FARM NOTES.

-Sheep are the only animals which do not really exhaust the land on which they feed. They distribute manure evenly on the field and trample it into the soil, feeding upon plants that other animals will not

-Superphosphate gives excellent results on all garden crops, as it supplies phos-phoric acid in an available form, and also contains a proportion of nitrogen. For early crops it may be broadcasted over, the ground and harrowed in, about 200 pounds per acre being considered as a moderate application. The best results from its use will be derived when it is evenly distributed, and it is a cheap article, considering

-One of the best crops that can be grown, and which may be planted as early as the ground warms is carrots. The earlier the seed is put in the better, so as to give the plants the whole of the growing season, and also to allow them a good start before dry weather comes. It is essential that a piece of ground be selected that was well cultivated last year, in order to avoid weeds as much as possible. If manure is used it should be thoroughly decomposed and free from the seeds of weeds. Prepare the ground so as to have it deep and fine, and keep the plants free of weeds until the crop is matured.

-Drinking water on farms is given but little consideration as to its purity when it is derived from springs, but many farms are supplied with water from open wells, and its purity in such cases depends largely upon the mode of protecting the well and the surroundings. Wells being deeper than ditches or drains, and the tendency of water being downward, much soluble matter goes into the well that is unknown to the farmer. The water may appear clear and pure, be free of odor, and yet contain impurities. Farmers who do not consider the matter have no conception of the many sources from which their drinking water is obtained. It comes from the clouds, of course, but it does not fall into the well, only reaching it after passing through the surface soil and dissolving the impurities. Because the water preses through sand it is not filtered of the soluble matter. If salt is dissolved in water the salt is not removed by filtering, as the dissolved salt will go with the water to the lowest place. If the well is open there may be toads and in-sects in the water, which drown and de-compose. The wells should be covered and the surroundings kept clean, with good drainage in all directions. Driven wells are better than those that are open, and should be used in preference.

-The planting of fruit trees should begin as early as the weather will permit, and the work should be done with care and judgment. Owing to the terrible destruction of shade trees, fruit trees and shrubbery by the recent storms there will be considerable replanting this spring, and trees may not be easily procured. Those interested should lose no time in securing the desired stock. One of the difficulties met with hy those ordering fruit trees is that of selecting the proper varieties suit-able for the soil and climate. Because a certain variety succeeds in one section is no guarantee that it will prove successful elsewhere. As it takes time for a tree to grow and produce fruit any mistake made at the beginning may entail loss in the future. Inexperienced persons should consult those who have met with success in the use of varieties and follow their methods. New varieties that are given extra-ordinary merits may be worthless in some sections. Another point is to make the nurseryman guarantee that the variety or-dered will be true to name. It is very dif-ficult to receive a lot of peach trees of different varieties and have them come according to the varieties ordered. This is

every spring, as the production of new wood every year and the bearing of fruit line is sometimes put in with an open severely tax the soil. The profit in fruit is stitch. White mohair waists made after made on that which is of the best quality, this model are especially good style. and something more than a good variety is necessary in the production of a choice article. While the trees may come out in full blossom this spring, yet it often hap-pens that but a small proportion of the blossoms set fruit. The frost destroys some of them, and blight also performs its part in reducing them to worthlessness, while even the rains wash away portions of the pollen. The cause of much loss of fruit is lack of fertilization of the blossoms. The bees are the principal agents for this purpose, but it may happen that self-sterility (the inability of the pollen of a variety to fertilize the pistils of that variety) may be that when such happens there is a bees are the principal agents for this pur-

the manner of cultivating or managing fruit trees, but fruit growers are not unauimous in their opinions. Some favor keeping the orchard land in grass, using fertilizers, while others believe that clover should be grown in the orchard and plowed under. Another class favors keeping the land clean with the cultivator, preventing the growth of weeds or grass among the trees. The newest theory is to grow grass in the orchard and mow it, leaving it under the trees to remain as a mulch. The fact is that the management largely depends upon the soil and climate, and only a test of the several methods will assist in selecting the best mode of keeping the orchard in proper condition of health and

Fruit growing now receives more attention on farms than formerly. In years past the orchard was considered as a selfsupporting feature of the farm. Trees were planted and left to grow and produce. Now there are valuable improved varieties which will not thrive without care, as the trees are compelled to bear more fruit, and it is to the credit of the improved varieties that they have forced the farmers to adopt the orchard as a necessary adjunct to success

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

An error which the inexperienced house furnisher often makes is to put two nave terra cotta on the walls, and there will be red in the dining room to which it leads. This is wrong. Put a negative color on the hall, a tone of buff or mastic, with a small broken figure in self tone. reds of different tones in rooms that open with a small broken figure in self tones, that there may be no suggestion or strong contrast to the red of the adjoining room. If blue is to be used in the dining room, not too light a yellow may be put on the hall. It is these jarring arrangements in adjacent rooms that may destroy wholly an effect in either apartment that by itself or properly complemented would be altogeth-

We are not all beautiful. That is, we are not all built upon those lines of symmetrical beauty that form the accepted standard of artists. But there is another beauty—a beauty that glows in the cheek, sparkles in the eye and lends elasticity to

cured. The cure is a simple one; it will save you many aches and pains and useless frets and worries.

It consists simply of drinking pure water. Drink lots of it, and drink it hot. This cure is available to all women, no matter what their station in life, and the field four hours late. prescription reads: One glass of hot water before retiring; one glass upon arising, one glass before each meal every day in the year.

While your boy is still helpless help him to help himself. Spend less time scolding and more time teaching.

It is a mistake, according to an artist, to discard doors too generally in a suit of apartments, replacing them with portieres. Retain some of them and, where it seems possible, hang a picture on one or decorate it with a brass ornament or two set above. In using the portieres, too, do not have them all hanging in straight lines. Introduce one or two soft silk hangings that may be looped back to break the monotony.

Pure mutton tallow, although a homely emollument, cannot be surpassed for keeping the hands in a good condition through the rough weather. Wash well in hot wa-ter before going to bed, using olive oil soap and thoroughly cleansing the pores. Rub the tallow in well before a fire and wear loose gloves to bed. Do not wash your hands just before going out, and always be sure to dry them thoroughly. If they are sensitive to chaping, the use of almond meal will help to keep them in good condi-

To make the tree grow symmetrical place a small sponge in the crook of a branch. or where the leaf joins the tree. Keep it wet, and the plant will sprout at that point. To top a rubber plant make two little up-

ward cuts on either side of the plant where the top is to be taken off; but don't cut through. Then put dry florist's moss around the cut portion, and fasten the whole firmly with splints. Keep the moss wet, and in time roots will appear. Then cut the tree just below the first cutting, tie a little sprung or pross over the top to keep. a little sponge or moss over the top to keep the plant from bleeding, and plant the top, which, being well rooted, will grow into a healthy tree.

The special feature of the new shirt waist, so important a part of the tailor costume, is the broad shoulder effect, emphasized by one, two, or three pleats turning back.

Heavy cotton material in basket weave not due to dishonesty on the part of the nuserymen, but to the hundreds of difficulties encountered at the nursery in budding, the employes frequently making mismind down the employes frequently making mismind down the front and on the cuffs with embraiders, while others are quite akes.

The orchard should receive fertilizer plain, with stitching only for a finish.

The shoulder pleat extending to the waist

Tin bath tubs may be scoured with whiting and ammonia; porcelain lined tubs with sapolio or soda. The ugly iron stains on the set bowls can be removed by rubbing a little muriatic acid on the stain and

ever and that no woman can purchase more at fault. When such happens there is a continued dropping of the fruit of that variety, thus indicating that better results can be obtained when two or more varieties are used instead of one kind only.

Many suggestions have been made as to the manner of cultivating or managing spring fabrics, the challie comes nearer to combining satisfactory effects with economy than any other material in the market.

A swagger gown was built on a mercerized silk foundation of hair striped green and black challie, and its sole garnishment con-sists of green gros-grain ribbon embroider-ed in black dots; for all that, 'tis a perfect little spring madrigal and fit to wear to the King's coronation.

As a matter of fact, the girl of the period is overfed with excitement, and then, like the little boy at the school treat, she cries because she cannot have more. Perpetual change is what she wants. She wants to shirk all the duties that girls of other generations accepted as a matter of course and in which they found rest—the duties, for example, of home life.

The thoughtful mothers must teach their daughters to secure happiness in the simple joys of life at home and in the duties which belong to womanhood.

"Who represents the defendant in this only to the human eye. case?" queried Justice Hall, of Chicago, in farming. While it may be claimed that after he had announced that the case of the the markets are now over-supplied with rout, yet there is always some fruit in the docket. "I do," replied Stephen A. Dongfruit, yet there is always some fruit in the market that sells at better prices than other kinds, due to superior quality, and it is the superior fruit that the enterprising grower should endeavor to produce. Apples bring higher prices than oranges during some seasons of the year, and as apples can be produced more easily than oranges they should be profitable in this section, considering the fact that orange growing requires more capital and entails greater risk of loss than apple orchards.

docket. "I do," replied Stephen A. Douglas, stepping before the bar. "And the prosecution will be handled by ?" "Robert E. Lee." "I'm more than glad to meet you, gentlemen," declared Justice Hall, warmly. "Your names are quite familiar to me." Lee, a distant relative of the Confederate General, is City Prosecutor at the Harrison Street Police Court, and Attorney Douglas, son of the "Little Giant," represented the defendant in a largeny case.

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The Horse Went for Help.

Stranded Mail Carrier Helped Out of the Snow by a

One case of the rough times the rural free Conn., seven miles from the postoffice, when he got stuck in a huge drift. He alighted from his carriage to endeavor to release it when his horse gave a leap, broke the harness and dashed out of the drift into the open road, leaving Reed and the car-

riage fast.
The horse disappeared in the blinding snow and Reed began preparation to abandon his vehicle. He took his mail bag on his shoulder and started to drag himself, intending to reach the next house and, if he could, find a telephone to send a message into town.

He had made but little progress when he saw his horse coming back and with him were two men who were prepared to assist Has your figure lost its graceful curves? Have wrinkles broken the smoothness of your brows? Are you sluggish of body and slow of brain? Are you out of sorts with everybody at times without apparent reason?

If so, ascribe it to your if your brows are it to your brows?

turned back and walked slowly, looking back from time to time to see if he were followed. So he led them to the drift where Reed was still floundering, and just in time. Reed walked with them to the house, borrowed a saddle and made his rounds on horseback, returning to Ridge-

Soffel Wants a Divorce.

Got Evidence at Mt. Chestnut that Ed Biddle Was

Peter K. Soffel and Attorney McElroy, of Pittsburg, arrived at Butler Friday and, going out to the Stevenson house at Mt. Chestnut, the last place the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel stopped before the fight and capture, secured from the old couple who conduct the hotel, a sworn statement as to the conduct of the infatuated woman and Ed. Biddle while guests in the house. Mr. Soffel wanted to satisfy himself personally as to how far his wife's affections for the murderers actually went, and it is said that as a result of his investigations the hope of Mrs. Soffel that her husband would forgive her for the part she played in the release of the Biddles from the Allegheny county jail will probably be ruthlessly shattered by the decree of a divorce court.

Notwithstanding Mrs. Soffel's repeated assertion that she had not sinned with eith

er of the Biddles or any other man, and that Ed Biddle was in her room at the Stevenson House only long enough to deposit her satchel and wraps on a chair, the sworn testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson shows Ed Biddle and Mrs. Soffel occupied the same room as man and wife from the time they ate dinner, about noon, until 5 o'clock, when Jack Biddle, who remained Sponge a rubber plant every day or two with lukewarm water; the increased beauty of the plant will justify the time spent.

down stairs gave the alarm that the officers had passed the house. This evidence, it is said, will be used by Mr. Soffel in his apdown stairs gave the alarm that the officers plication for a divorce.

Little Leaks.

Allowing the bread to burn while bak-Breaking the glassware by pouring hot

Patching old clothes that should go into

Overturning the ink bottle on the tablespread.

Throwing pieces of new cloth into the paper and rags

Occasionally throwing out a teaspoon in the dishwater.

Using napkins for holders, disheloths or wiping towels.

Neglecting to keep the potatoes where they will not freeze. Spending time in thinking what to do

next instead of doing it. Using every small board about the prem-

ises for kindling the fire. Letting the suckers grow upon the apple

trees year after year. Spattering water on the hot lamp chimneys and thus breaking them.

Neglecting to drive the one nail that will save the fence from falling.

Cutting in too deep when taking the rind from off the slices of pork. Not attending to the hogs' heads after

butchering, before they spoil. Throwing the clothes pins upon the ground to become mouldy and decayed.

Leaving the implements in the field all winter where they were last used.

Scraping iron kettles with silver knives, or toasting bread on silver forks. Leaving pieces of hard soap in the tubs of wash water to be thrown away.

Not squeezing the grease well out of the hot scraps when frying out the lard. Letting the apples fall from the tree and

upon the ground until they are spoiled. Making more tea or coffee at each meal than is used and throwing away what is

Allowing the hammock to hang in the sun and rain until it becomes faded and weakened in texture.

Brain Leaks.

To-morrow is a refuge of indolent to Profanity is a sign of a limited vocabu-

The hill is always smooth for the man

going down.

The greatest successes have been wrought through failure.

It is difficult to arouse sympathy for the man who stubs his toe twice on the

Some men spend more money in a minute's conversation than they could make in a lifetime. The difference between a respectable criminal and a common thief is discernable

There was something wrong about the yesterday's pleasure that is responsible for

If heaven were as small as some men imagine it to be the walls would be so close together the sunlight couldn't get in be-

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