#### FARM NOTES.

-Left to themselves trees are apt to overbear in one season to such an extent that they must take the next year to recuperate. The man in charge of the orchard is usually at fault if his orchard does not bear every season. If a tree is in unhealthy condition remedies should be applied, and if the tree does not produce enough wood proper fertilizers should be used.

A good orchardist is a strong adherent of hard pruning, and claims that fruit ought to be picked in baskets, instead of the old style of picking in bags, slung over the

ate this we used calcimine last year with very gratifying results. The article is prepared as follows: Dissolve one pound of pulverized glue in hot water and add twenty pounds of paris white. Stir together well and add sufficient water to make it about the consistency of cream. It can be colored to suit the taste. Two parts of Prussian blue and one of Vandyke brown will make lilae; raw amber and a dash of black will make gray; three parts of ver-million and a small amount of red lead produces rose color; chrome yellow and a dash of Spanish brown results in straw color. Other desirable combinations can be made. The calcimine should be put on with a wide brush and very rapidly.

-An unusual amount of San Jose scale has been developed in private orehards in Pennsylvania this spring by Enos B. Engle special agent of the state department of agriculture, in his investigation of the nurseries. Mr. Engle says that even if the department succeeds in stamping out the scale in the nurseries it will have a hard fight to keep it in check in orchards and private yards.

He spent last week in Ohio in company with Professor George C. Butz, of State College, in making an examination of the results of the use of crude petroleum to prevent the spread of scale. Mr. Engle says that so far as they observed, where the petroleum was applied there is no doubt as

to its efficacy.

He suggests that the best method of using crude petroleum is to spray it with a very thin sprayer in limited quantities, not exceeding one pint to a tree. This is the cheapest and best remedy that has been found for scale, and is less expensive than whale oil soap, which is so extensively used by Pennsylvania farmers and fruit growers.

-The unproductive pasture and meadow lands of New England are in no sense worn out and exhausted; they are not dead, nev-er to be revived again. Their returns are small, simply because they lack care and attention. Stir them up, get air through them, and then add some available plant food so plant life can get started; they will

whole country. Much of these lands are from the table, the maid will proceed in giving good farm return with neither artificial feeding nor care. Think what they is a "made-up" dish of fish, hot plates would surely do were they handled in a should he distributed round the table, and business like way. The New Hampshire college farm is one of the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will achieved by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid as a contract of the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the distribution the distribution the distribution the distribution the distribution the distribution to the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill, science and care will be supported by a roast, this, and the necessary place is the most vivid examples of what skill is the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place in the necessary place is the necessary place in the n do in the way of rescuing wor When the college was moved to Durham, the farm represented one of the most de-pleted and broken down farms in the whole New England district. But 12 tons of hay were cut that first year; it required some time to produce enough forage for the small number of animals kept. But what a change in a few brief years! The past season finds every field on the old farm under cultivation, and newly seeded to grass, and two large barns filled with hay and corn to overflowing, and 80 head of cattle and horses supported, besides a large number of

How was this done? By tillage, crop rutation, manures and fertilizers. was done for the improvement of that farm is possible for ever farmer in New England. The first step is tillage, and thorough tillage at that; chemicals and crop rotation will not show their full value unless good tillage is followed.

Soil must be stirred up and filled with air. This practice will improve the physical condition of the soil; and changes the unavailable, unassimilable plant food into available plant food. It loosens the soil, it puts life in the soil; it makes a comfortable home in which the plant may grow. Then crop rotation adjusts the different plants to the environments of their food. Finally, chemicals supply the needed plant food to get a good and vigorous growth from the beginning. We have found it advisable in bringing up the New Hampshire College to add the following chemicals just before sowing: Muriate of potash 150 pounds, ni-trate of soda 100, and acid phosphate 200 pounds per acre. This mixture was scat-tered broadcast, then harrowed in followed

by the crop seed. One favorable season the yield was in-creased from less than a half ton of hay to the acre to more than three tons. An eight acre field three years ago was treated in this manner by fall and spring seeding, and the following summer 22 tons of timothy clover hay were cut. The last summer a trifle less than 24 tons were harvested. Other fields were treated in a similar way.

In every case the yield has been doubled and trebled by tillage and fertilization.

Does it pay? Nothing pays better than when hay sells for \$15 and \$20 per ton.

The expenditure of \$10 per acre for labor and fertilizers will be returned in a single year, with a profit of as much as twice what was originally spent, and then for four or five years everything is profit, except the cost of harvesting the crop. - Ameran Cultivator.

# Cecil Rhodes' Simple Tastes.

Though Ceeil Rhodes was immensely rich he spent but little on himself. His tastes were simple; his wants were few.
When he was Prime Minister to Cape Colony he wore the worst hat in the assembly: whenever he came to London he was the despair of his friends, and often had to go into the presence even of royalty in clothes that would have cost a gardener his situa-tion. He had a fine house, but it was kept up for the entertainment of others. was a somewhat heavy and coarse eater, but in that he was like Bismark and other men of huge brains and hig bodies and good

Chief owner of the greatest diamond mine and some of the greatest gold mines of the world, he never wore any jewelry whatever; he drove no grand equipages; he despised and avoided all the outward signs of wealth. T. P. O'Cannor, in May Everybody's.

#### FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

It is a very simple matter to teach a servant to wait on the table properly if one is only willing to take the requisite time and pains. Impress upon the maid that she must be careful in setting the table to have everything in its proper place, knives and forks straight and the centrepiece exactly the table properly served. But let those matrons by no means despair, who are only able to afford "a girl for general house-work." If the family is small and the other work not too heavy, one domestic, with a little assistance, from her mistress, may easily do all that is required and yet find time to pass the viands properly at dinuer Africa, due to casualties :

To begin with, the glass, silver, etc., required for the dinner table should be carefully wiped and polished and taken to the dining room on a tray before dinner. Then -Whitewashed walls have a faculty of rubbing off on one's clothing, and to obvitaken to get it exactly straight. Next the embroidered or lace trimmed centrepiece is placed in the proper position and a glass or silver bowl of roses, daisles or other seasonable flowers is put on the table to give it an artistic appearance. A well filled salt cellar and silver pepper pot should be plac-ed about half way between each of the four corners of the centre piece and the edge of the table and a mustard pot at each of the two corners. Two tablespoons with the bowls in opposite directions, should be laid in the middle between the salt cellars at the top and bottom of the table. Two large forks and a fish fork—if required should be placed on the left hand side of the various places which are to be occupied at dinner; and on the right, one large knife or two if necessary, a fish knife, and a small knife and on the ontside of the knives, a spoon for soup. Beyond this arrangement, at the right hand the glasses should stand. In front of the space destined to be occu-pied by the plate, a small fork and spoon for dessert should appear. The handle of this spoon is often placed towards the right and that of the fork towards the left. At the head of the table, in addition to the things mentioned above, should be placed a soup ladle, the fish and meat carvers being put on the table with the course for

which they are required. A table napkin should be placed for each person and it is hardly necessary to say a Missing and prisoners....... neatly cut piece of bread on the same side Invalids sent home who have. as the forks.

The inexperienced girl must be instructed that everything should be handed with the left hand, and at the left hand side of the person who is being served. Before aunounced she should see that everything she can possibly want during the meal is on the sideboard; for instance, the requisite num-ber of spoons and forks for the different dishes, and in addition to these a few spoons and forks, both large and small, and a knife or two, in case they should be needed, and also an ample supply of bread.

As soon as the family are seated at dinner, the cover from the soup-tureen should be removed, and the maid should be in attendance on the left of the master to take each plate of soup as he helps it, to the varquickly change from their unproductive loss persons at table. As soon as the soup is finished the plates should be removed, condition, giving satisfactory returns.

All things considered, New England is one of the best hay-raising sections of the carver, and on this occasion the maid should start her round of the table with the vege-table dish in her right hand, so that the meat and vegetables may be served at the same time. She should pass all plates of soup, fish, meat, etc, on a small tray. Before the dessert is served, the crumbs should all be removed from the tablecloth, using for this purpose a crumb tray and scraper or small brush. The coffee should be served last in a course by itself.

The maid should try and anticipate the requirements of those who are dining by offering bread, vegetables, etc., and filling up the glasses without being requested to

And above all have your waitress wear noiseless shoes. A relentless squeak, squeak as she passes the viands around to the waiting guests will utterly spoil the effect of the finest service that was ever rendered. It is persistent attention to such apparently small and unimportant details that makes the perfect dinner party.-E. V. Marlow.

The severely simple lines of the smart tailor built frock are those that are most correct for the pedestrian suit, which in its latest and best modifications this season clears the ground by an inch. The cloth mixture in tweeds or wool crashes are those which are finding the most favor for this particular style of suit with the women who aim to be just a little bit ahead of the prevailing modes. The Prince Henry with its well defined lines and exquisite fit is one of the nattiest of suits for walking. traveling or the thousand and one other purposes to which most women desire to put such a serviceable frock. The coat is a loose fitting, single breasted one, which is slightly longer in front than at the back. In light brown and gray mixtures this suit will be smart for wear with the various striped madras, checked or plain linen and zephyr

lamp chimneys, after washing, with dry your local dealers.

At the first suspicion of ivy poisoning wash the skin in water in which common baking soda (saleratus) has been dissolved. Make the solution strong, and "spat" it on, allowing the deposit of the white powder to remain on the skin. Apply frequently for twenty four hours.

The flimsy crushed appearance of the attenuated mermaid train is no longer the stay. mode. The skirt should have a crisp, outstanding effect all round the hem.

Red blotches upon the eyelids and nose tell of bad circulation; bathe the lids with lukewarm water twice a day, and rub the nasal region and cheeks gently with a good cream. Steam occasionally

For young girls the regulation man o'war sailor suits are still the very best for summer wear. In white linen or chambrey they are quite ideal, with the fetching service strap (this might well refer to their wearing qualities) on the left arm, the eagle on the right and the anchor on the shield. These dresses are all complete even to the tie. The skirts are as perfectly cut as the blouses, even to the modish flounce.

War Costs Over 21,000 Lives.

British Casualties in South Africa are Mounting Up. "The war office issued on April 7th," says the London Telegraph of the following day, "the appended statement showing the casualties resported from South Africa during March, and the total losses sustained by the South African field forces since the beginning of the war. With reference to in the middle, not just a trifle askew as is often the case. If two servants are kept, of course it is a much easier matter to have through the war in South Africa (26,934). it is pointed out that the difference be tween those two figures is explained by the fact that the great majority of men invalided home have recovered and rejoined for

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The list does not include the wounded as such, they being included in the number who died from wounds and the invalids sent home.

#### His Only Joy the Tomb.

For nine years Jonathan Reed, sixtynine years old, who is now dying, has virt-ually lived in his wife's tomb in the Evergreen cemetery, near New York City. Devotion to her memory has robbed the once powerful man of all his physical strength and his vitality, sapped by years of bitter exposure, is ebbing away. He has always had a melaucholy pleasure in sitting in the tomb by the side of his dead wife, and has found by the side of his dead wife, and has found his only happiness there, for he does not believe he will meet her in another world. Lately he has begun to wender if his materialistic creed is right or wrong, and if it is not possible that he shall see her once more in the spirit. Though he sary plates, should be placed before the lives in the tomb the old man does not sleep there. He leaves the cemetery every night and goes to a little room in a house in Williamsburg. Early in the morning he creeps out of his hed and goes to the cemetery. "Good morning, Mary," always says to his wife when he enters the tomb, just as if her deaf ears could hear his voice through the thick walls of her metal coffin.

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