

FARM NOTES.

Many a horse has been spoiled by his master leaving him unattended about the farm while the owner went to visit a neighbor or do some other piece of work.

A cake of magnesia is a good friend to the economical woman in these days of light frocks. Rub soiled spots well with it on both sides and hang the garment away for awhile.

The red-haired woman looks her best in brown shading into the tones of her hair, or rich dark greens. Much depends, of course on the complexion and eyes, but with a white or pink and white skin, especially if the eyes be brown or black, exquisite results can be obtained with a little care.

The yellow haired lassie can wear red, the greens, too, are delightful on her; also certain yellows and blacks. White is less becoming, but she must be brilliant in complexion or else most delicate as to tints to wear grays and blues to advantage.

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—Potato disease, which is caused by a fungus, first attacks the tops of the plants and is conveyed to the tubers by means of spores washed into the soil by rain.

—The Cotswold sheep possesses large frame and long fleece, but it is not suitable for farmers where pastures are not of the best quality. The Merinos, when used for crossing, do not increase in size, although the grade of wool is better.

—In planting asparagus from seed the following directions will secure a satisfactory result: Soak the seed for twenty-four hours in tepid water, and sow early in the spring, in rows a foot apart, keep clear by frequently weeding and hoeing.

—The complete shading of the soil rapidly enriches it, even without the application of manure. It may be that shading causes a deposit of nitrogen from the air; every farmer knows that wherever a stack of hay or straw has stood for several months the ground underneath is not only enriched, but grows much darker in color.

—A growing tree, however young, is always attractive and inspiring, especially to those who have to pass them often as the days and years go by. We drive many miles every summer to view the scattering "stately old settlers that are left, but after all there is a world of satisfaction in a thrifty tree, all the time before it has reached its prime.

—On roads running east and west they need only to be set on the south side in which case they draw from the adjoining fields but very little. On roads running north and south they should be 200 feet on a side set alternatively (not referring to the front of dwellings). This would give the air and sun free access, and produce a class of trees that would "astonish the natives."

—As to position, I would put them as near the line as possible, but never outside the wall, as is customary. If they are allowed three feet inside the line, so much the better.

—As to variety any one good kind would produce a pleasant effect (in rows) than to have them change too often. I would use maple or elm where there is no objection, and the Baldwin apple where the farms were small.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Kerosene oil is an easy zinc cleaner. Milk is a pleasant substitute for soap in dishwashing.

Nothing brightens old brass and nickel better than strong ammonia.

A little chloride of lime in water boiled for a few moments in the enameled saucepan will remove many stains from the latter.

The short skirt is gaining steadily abroad—indeed, it is the favored style on parade.

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—One of the handsomest shirt waist suits so far is a plain, heavy white linen, simply strapped.

—Irish lace collars are as pretty on sheer white dresses as they are stylish on the heavy ones.

Menu For a Family Dinner.

- Tomato Bisque. Baked Fish—Potato Cakes. Veal Croquettes. Green Peas. Stewed Carrots. Chocolate Pudding.

Tomato Bisque.—1 quart tomatoes, 1/2 tea-spoonful soda, 1/2 cup cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup butter, salt and pepper, 1 quart boiling milk. Stew the tomatoes, add the soda, stew well and strain. Heat again and add the cracker, seasoning, and the boiling milk.

Baked Fish.—Make a dressing of bread crumbs, two tablespoonfuls of chopped onions, butter size of a walnut, one tablespoonful of chopped suet, pepper, salt, and one egg beaten thoroughly, and a little parsley. Stuff the fish and sew or tie securely. Bake in pan with hot water, laying pieces of pork on top, seasoning with salt and pepper. Baste very often.

Potato Cakes.—2 cups finely chopped cold potatoes, 2 tablespoonfuls cream or milk, 1 egg, pepper and salt. Mix the potatoes thoroughly with the seasonings, the egg and cream. Drop by spoonfuls in hot fat in a spider and fry.

Veal Croquettes.—Chop two cupfuls of cold cooked veal and add to it one cupful of thick sauce made of one and a half tablespoonful of butter, one heaping tablespoonful of cornstarch or two heaping tablespoonfuls of flour, one cupful rich white stock, and one egg yolk, beating the sauce vigorously when adding the latter. Season highly with salt, pepper and cayenne, and turn out to cool. Form into cone-shaped croquettes, allowing one tablespoonful to each croquette. Roll in bread crumbs, then in egg which has been diluted with two tablespoonfuls of water, and again in bread crumbs and fry in smoking fat. Serve on a bed of watercress.

Chocolate Pudding.—Reserve one gill of milk from a quart, and put the remainder on the fire in a double-boiler. Mix three tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with the cold milk. Beat two eggs with half a cupful of powdered sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add this to the cornstarch and milk, and stir into the boiling milk, beating well for a minute. Shake five two ounces of chocolate, and put it into a pan with two tablespoonfuls of sugar and two of boiling water. Stir over a hot fire until smooth and glossy; then beat into the hot pudding. Cook the pudding in all ten minutes, counting from the cornstarch and eggs are added. This pudding can be poured while hot into little cups which have been rinsed in cold water, and served with a spoonful of whipped cream on each cup.

Tale of a Murder.

A startling story was brought out at the inquest of the death of Marcus Rogers, whose body was found in the Walloomsco river near Bennington, on Friday when Levi Perham aged 19, confessed that the man had been murdered and implicated himself and the wife of the dead man as the participants in the crime.

At the inquest, which was held in the afternoon several witnesses testified as to the relations between Rogers and his wife, their frequent quarrels, the movements of Rogers etc., but the climax was reached when the Perham boys, Levi and Boyd, were placed on the stand.

Boyd, the elder, was first examined, and to the amazement of those in attendance, directly charged his brother and Mrs. Rogers with the crime of murder. In his story he said that the deed had been under consideration for several weeks. He said Mrs. Rogers approached him a few days ago and offered to give him the amount of the insurance on her husband (\$500) if he would go to Hoosic Corners and do away with him. He refused. Failing to enlist him in her service Boyd said that Mrs. Rogers approached his younger brother, Levi, and asked him to do the deed.

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