FARM NOTES.

-Tenants should be as much interested in improved methods as the owners of farms, as they must first pay the tax of rent before they can make a profit. one should attempt to own a farm if he is unsuccessful as a tenant.

-Rhubarb needs a very deep and fertile soil, and it is useless to expect to grow it in a thin, dry soil unless under irrigation; not that it needs wet ground by any means but a soil retentive of moisture and rather inclined to clay, though good rhubarb can be grown in quite a sandy soil if it be well

for themselves after the weather becomes warm, and the keeping of geese is therefore less expensive than with some other kinds of poultry, as they prefer to forage and secure their food on a pasture lot. The keeping of geese for their feathers only

-It is difficult to judge of the capacity of the animal by "points" only. Some of the best milkers and butter producers could not win a prize at shows if they were judged by "points" instead of testing them at the pail. The first-prize cattle at fat stock shows (on the hoof) do not always make the best dressed carcasses after they

-A farmer whose field of corn was last year partly injured by crows and black-birds pulling up the young plant to get the corn states that he tried the plan of scattering corn around the edges of the field daily until the plants were well grown, with the result that the birds were kept too busy searching for the grains on the ground to do much damage, and that he did not have to use more than half a peck daily. As the birds also destroy many insects and worms, he did not desire to poison or shoot them. By scattering corn for them the crop was then damaged very little.

-We have not found wood ashes best for strawberries except on very sour or damp soil. The strawberry seems to do best on a soil that is neutral-neither very sour nor very alkaline. The ashes contain lime, which will make an ordinary soil too alkaline for the strawberries to do their best. On a very sour soil the ashes would be likely to show excellent results. From our own experience we should use the ashes on the grain. Do not use them on potatoes if you are troubled with potato scab. The lime in the ashes will encourage the work of the fungus that causes the scab.

-The single-stool plan of growing strawberries has not yet superseded the matted row system, as everyone who has tried cutting off the runners knows that for every runner cut or pinched off a dozen seem to grow, which means constant work. When a plant loses a runner it makes an effort to regain the loss. An excellent mode of growing a bed is to place the plants 14 inches each way, thus checking them in the manner in which corn is grown, keeping the rows clean both ways with a wheelhoe The next year one row may be removed and the work done with a horse, which will leave the rows 22 inches apart, the plants then being matted in the rows.

-Cutworms very often provefatal to the growing tomato plants, as they do to those of nearly every crop. Early cultivation, keeping the ground fallow for several Then two or three days before setting out color and material, marking by a chic the plants spray a piece of clover or grass finish a strange and unfamiliar effect. with strong Paris green, one pound to sevcouple of yards over the field. The cutworms will eagerly devour it and thus be destroyed before the plants are put in. Or a mash composed of forty pounds of bran on the newest skirts. amash composed of forty pounds of the distance and one pound of Paris green moistened with water sweetened with molasses may be used in the same manner and is often and wavy lines, forming the prettiest trim-

—It is important to get carrots and pars-nips in early, or the keeping down of the weeds will be more difficult. To delay planting such crops until after the corn-crop goes in is to double the labor re-quired in keeping the ground clean. The plan used with such crops is to let the weeds grow until about one or two inches high, and then use a cultivator, working the ground both ways, so as to destroy every weed. Let the weeds get a start again, and then go over the plot once more with the cultivator, harrowing the soil fine, so as to prepare a suitable seed-bed for the seed. Some farmers dread a carrot crop, owing to the weeds getting ahead of the young carrots, but if the weeds are first al-lowed to put in an appearance they can be so thoroughly eradicated as to render the work of keeping the rows clean much easier than by any other method.

-Mushrooms are grown in dark rooms or cellars, where a temperature of from 50 to 60 degrees can be maintained. As high as 70 degrees may be used, but unless the bed is kept cool the plants are liable to the attack of the mushroom fly, hence but few engage in mushroom growing in summer after the fly appears. To prepare a bed get rich soil from old pastures and store it away until wanted. To one part of this soil add two parts of fresh horse manure. Put down a layer of the mixture, pounding it hard, and continue until the bed is eight or ten inches thick. Much heat will be developed, but it will soon begin to recede. When about 80 or 85 degrees temperature make holes in the bed about a foot apart and place a piece of spawn about the size of a walnut in each hole, covering the holes and pressing the soil, making it smooth, allowing it to remain for about 12 or 14 days, when the bed should be covered with two inches of fresh loam, over which should be place four or five inches of salt the temperature has been kept properly (not exceeding 70 degrees) the first crop will come in about six or eight weeks, and the bed will produce mushrooms for three or four weeks. After the first crop is taken moisten the bed with warm water, first covering with an inch of fresh soil, and use hay as before. One pound of spawn is sufficient for about nine square feet. As much depends upon maintaining the required temperature, moisture, darkness, etc., the amateur is not always successful, as some experience is necessary to succeed. A cellar is usually preferred, as the temperature can then be more easily maintained, test being occasionally made with a trial stick, which is inserted into the bed in order to learn the degree of heat exist-

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Sailor suits are without a doubt the most favored suits for girls of all ages. For the very little girl the blouse is exactly like that worn by small boys. In fact, the regulation blouse suit just as the small boy wears it, except that the skirt is very full, is one of the nicest suits possible for a little girl. These are made in linen and in ging-ham. The collar and cuff bands are in some contrasting color.

Few women know how to stand correct-

Perhaps you yourself have not yet obtained the proper poise of the body, and confess that it is on account of ignorance. Walk up to the first wall you find, touch it with your nose, chest, (not the abdomen) and toes, and right then you have got the correct posture. The hips are thrown back, the abdomen in and the back has attained the stylish flatness which is a potent factor -Young goslings are soon able to care in showing off a stylish dress. You can generally tell the girl who is a devotee of physical training by the way her back looks in a cotton shirtwaist.

A good little exercise any woman can practice is to take the correct standing po-sition, which is: "Keep the heels together at an angle of sixty degrees, having the weight of the body resting on the balls of the feet—not on the beels. The chest should be thrown forward, and the chin held in, the abdomen drawn back and the

hips held back. A woman would achieve results of real physical value if she would regularly devote a little time-say five minutes each day—to learning to stand in this correct at-titude until it becomes natural. At the same time she should practice deep breath-

Stains play an important part in home decorations these days and those who have artistic homes do not allow the painter to spoil the woodwork of their houses with graining or cheap imitations of hard wood. Varnish for floors, workwork or furniture is no longer considered desirable. A soft finish produced by rubbing is the accepted

thing these days.
In using the white woodwork so fashionable now be careful to get a yellowish or ivory white instead of the cold blue white. The latter is decidedly harsh; a much softer effect is obtained from the ivory

Silk-embroidered white mulls or plain ones elaborately tucked and adorned with entre-deux of lace, are the most swagger summer evening gowns.

The prettiest and smartest skirts now worn are made with five or six very wide tucks, the material stitched between each tuck to give additional firmness to the skirt. This is the very latest idea adopted for smart tailor gowns.

Sleeves daily increase in size.

The present day sash is hardly ever worn with loops, just two long ends fastened with a jeweled pin in the back.

From her coiffure to her toe tip, the fashionable woman is now, in fact, built in a succession of downward curves instead of upright angles.

Directoire scarves of lace, trimmed with quaint little reproductions of old fashioned of nearly every crop. Early cultivation, keeping the ground fallow for several weeks, will do much to starve them out.

The always becoming marquise coat, enty-five gallons of water, sweetening it with embroidered lapels opening over a with a little cheap molasses, and scatter highly ornate vest, is also, "all that is" of small bunches of this poisoned food every the most modish. Little shallow scallops, or tiny flounces cut in miniature vandykes,

used thus on a large scale against cutworms in tobacco.

mings possible for the new spring materials, which are both various and diversi-

With her embroidered turnover collar and cuffs, the smart summer girl will wear a belt to match. And she has a set of pins

to go with them. A set of white butcher's linen consisting of collar, cuffs and belt is worked with a graceful bowknot design in coral pink and and black. The pins used for fastening will be small bars of coral. A white linen set with a design of forget-me-nots and scroll-work embroidered in pale blue and black will be fastened with turquoise or pale blue enamel pins.

Collars and cuffs for shirtwaists to be correct should tend to soft effects; the stiff inen collar is quite passe.

The beautiful styles of the Louis XV period are comme il faut for dress, while the Gibson models rule for athletic costumes and utility wear.

Girdles for shirt waist suits are notably severe, finished with stitching.

Only the merest suggestion of an elongated waist front remains this season

Dresses the summer girl should have-A gown of foulard, India or surah, will be needed for church and cool evenings. A gown of flannel or light weight serge

made up without a lining is among the most sensible and useful to include in one's list of summer dresses. The linen and cotton ducks cannot be in one's list of summer dresses.

The linen and cotton ducks cannot be excelled for all round usefulness. If a girl his house. His wife said she would place

what the occasion at which she must put in an appearance.

A thin white gown for special occasions is absolutely necessary. Linen, Persian lawn, dimity, organdy, and the many figured Swisses are all lovely materials from which to make a gown which will be suitable for the many little impromptu affairs which spring up in the summer time.-May Ladies' Home Journal.

The fancy for the severely plain mission furniture has caused a decreased demand for the fancy Louis XIV and XV upholstery hangings. Plain draperies or those with very small all-over designs are now the correct thing.

Bright floor coverings, are not fashionable. Plain Wilton carpets in soft greens most favored this autumn.

Hints to Housewives.

Novelties that are Tasty for Hot Weather Lunches,

A milk sherbet is something of a novelty in the list of cold things, says Harper's Bazar. Add the juice of three lemons and of one orange to one and a-half cupfuls of sugar. Work together till the two seem half melted, then begin and pour in slowly four cupfuls of milk. If the milk is added too rapidly the mixture may curdle. Freeze in three parts of ice mixed with one part of

Try. for a change, some hot day this summer, serving the luncheon salad in a mould of rice. Put a teacupful of rice that has been well washed into a kettle of boiling salted water, and cook 15 or 20 minutes, or until the rice is perfectly tender. Then take from the fire, drain and toss through it lightly with a silver fork a tea-spoonful of salt and a half teaspoonful of paprica. Mould in a ring mould which has been oiled with a few drops of olive oil, and use as a border, when thoroughly cold, for a salad of vegetables or fish and celery that has been prepared with a French dressing and kept chilled on the ice.

Try serving the Sunday morning codfish balls with a horseradish sauce, made as follows: Cook 15 minutes in a double boiler three-fourths of a cup of fine bread crumbs, half a cup of fresh horseradish grated and one pint of milk, add one large tablespoonful of butter and season with salt and pep-

A sandwich which is quite seasonable and appetizing, while perhaps not entirely new, is worth recalling to mind in these spring days when appetites need urging. Chop English walnuts fine, and mix with cream cheese and a little chopped celery or watercress, finishing with a little mayonnaise. Spread the mixture on thin slices of not very fresh bread, or on thin toast, and serve with sprigs of crisp fresh watercress all around them on the plate.

Hot Tomales.—One four-pound chicken; cover with hot water and simmer until tender. Add to the water four onions, one clove of garlic, chopped fine, a stick of cinnamon, ten whole allspice and cloves, three red Chile peppers, one and a-half teaspoonfuls of salt. When the chicken is cooked remove it from the pot and cut it into small dice. Strain the liquor and put the chicken meat into it. Then add enough yellow cornmeal to make a thick mush, boiling about ten minutes. Have ready green corn cut from a dozen ears, one pound of raisins seeded and a half teaspoonful of red pepper. Mix thoroughly with the mush. Fill the cornhusks with the mixture, tying them up at both ends. When the husks are filled throw them into hot water and boil for half an hour. Then

This excellent recipe was sent me by a correspondent who knows whereof he writes. Will the many readers who have once and again asked me to repeat this recipe cut it out for their use and my comfort?—Marian Harlan in North American.

Brain Leaks.

Well done rests while half done worries. A clasp of the hand is worth a book full

A flower in the hand is worth two on the Riding a hobby is better than walking in

A gloomy family sitting room fills the streets with boys.

Too many men admire the wisdom of Solomon and emulate his foolishness. Too many men fail to distinguish between satisfaction and contentment.

The man who spends his time tearing down others never has time to rise.

It is well for us that we are to be judged by our efforts not by our achievemen It is forever too late when some men discover the difference between Christianity

and moral dyspepsia. There is a great difference between taking an interest in labor and taking an in-

terest from labor. The gold brick artists will prosper as long as there are men who believe they can tax themselves rich.

A great many men cast their bread on the waters and spend the rest of their days grumbling because they did not immediately get back a bakery.

The widow gave only a mite, but her gift will be remembered long after colleges and libraries have crumbled into dust. Some men have no visible means of sup-

port because their wives always do the neighborhood washing behind closed doors. Volcano Destroys Town.

The British steamer Roddam, Captain Freeman, which left St. Lucia, Wednesday for Martinique, returned there Thursday afternoon, bringing a report that the town of St. Pierre, Martinique, has been totally destroyed by volcanic disturbances in the island. Almost all the inhabitants of St. Pierre are said to have been killed. The Roddam reports that all the shipping in the port has also been destroyed. The Quebec

Steamship company's steamer Rorami is mentioned as lost with all on board. The Roddam was almost completely wrecked. Her captain was seriously burned and seventeen of her crew are

dead. The steamer Rorami, Captain Huggah, left New York, April 26th, for St. Thomas, where she arrived May 2nd. From St. Thomas she proceeded to St. Croix and

—Irate oitizens effectually stopped the planting of poles for the extension of the local trolley lines along an aristocratic Altoona street recently. J. L. Metzger stood in one of the holes and drove the workmen away with a heavy cane. Nich-las P. Mervine, one of the most prominent has one or two of these white skirts with a couple of white blouses she can feel perfectiff the men continued, and a next door neighbor, Mrs. George Rudisill, wife of a leading jeweler, threatened to turn the hose on the diggers. Mayor Hoyer will be called on to settle the trouble.

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-High wages prevail in Salt Lake City, according to the Salt Lake Telegram. It says that bricklayers get \$7 a day plumbers, tinners, carpenters and stone-cutters, \$4.50; machinists, \$3 to \$4.50; painters, \$3 to \$3.50; restaurant cooks, \$25 to \$40 a week. A few expert electrical workers make \$500 a month; two expert decorative painters get \$20 a day, and a limited number of plaster cast men command equally high pay.

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