

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 28, 1902

FARM NOTES.

The California privet has demonstrated for itself that it is hardy, evergreen for the greater portion of the year, can be produced from cuttings, has few insect enemies, if any, and is a desirable hedge for any farm.

All vegetables keep better at a low temperature and, excepting in the severest weather, the cellar window may be kept open during the day, at least, if it is on the south side. It also helps to keep the cellar sweet and fresh. We know there is no need of an ill smelling cellar.

Farmers who plant their trees and vegetable seeds seldom consider the fact that in order to bear perfect fruits all blossoms must be pollinated. The bees largely perform this service, but unless the bees come in contact with pollen their work will not be perfect.

It will soon be the time to make this season of the year one of the considerations of the hotbed. The hotbed is something that is old, so far as its use is concerned, and there has been but little improvement in that direction compared with progress in general on the farm.

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Hints of the New Styles.—Some of the prettiest dresses that we have seen are made of tucks, and one which surpasses all the rest is made of layers of Liberty satin and exquisite white embroidery.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

All merit ceases the moment we perform an act for the sake of the consequences.

You cannot go far wrong in ordering a two piece suit of dark blue serge for a knockabout spring suit or traveling dress. Many of these have Eton jackets, and an additional piece or pieces set on in the middle of the back and coming below. These are called Eton tabs. They are always short.

The neat little turn-over collar of lace or hemstitched linen that has added such a pretty finish to the well dressed woman's neck fixings, has appeared in a new guise, it is made of heavy linen which may be white or colored and is stamped with a pretty scroll pattern in which numerous French knots are to be worked—the floss used for working these designs is called Helios. It is made in Germany, and like all recent productions, is mercerized, which gives it a very glossy appearance.

A houseful of boys to be entertained and occupied on rainy Saturdays and during long winter evenings is sometimes a troublesome problem for the modern mother. The only boy problem is probably even more difficult, as there is sometimes a possibility of the "houseful" helping one another in the nature of making the time pass pleasantly and profitably.

The most satisfactory carpenter work will not seem complete to the ambitious boy unless he is allowed a free use of paints and varnish. What if he does get more paint on his clothes than on the object intended to be decorated? Let him don an old blouse—or he will probably not object to a generous kitchen apron—then let him dabble in artistic (?) decorations to his heart's content; it is a fascinating pursuit to decorate objects of one's own manufacture and the rainy Saturday will fly like magic.

Take a stormy day, a "gun punch" some restless boys and a lot of old felt hats, felt shoes and remnants of heavy overcoats, mix them carefully in a cosy corner of the play room and note the possibilities of rug making. The thick material of the felt and heavy cloth, when cut into little rounds with the punch, will make ideal rugs for the back porch, in front of the kitchen or side doors, or wherever heavy, long enduring rugs or mats are needed.

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OUR EXCHANGES ON THE VERDICT.

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Startling Evidence.

The testimony which was somehow got into the Harris-Meek trial from Bertrand Busch, legislative reporter at the last session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, cannot pass without its due comment.

"Many times marked roll-calls were handed to me before the roll-call was made, and I often recorded the names of members as voting whom I knew at the time were not voting. I knew it was not right, but I could not help it. I had to do as I was told or get out."

Assertions to this effect were made during the session and commented upon as amazing if true. Now we have the evidence of the official reporter that it was done not once or twice, but "many times." There could hardly be a more indisputable proof of the subversion of popular government by unscrupulous and reckless politicians.

Laws are supposed to be passed by the vote of the representatives of the people. The entire framework of popular government rests on the integrity and honesty of the records of the votes of representatives. But here is a plain statement of the fact that the people of Pennsylvania are ruled by laws that were not passed by the representatives of the people at all. They were enacted by bogus roll-calls, sometimes made up before the vote was taken, and often by "padding" the vote with the names of members who were not present and did not vote—all at the dictation of unscrupulous manipulators who care nothing for republican government.

What more complete demonstration of the destruction of true popular government by machine politics can be needed before the people will resolve to restore their right to rule themselves?

Guilty Beyond Doubt.

State Treasurer-elect Harris may have a lawsuit of his own growing out of the Meek trial. The Philadelphia North American is very persistent in its calls on Attorney General Elkin to prosecute Harris by virtue of his office, for violation of the constitutional provision relating to bribery.

He declared in writing over his undated signature that while a member of the Legislature he committed the offense defined by the constitution as bribery. That he used his official influence to further the legislative measure before the House of which he was a member is asserted by him in the plainest terms. That for this use of his official influence in four days of active exercise of his official power at sessions of the Legislature he demanded compensation and remuneration in money is as clear as the English language can make it. This in connection with the appropriation for the Philadelphia hospital for which he sent a bill for a hundred dollars to the treasury.

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Down in South Carolina, says Representative Talbert, in a Washington Post interview. "I once attended a colored church. The preacher, one of those negroes with an oily face and big spectacles, was talking about the prophets. He had taken an hour to discourse upon the major prophets, and then he took up the minor ones. In course of time he reached Hosea. 'My brethren,' he exclaimed, 'we come now to Hosea. Let us consider him. Where shall we put Hosea?' At that moment an old negro who had been peacefully slumbering in one of the back pews woke up and looked at the pastor. 'Hosea can take my seat,' he said. 'I'm so d—n tired that I am going home.'

A Boston man has entered suit for \$50,000 against a Western patent medicine firm for having used his photograph in "before taking" and "after taking" advertisements. He alleges that the use of the photo was unauthorized, and that while the "after taking" picture is a good likeness, he has never been sick and never looked like the "before taking" out.

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