions to match.

Bureau covers made of mull and trimmed with lace and ribbon.

Centerpieces, and little embroidered bits for finger-bowls; plate doilies stamped on pale green Russian linen in conventional leaf designs. The embroidery can be done in white silk and outlined with a darker shade of green.

Coat collars are noticeably high this season. "Be it Napoleon" or the "high turn-over" it must measure no less than four and a half inches. This is intended to give us a rest from the rolling storm collars which have usurped attention so long. The "high turn-over," being so high, protects that delicate portion of the human anatomy, the back of the neck, and so it is of a good shape to fit smoothly on the shoulders. We have no use for an old-style, low-necked coat this winter. The trend of fashion is all the other way.

For Mrs. Flagler's Care.

Insane Wife Divorced by Millionaire is Allowed \$25,000 a Year.

Justice Clarke, in the Supreme Court of New York, Friday awarded Dr. Charles F. MacDonald \$25,000 a year for the care and maintenance of Mrs. Ida M. Flagler, divorced wife of Henry M. Flagler, the Standard Oil millionaire, who was recently married a second time. Mrs. Ida Flagler has been for several years an inmate of Dr. MacDonald's sanitarium for the insane. He was also allowed \$5,000 for his services as a committee of Mrs. Flagler's person. He recommended that she would be placed in a position in which, in accordance with her income and the manner in which she was accustomed to live, she could maintain her own establishment.

Justice Clarke, upon the application of Charles F. Shourdes, Stephen C. Shourdes and Mrs. Mattie A. Johnson, brothers and sister of Mrs. Flagler, allowed them \$4,000 a year each, to be paid them out of her income. Mrs. Flagler was in the habit of making them valuable presents. They are not in affluent circumstances and the estate will revert to them upon Mrs. Flagler's death.

Maple Sugar Will be Scarce.

Maple syrup and maple sugar will be scarce this year. The prices at the opening of the season were slightly lower than last year's quotations, because it was predicted that this year's crop would be a large one. Contrary to expectations, the supply will be very small. Market prices in the cities have advanced from five to seven and a half per cent. For several months the United States consuls stationed at the leading cities of Europe, have been making investigations with a view to learning whether there was any market in Europe for American maple syrup and sugar. In every case it was shown that the prices of the American products were too high.

Suicide Runs in This Family.

Ray Hartman, the 19 year old son of Marvin Hartman, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, committed suicide Tuesday by hanging himself in his father's barn. The method employed by the young man in taking his life was identical with that of his brother Frank, who also committed suicide two years ago. Both used the rope attached to the hay fork, and both chose the same beam on which to tie the rope. The deceased was an industrious and hard working boy and his relatives know of no motive for the rash act.

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