

FARM NOTES.

After the tomato plants have made progress in the open air apply super-phosphate, broadcasting at the rate of 200 pounds per acre.

The yield of strawberries next year will largely depend upon the treatment given this year. Use fertilizers liberally and keep the beds clean.

Rose bushes should be worked with the hoe, simply stirring the top soil, keeping them free of grass and weeds, and not working the ground deep.

String beans can be obtained during the entire summer by planting once a month for successive supplies. The seed germinates quickly in warm weather, and the plants grow rapidly. They can also be extensively grown for pickling.

If soapens are to be disposed of through the asparagus and celery plots, as soapens contain considerable soda, a proportion of potash and a small amount of nitrogen. They seem to benefit asparagus particularly, and also may be used with advantage on the manure heap.

Cucumbers, squashes and melons prefer rich soil and an abundance of well-rotted manure. Old sawdust, or rotten wood, mixed with the manure, are said to be serviceable. It will be an advantage to allow cucumbers to grow on stakes or bushes the same as peas. Tomatoes may also be fastened to stakes. One of the best plans is to grow cucumbers along a fence if the location is not too shady.

No farmer should entrust the trimming of his trees to inexperienced persons. More harm is done by "tree batters" than by leaving the trees untouched. To saw off limbs, right and left, without regard to the nature of the tree or its symmetry, and to simply cut away limbs that are in the way, should not be practiced. The trimming or pruning of a tree requires skill and judgment.

At this time the onions are liable to be neglected. Being early planted, they get a good start and are then made to wait until other crops are seeded down. The onion is hardy and seldom fails on good soil, but no crop is more easily injured by grass and weeds. It is less difficult to keep them clean if a rake is used between the rows and the top soil kept loose, which keeps down the young weeds.

No one who has not made observation in that direction can form any estimate of the large number of insects destroyed by farm poultry in a season. The guinea is constantly at work, and carefully searches every square foot of land. In an orchard a flock of active hens, such as Leghorns, will do excellent service, and they will need but little, if any, assistance, as they secure more food than may be supposed.

One of the best modes of reducing the labor required in the destruction of weeds is to destroy them when they are just appearing above ground. For a large field the weeder is the best implement, but for a garden there is no tool superior to the old-time garden rake. If the surface of the soil is given a good raking after each rain there will be no weeds, as the rake keeps the top soil loose. A rake allows the performing of considerable work between rows compared with using a hoe, and when the weeds are high enough to demand hoeing the work is more difficult and tedious. The principal injury done by weeds is that they rob the growing crop of moisture and plant foods. Weeds are gross feeders, and they soon take possession of the soil. The rake will keep them down with the least labor and expense.

Many ready made plants foods are put up by different companies, and, while most, if not all, are genuinely good, they are often hard to procure, as they are sold only by dealers in certain lines. The following formula can be filled through any druggist and is one of the very best plant foods in use: Sodium nitrate, three-fourths pound; sodium phosphate (dry), one-fourth pound; sodium sulphate, one-half pound. Powdered and thoroughly mix the ingredients dry. It may be kept for any length of time by covering closely. When required for use, dissolve in the proportions of one rounding tablespoonful to a gallon of hot water, using a half teacupful to a six inch pot. Apply once in two weeks by pouring the solution on to the soil, not on the plant, varying the amount used according to the size and vigor of the plant, and also the size of the pot. Rural New Yorker.

In every agricultural country where farm grown live stock is a neglected branch the soil is steadily deteriorating. The Russian minister of finance reports a decrease of 27 per cent in the average productivity of the farm lands in the country. In Great Britain farming has declined in every section where the live stock has decreased in numbers. Dr. C. E. Thorne recently before a paper before a meeting of the Ohio board of agriculture, which contains much food for thought. He stated that during the last fifty years Ohio had gained nothing in numbers of live stock, but has doubled her area in grain and is now paying \$1,500,000 a year for commercial fertilizers. This is a plain indication of the deterioration of the soil's fertility. A similar condition prevails in this country generally, and the remedy plainly is to keep more live stock and grow more fertilizing crops. The only alternative is the purchase of the commercial fertilizers which devour the profits of the farmer.

It would certainly be advisable to spray young tomato plants once or even twice while they are in the bed before they are taken to the field and set out. In this way they can be gone over very much more economically. If the work is done thoroughly, the results will be marked in the retention of foliage and the warding off of attacks of blights and insect pests. Usually young tomato plants are badly attacked by a small insect known as the flea beetle. They injure the plants by perforating the leaf and in many cases completely destroy them.

One of the very best spray materials for tomato plants is the bordeaux mixture made according to the 4-6-50 formula; that is 4 pounds of blue stone, 6 pounds of lime and 50 gallons of water. Insects can be destroyed at the same time by adding to bordeaux about two quarts of arsenate of lead solution to each barrel of the material. If there is any apprehension of serious damage by insects double the quantity of the arsenate of lead. This can be used without the least fear of injuring the foliage. This material remains well in suspension and does not need constant agitation in bordeaux or water as does paris green. For all leaf-eating insects arsenate of lead or disparene is far superior to paris green.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Strong impulses are but another name for energy. Energy may be turned to bad uses; but more good many always be made of an energetic nature, than of an indolent and impassive one. John Stuart Mills.

When the separate waist was popular in the mannish tailor-made style it was called a shirt waist, but now it is usually termed a blouse, since the bouffant, elaborately trimmed design prevails. Unquestionably the white blouse, in both thick and thin stuffs, is the most modish of the season. For heavier weight linens the Norfolk jacket style is one of the newest ideas that is very chic and has found much favor. While the entire banishment of the yoke for shirt waists has been lifted this year and quite a number of them are seen with yokes, yet the majority have no yokes. Both pointed and plain-shape yokes are seen when a yoke is used.

The list of materials used for the fashionable blouse this summer runs the gamut from the heaviest of butchers' linen down through madras, plain thin linen and daintiest of hand-embroidered lawn to the sheerest of Swiss muslins, tucked and trimmed with medallions and entire-doux of lace.

The elaborate blouses almost without exception button in the back, while the plainer tailor models still fasten in front.

To stitch a white linen shirt waist with black buttonhole twist is one of the smartest of the season. In sleeves a moderate sized bishop, finished at the wrist with a hand, is the favorite for the plainer waists. Some of these sleeves are tucked, but for the most part they are plain. The very elaborate blouses, however, have sleeves to match, often of elbow length and profusely trimmed.

Buttons almost the size of a quarter are used to fasten the front of some of the waists of pique and linen. A smart idea is to cover moulds with the material hand-embroidered in French knots.

Unlined lace collars are a cool and attractive feature of many of the fancier blouses.

In renovating this summer remember that fashion frowns upon the erstwhile universally used light yellow woodwork just now. Fumed dark brown oak for living room, hall or library and mahogany for any and all rooms except perhaps a bedroom, where white enamel is preferred, are better liked. Then among the newest effects are green, strong old blue, deep red and golden brown paint or stain. With colored woodwork and an appropriate wall and floor treatment a room is half furnished.

There is nothing complicated about the construction of the fashionable dinner coat. Any clever girl can make one at home provided she is a good needle-woman and knows how to cut and fit. Most of the garments are outlined in Louis XV shapes. The more expensive and "individual" ones are of lace mounted over some of the sheer silks or glaces.

A deep collar about the shoulders and a ribbon to knot the coat in front are the prominent characteristics of each short wrap. Many of the garments are low upon the neck, so that the claim that they are meant to protect the shoulders from cold is not conclusive. The basqued piece in the rear is always highly decorative, with fluffs of lace and knots of ribbon or glittering buckles or buttons adorning the surface. There is no limit to the quality and quantity of the trimmings which may be applied to the little coats. The statement that they are nominally wraps is not to be taken too seriously, since they practically are accessories of the main costume.

Finely-chopped ham is a palatable addition to baked macaroni.

Apples or tomatoes hollowed out and filled with celery or nuts make a change for a salad, served with a white mayonnaise.

Red and white foulards, tucked in long, becoming lines from the throat to the knees, and relieved with insertions of Chantilly, are very general. The tendency, however, is to light neutral tinted voiles and hats of all shades of brilliant colors. Red and flame colors are a great deal used in millinery, while hats covered with poppies being quite charming, but, of course, the Parisienne could hardly exist without an all black picture hat; at the present moment these are made of the new ribbon or of bass straws, and frequently of Leghorn.

The very prettiest tailor coats and skirts seen in the Avenue du Bois are made in a coarse, dull red linen, like sacking, trimmed with innumerable rows of stitching.

Hips yokes are noticeably prominent features of the skirts of summer gowns.

"I wish that I could impress a few facts on every woman who comes in here to select wall paper," said the man who tries to sell wall paper artistically. "Too often women ask to see pattern after pattern until they are thoroughly confused, and finally select one at random, without considering whether it is suitable for the room they want it for or not. Before seeing any, they should make up their minds what coloring they require, and sternly refuse to consider or look at any others; they will then find the task much easier. The color of a paper is far more important than the design, though that should be considered as well; but if the result is to be satisfactory, the color must be suitable to the room. A paper should never be chosen just because the color is pretty and the design graceful. The principal thing to be considered is the aspect of the room. Blue should not be selected for a room looking north, or where the sun seldom shines; a warm yellow or pink is good, though the latter is apt to fade into a sickly color sooner or later. Most shades will be suitable for a sunny room, provided they light up well by night. The furniture, cretonnes, curtains and carpets must next be considered, and a color selected which will tone or harmonize with all of them. This ought not to be difficult. If there are pictures in a room, they should also be borne in mind, as a paper with a pronounced pattern will not look well if much covered over. If the room is low, a wall-paper in lines from floor to ceiling makes it look higher, while a dado or a frieze always shortens it."

J. K. Caird, a wealthy manufacturer at Dundee, Scotland, proposes to erect in that city a cancer hospital at a cost of \$90,000. He has also guaranteed the payment of \$5,000 a year for five years for original laboratory work investigating the disease.

The Gala Day of all Year—Walter L. Main, Famous Circus and Menagerie Coming to Bellefonte.

Wednesday June 4th will be a red letter day for the votaries of a sawdust and spangles heresabouts. The coming of the great Walter L. Main circus, museum, zoological and hippodromatic attractions, which has been so long and pleasantly anticipated, will then be an accomplished fact. From newspaper reports, and other sources, we take it that Walter L. Main has eclipsed his own brilliant achievements of the past, and it is pleasing to note that the tour of the country thus far has been one continued oration.

One fact which the press agree upon with unanimity is that the big show attracts the most fashionable and cultured audiences of any tented entertainment that has ever visited their respective cities. Walter L. Main has always been known as the "kid-gloved" showman; the splendid discipline of his employees, the courtesy shown patrons, and absence of all reprehensible practices being distinctive features of the exhibition.

The attractions are of such infinite variety that the most diversified tastes will be fully satisfied. Acrobats, bicyclists, gymnasts, riders, contortionists, vaulters, wire walkers, jugglers, strong men, jolly clowns and merry jesters, will disport themselves in the several rings and on the central stages. The hippodrome races of ancient Rome, as well as modern contests between Kentucky thoroughbreds and English flyers will be given on an ellipse that encircles the arena and stages.

The zoological and museum departments team with costly and amusingly interesting animals, and the establishment throughout is unquestionably a model one in every respect of the twentieth century type. A grand spectacular pageant, exhibiting the vast and varied professional resources of the combined shows, will start from the exhibition grounds at 9 a. m., and traverse the principal thoroughfares of the town. Two performances will be given, at 2 and 8 p. m., the doors opening an hour earlier, in order that spectators may be afforded ample time in which to view the menagerie and museum. The management respectfully suggest that ladies and children attend the matinee, as a perfect crush is expected at night. Seating capacity, 10,000; 25 uniformed ushers; sun and water proof tents.

Heads and Minds.

A Scientific Person Says There is No Necessary Relation Between Them. A very old and always popular topic is whether there is any definite relationship between the size and shape of the head and the individual intelligence. While some great men have certainly had big heads, others have not surpassed the average, while, contrariwise, many large-headed individuals are by no means brilliant intellectually, but often the reverse.

The vast bulk of a brain is composed of white matter—that is, of nerve fibres—which has nothing whatever to do with real brain work, and which only carries messages. Again, if research is to be trusted, it is only the brain cells of a very limited (probably the frontal) region which have to do with the highest mental operations. When, therefore, we talk about the size of head and brain, and the weight of the brain, we should clearly understand that only an infinitesimal fraction of the three pound weight of an ordinary brain can be reckoned as representing brain cells that are the agents of our nervous governance. Practically, the brain cells (of the cerebrum or great brain at least) bear no larger proportion to the brain's mass than the rind of a Dutch cheese does to the eatable portion.

Professor Karl Pearson, the distinguished statistician, whose attempts to test biological problems by mathematical means are familiar to all scientists, lately published the results of an investigation made into the question of the relation between the size of head and intellectual preponderance. His paper was read before the Royal Society. If the working man has a smaller head on the average than the professional man, Professor Pearson points out that the difference is due to better nutrition. But apart from such a wide comparison, he arrived at stricter conclusions by the investigations of measurements made on Cambridge undergraduates whose careers were known. The results are given as showing that there is no marked correlation between ability as judged by entry for an honors examination and the size or shape of the head. When schools were selected for testing the question, essentially similar results were obtained. A third series of researches of wider extent resulted in the conclusion that very brilliant men may have a head slightly larger than the average, but Professor Pearson adds that the increase is so small that it can form any element in our judgment of ability.

No More Peaches.

The report comes from the great peach growing sections of the State that peach orchards are being allowed to rot out. Few new trees have been planted to replace those found dead this spring. The crop is going to be large this year, from all accounts, and inquiries are being made of the State Department of Agriculture why the interests of the farmers of the several districts are flagging in peach culture. It is hardly likely that the peach growing cannot be made to pay in this vicinity in Pennsylvania. Therefore, is peach culture to become a lost industry in Pennsylvania? That is the question that is confronting the peach grower in these days.

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His shrieks turned to sobs, and presently silence followed so suddenly that his mother was convinced that something uncanny was brewing, for in that house a quiet boy meant trouble, and no man could tell where it would strike. So the mother crept silently up to the door and heard a very tired, yet anxious, little voice offering up the following petition: "O Lord," said the boy, "I have been bad again. I beat the cat and maver will beat me, for she said so, and my maver is stronger'n I am. So please, Lord, make me like one of the little cherubs 'at haven't anything but a head and two wings wif feathers. Then maver can't whip me, and —"

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