

FARM NOTES.

Early apples will be money this year if properly handled. Neat boxes, full measure, no priming, but close sorting.

If you will mulch your currants and gooseberries now they will hold their fruit much longer and not shed their leaves so soon.

Remember the Bordeaux mixture is not a specific but a preventive—hence the time to use it is before the plants begin to rot—not after.

Don't fail to spray your grapes with Bordeaux mixture at least every ten days during the next thirty. Late varieties can be sprayed later than early.

Don't quit spraying apples too soon, that second brood of the codlin moth needs particular attention. Save enough Paris green or arsenate of lead to give your trees an application about August 15th.

Don't make the apple orchard the dumping place for all the old machinery, boards and rails and "a free-for-all" pasture for your stock. Horses, cattle and hogs are not conducive to good orcharding unless restricted to the latter for short periods only.

Pick your cherries for market, both sweet and sour, with the stems on and never when they are wet with dew or rain. Sweet cherries for home use are much better picked with the stems on, otherwise they deteriorate in a very short time. With the sour it is not so material.

If you want good tips don't fail to cultivate your raspberries, not deep but enough to keep down the weeds. Sweeps on your cultivator are just the thing. As soon as berries are picked out the old canes and burn them at once. In so doing you destroy many insect enemies.

The old strawberry plantation can be readily cleaned up and made to do service another year if not so badly infested with white clover, the white grub, and contains varieties not generally infested with the rust. Mow the site as close as possible. Rake mulch and cuttings if heavy into small windrows and haul off, if trash is not too heavy and in weather very dry burn without raking. We prefer the latter plan, as you destroy many insects and rust spores.

If you have the matted row, leave narrow strips of the latest growth and cultivate between, as you would in a new site.

Injury to plants by insects falls under two heads: first when the plant itself has been eaten, second, where the juice has been sucked out, leaving the tissues. Insects causing injury of the first class are called biting or chewing insects, such as grasshoppers, caterpillars, cabbage and army worms. They have well developed jaws for cutting and chewing plants. They can be destroyed by using poisons such as the arsenic. The insects of the second type have long lance like beaks which they insert into the tissues of the plants sucking out the juice, causing the plant to wither, wilt and die. This class includes all the so-called insects, plant lice, squash bug, harlequin and terrapin bug, etc.

The external application of arsenical poisons to plants would have little or no effect upon this group, as the poison does not enter the cells of the plants. Materials are used to act externally on the bodies of such insects either as a caustic or to smother or suffocate them by closing their breathing organs. Insects do not breathe through their mouth, as do higher animals, but through small openings on either side of their heads, called spiracles. By spraying anything of a caustic or oily nature over the body, these spiracles are closed and the creature is destroyed.

These remarks apply especially to insects which feed upon the exterior of plants or pass the greater portion of their lives in an exposed condition, where they can be readily reached by one of the methods mentioned. Insects of the latter class are those that feed upon plants above the ground, for a short while, and pass a portion of their lives upon the roots below the surface. The white grub or root lice are common examples, the former being a biting insect, while the latter is one of the sucking group. Still other insects live in straw, grain, seeds and in unmanufactured products of the mill, where neither arsenic nor irritants can be used. In such places the fumes of various gases are employed for their destruction. Farmers should carefully consider the nature of the insect before applying any remedy.—American Agriculturist.

Ducks are not so good foragers as hens, nor so prolific layers, and unless fed and sold carefully are not very profitable, says "Country Life in America." Owing to the artificial conditions under which the Pekins are reared, they are powerless to provide themselves with the kind of food and quarters which their instincts call for. They have to eat what is provided and sleep where they are put. The food, therefore, must be such as will give best results, and the sleeping room kept clean, dry and well ventilated; for, while ducks thrive in moist soil and in the water all day, they will not stand damp, dirt or poor ventilation at night. Also they require a shelter from the sun. If exposed to its direct rays they become blind, lose appetite, and are very difficult to fatten. The small birds have vertigo, and frequently die.

At Cloverbrook Duck Ranch they train trap vines into arbores over the yards. The vines grow forty feet in a short time, make a cool dense shade and are very beautiful, especially when in bloom. Also the Giant Russian sunflower is grown in lanes and hedges. It quickly attains a tropical luxuriance, and is especially satisfactory where yards are often changed. Fruit trees and grape vines also throw a fine shadow. It is well to plant an occasional crop on the duck grounds. Last year they cut four heavy growths of clover from a yard thus seeded down.

Now as to care and food. There is no fowl that responds so promptly to good care and food as does the Pekin duck, nor any bird whose size and egg production are so completely under human control. The breeding flock requires the year round as near a "free range" as circumstances will admit, and where streams, lakes or ponds are available the ducks enjoy a specially happy time. When they do not have them they grub around and are fairly well contented, but their grumpy features contrast unfavorably with the milk white plumage of their more favored sisters. It is a pathetic, though interesting, sight, to watch birds that have never seen water outside their drinking fountains, go through all the movements of taking a bath—even to the graceful, diving movements and the throwing of spray from head and wings.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Ultra-artistic decorators are much opposed to the hanging of modern pictures in Colonial houses. They claim that, after much trouble on their part to secure consistent effects in the Colonial house, the fashionable had just now, many people almost entirely spoil the result with modern pictures.

Of the novelties in shirt waists, one is the broad cross plait over the shoulders. The ruche in the back is seen on very few waists, though it is by no means uncommon on the front. The very plain shirt waist, having two broad box plaits over the shoulders, extending to the waist back and front, and with bishop sleeves ending in a snug cuff, is the generally accepted model.

Mrs. Waterman, sixty years old, is about to enter Cornell university as a freshman. She expects to take the full college course. She does this to get knowledge that will help her in some researches she purposes making in Italy. She says, "I find I learn faster than I did forty years ago."

How effective coarse, undyed linen can be made, was seen at the Haslemere show in the Home Arts and Industries in the Albert Hall. In the applique linen industry there was a very large portiere, or curtain, of strong gray linen, on which were applied bunches of grapes and green foliage—all in linen—and finished with a deep green linen border.

There are some women who are born to make every one comfortable, and however much a well meaning woman may try to be considerate of others, she is quickly outclassed by this born comfort. This woman makes no seeming effort to watch out for the happiness of others, but it is just as natural for her to do those little things which makes life pleasant as it is for the ordinary woman to sit and wait for others to do things for her.

The secret of this woman's success in being such a comfort is that she is thoroughly unselfish. Self always comes last with her. She never thinks of the personal effort she must make to achieve some things if it is necessary that such things should be done for another's comfort. She never thinks that she receives no reward for her acts, but keeps on steadily doing for others, and is adored by all who are fortunate enough to have been ministered to.

Green parasols are tremendously swagger. The light they cast on the face is another story. No doubt, they save the eyes, though.

When beating eggs a small pinch of salt added to the whites will cause them to beat to a stiff froth more readily.

Bias folds in self color is the trimming of the moment.

Tucked lawn ties with embroidered turn-overs of pale batiste are fascinating bargains.

The summer wardrobe that lacks a kilted walking skirt is sadly incomplete.

Wide sailor collars are in evidence on many of the linen colored frocks.

From now on very cheap lengths of lawn and the like may be had.

Blouse bodices are much worn, the newest design in them taking into itself the title of Tuxedo. This is cut low at the front, as is the many coat of that name, to show an expanse of shirt front and a prim collar and tie.

The narrow flat revers also imitate those of the masculine garment, rounding widest at the bust and narrowing below almost to a point. For Tuxedo blouse costumes in cloth and other woolen materials Ping-Pong satins—white dots on a black or colored ground—are the favorite trimmings.

A stylish blouse dress of red ladies' cloth with garnishings of black and white Ping-Pong. The sleeves, which have turn back cuffs of the spotted satin, are cut three-quarter length that those of the white lawn shirt waist worn beneath may form puffs at the wrists.

The back of the blouse is in one piece, fitted at the under arm seams and held down tightly by the bias satin belt. The front pouches in the way now so much seen and, girthing low, it is ornamented just below the bust with two large fancy buttons of smoked pearl and silver.

The gored skirt accompanying this model is of a riding habit plainness. It is unlined and short enough to escape the ground in walking.

The length of skirts shows no likelihood of being diminished during the summer, but instead of clinging around the feet in embarrassing folds, they stand out in well rounded flutes on the ground, an effect which requires a very skillful cutting to accomplish.

This is the plain skirt, which must depend on its cut alone, but there are many devices for imparting the desired fullness among the most dressy trimmed skirts.

Some have a very full volant joined on under scroll trimmings or applique, while others employ fan-shaped platings let in around the feet, the joining at the top being hidden with devices of buttons and straps or vandykes of lace.

Rough, heavy Irish crochet braid is now engaging amateur lace workers.

The woman with a contented mouth is rare as the dodo today. A cursory glance at the occupants of any street car will point to that fact. Women still smile when occasion demands. At the dinner table, luncheons, at teas, at social functions of all sorts, the modern woman's face is wreathed in smiles, her lips turn up raptiously at their corners, but when she is alone her face betrays her, says a writer in Collier's weekly.

Study the mouths of the women who ride alone in their luxurious carriages; watch the faces of the women in the street cars; note the woman anywhere who believes herself unobserved; always the downward droop.

Four Were Killed

Fatal Explosion at the Cambria Powder Company's Plant.

The coining mill of the Cambria Powder company's plant at Seward, near Johnstown, blew up about 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, killing three men and injuring five others; one of whom may die.

The dead: B. Smith, aged about 40 years, married and has a large family. John Rhodes, aged about 38 years, married and leaves a family. W. F. Bracken, married and three children.

Charles Drover, of Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, aged 35 years and unmarried.

The injured: Frank Wakefield, unmarried; seriously burned. Thomas Gordon, unmarried; seriously burned. John B. McCullough, slightly burned about hands and feet.

Seymour Allison, slightly burned about the extremities.

The explosion occurred as the men were loading a lot of powder on a wagon driven by Rhodes, the team scaring, it is said, and running away. Smith had charge of the coining mill and the others were sent to the place to assist in loading the kegs into the vehicle.

Suddenly the explosive let go and the flames flew in every direction, the powder sticking on the clothing of the men and then becoming ignited by the flames, burning into the flesh of the victims and blackening them into charred and shapeless masses.

A strange feature of the accident is the fact that Drover was able to walk three hundred yards from the scene of the explosion before he fell dead from his terrible burns, his flesh, like that of other victims, being practically reduced to a crisp.

The shanty in which the coining mill is located was ignited by the explosion of the powder and was burned to the ground but the financial loss is slight.

Alaska a Good Purchase.

Alaska, for which the United States paid Russia \$7,200,000 in 1867, has supplied Russia, fish and gold amounting to about \$150,000,000 in value, about equally divided between these three items. The investments of capital from the United States in Alaska are probably \$25,000,000, with a large additional sum invested in transportation to that territory, and the annual shipments of merchandise to Alaska now aggregate more than \$12,000,000, and have aggregated since the purchase nearly or quite \$100,000,000. Meantime the population has grown from an estimated 30,000 at the date of purchase to 32,052 in 1890, 63,592 in 1900, and an estimated 75,000 at present.

Between 1870 and 1901 the number of fur seals taken on the Pribilof Islands was 2,187,317, of an estimated value of \$35,000,000, and the value of the seal and other furs taken since the purchase of Alaska by the United States is estimated at about \$50,000,000. The fur seal industry, which has declined in the last few years, was succeeded by the fishing industry. Alaska now supplying about one-half of the salmon of the country. The value of the salmon pack in Alaska last year is estimated at about \$7,000,000, and the total value of the fish taken in Alaska since the purchase about \$50,000,000, while the value of gold and silver mined since the purchase is about \$50,000,000.

Hiccoughs Cured with a String.

Girl Who Had Suffered Three Years Made Well in Ten Minutes.

Hiccoughs of three years' standing were cured Friday at Bellevue Hospital with a bit of string.

Miss Sara Blockson, a young Russian girl, of 78 Reade street, N. Y., went to the hospital complaining that for the last three twelvemonths she had been suffering from hiccoughs. The physicians examined her and gave it as their opinion that her condition was largely nervous. She had the symptoms of neurasthenia.

The physicians tied about her waist a cord so tightly that the spasmodic movement of the diaphragm was controlled. She was unable to hiccough any more. After ten minutes the cord was removed and the young woman was told she was cured.

The manner of the physician was either so convincing or the cure was so radical that from that moment she ceased to be disturbed.

Among the Measles of Many Husbands.

Paoned His Wife's Teeth and Skirt to Buy Circus Ticket.

Justice Coughlin, of Paterson, N. J., believes that he has found "the meanest man in the world." He is Tunis Veenstra, a farm laborer. Veenstra was before the Magistrate on Saturday on an informal complaint of pawing his wife's false teeth and her best skirt to get money for a circus ticket.

"He admitted the theft when he came home drunk Saturday night," Mrs. Veenstra told the Justice, "and I want to have him arrested for larceny. He stole my teeth and skirt while I was asleep, and when I discovered the loss in the morning, he said that I must have swallowed the teeth."

Veenstra was warned by the Justice to produce the teeth, and he did so after raising ninety cents, the price for which he pawned them.

Johnny Knew.

The class was reciting and little Johnny Fellows was the last one on the line. The teacher started with the head and asked what was the feminine of hero? "No. 1 she her head." It passed to No. 2. She missed it, and so did No. 3. As it came nearer and nearer to Johnny he became very much excited, apparently knowing the answer, and waved his hand frantically.

"Well, Johnny," said the teacher at last, "everybody had missed. Now, can you tell me the feminine of hero?" "Sher!" shouted Johnny, exultingly.—New York Troubles.

Smallest Man in the World

Major Gantz, of Fairfield, Ia., claims the distinction of being the smallest man in the world. He is 36 years old, weighs 30 pounds and is 18 inches high, Commodore Nutt a trifle taller, and Mrs. Lavina Stratton still taller. This little man's parents are now residents of Fairfield and are of usual stature.

To Destroy Rose Bugs.

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1400 Dead Were Left in Trenches.

French Forces Annihilated Mahdists in Africa—Famished Charge of Tuareg Arabs.

News has been received in Paris of fierce fighting in the Lake Tchad district of Africa, between Mahdists and the French. The principal fight was near Bir Alali, ninety miles northeast of Lake Tchad. The Mahdists, who were assisted by deserters from a native regiment, were completely overwhelmed.

A horde of Tuareg Arabs charged within thirty paces of the French guns and were annihilated. Nearly 1400 dead were counted in the native trenches. Nine hundred rifles were seized and the native stronghold was captured. The losses of the French are not mentioned.

Dr. Swallow Reinstated.

Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow was Sunday evening recognized as reinstated in all of his ministerial privileges at the service in the Ridge Avenue Methodist church, Harrisburg. On receipt of a communication from the bishop to the effect that the reconciliation between Dr. Swallow and Dr. E. H. Youm removed the last barrier to the reinstatement of the "fighting parson," Rev. B. C. Conner, pastor of the Ridge Avenue Methodist church, made a public announcement at Sunday evening's service and invited Dr. Swallow to participate in the service. Dr. Swallow made a short statement to the congregation, announced a hymn and pronounced the benediction.

A Texas Editor on a Variety of Boy.

An insolent, unreliable galoot of a boy is about as disagreeable an animal as walks this earth and everybody estimates him correctly, but his parents, who invariably regard him as a future statesman or philosopher, and the man who attempts to discipline him in the smallest way, no matter in how friendly a spirit he does it, is usually rewarded for his pains by the loss of his parents' friendship. The mantle of parental love is broad enough to cover any fault a child may have.—Camron Inquire.

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