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FARM NOTES.

—Sow late peas and lettuce.

—Spraying is still in order.

—August sown rye makes good fall pasture.

—It is a good time to lay drains and dig ditches.

—Pinch back the new shoots of blackberries.

—Scrape the rough bark from the young fruit trees.

—Bordeaux mixture is the best remedy for late potato blight.

—August is a first rate month to destroy bushes and briars of all kinds.

—Cut all the seed bearing plants in the asparagus beds before the seed begins to fall.

It is a good idea to cut timber and fencing stuff in August. It dries out quickly and becomes hard.

—Common brown paper is sometimes employed for blanching celery on a small scale by wrapping it around the plants three or four times, then fastening by mean of a string or rubber bands. This method, however, is tedious and does not produce a good grade of celery.

—Many find themselves short of horse power and work young horses too hard. A young horse is usually a willing one. He has not learned how to save himself, and will under the excitement and urging necessary for his mate do more than he is really able to do without injury to himself Go easy with the youngsters. A little too much work or too big an effort may permanently injure a three-year-old. and a four-year-old is usually no better fitted for hard work because of the changes in his mouth. It doesn't pay to take any chances of ruining a promising horse for the sake of a little extra work.—*National Stockman.*

—Probably the most injurious insects to flowering plants are the aphids, or "green fly" and "black fly", and the cut worm. The first suck the juices of plants, and the latter eat the foliage and stems. Aphids are easily got rid of. Spraying with tobacco water made about the color of tea, or with kerosene emulsion, ten parts of water to one of emulsion, will soon kill the green ones, for the black ones make it a little stronger. Tobacco dust dug in the soil around the plants will destroy those at the roots. The dust may also be used on the plant itself, first wetting the leaves so that the tobacco dust will stick. Potted plants may be dipped in the kerosene emulsion and water mixture. The cut worm is not so easily killed and the best way to keep the ground clear of these destructive insects is to burn up all rubbish in the fall, and apply salt to the soil, spading it up just before frost. To destroy them at this time, the only effective thing is a poison. The following has been found very effective, the worms much preferring it to the vegetation around. Take twenty-five pounds of bran and one-fourth pound of Paris Green, and mix them together dry. Then wet the entire mass until it is a paste, and add a little sugar to sweeten it. Place a tablespoonful of it at the base of every plant. It is useless to search for the cut worms in daytime as their habit is to burrow in the ground near the plants and come out at night to feed. They will soon devastate an entire garden bed. When poisonous insecticides cannot be used the standard remedy is Persian powder or Buhact, which although not poisonous to man or beast, is fatal to insects. It should be blown upon them by a powder gun as it kills by penetrating their breathing pores or trachea.

—Farmers cannot control the rainfall, but they can at least mitigate the effects of drought to a certain extent by the proper preparation and cultivation of the soil. It is a well-known fact that when the soil is kept in a loose, fine, friable condition, it not only absorbs moisture from the atmosphere, especially at night, but allows of the downward course of the water during showers instead of a loss by flowing off. A loose, deep soil also permits an upward tendency of water by capillary attraction, the loose soil thus storing moisture by greater power of absorption when rains are abundant. We, therefore, find, in time of severe drought, that the frequent use of the cultivator, even when the soil apparently does not require working, is very beneficial the green tinge of the growing corn giving evidence that the constant stirring of the soil enables the crop to derive a certain proportion of moisture that it would not otherwise obtain. The leaves of the plants give off moisture very rapidly. When we sprinkle a plant with water the moisture is not absorbed by the leaves, as many suppose, but it arrests, temporarily the rapid evaporation that constantly takes place, which is greatest when the season is very warm. We may safely compare a growing plant to a pump, which brings the moisture from below and discharges it from the leaves. The moisture is collected by the roots, which spread in every direction, and the amount of moisture given off in a day by a plant, as corn, for instance, is very great. We cannot, of course, water a field of corn, but we can at least lessen the amount of water which it gives off. The warmer the soil the more active the plant in search of moisture. Among the agencies used for assisting to retain moisture is plaster, which absorbs moisture to a certain degree from the atmosphere. Any material that serves as a mulch will impart great benefit to a growing crop, not only by preventing the evaporation of moisture from the soil, but also keeping the earth cool. The only method known, however, for securing the largest proportion of moisture is, as stated, the deep, constant and thorough pulverization of the soil. There is another fact to be considered. Weeds and grass also give off moisture, and every weed that grows by the side of a plant intended for cropping deprives the desired plans of moisture. Sometimes the weed or blade of grass requires more moisture than the plant, and flourishes, while the plant dies. Clean cultivation, therefore, prevents the robbery of the plant of moisture by destroying weeds and grass. As two plants of the same kind growing together are rivals, the one struggling against the other for supremacy in procuring food and moisture, we should be cautious not to have too many plants to the hill. When danger occurs during drought, as happens nearly every summer, the rules should be to thin out every plant that can be spared in order that the stronger and more thrifty may have better opportunities to mature. A clean surface and deep tillage will often save a crop that otherwise might be lost during a dry season.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The world is hard on women. It is not sufficient for her to be estimable, she must be esteemed; it is not enough for her to be beautiful, she must be amiable. Her happiness and chances in life will depend more on her reputation than on her conduct.

"Sunbursts" of pure white or golden yellow are embroidered on the front of a smart blouse of mignonette green linen. There is a box pleat down the middle of the front, and this shows three sunbursts, spaced beneath one another. There are two on each side of the box pleat, arranged as a yoke. The collarband shows three in a row. There is one on each wristband. The sunbursts start with a small hoop or ring, which is crocheted until covered with white embroidery silk, or it may simply be buttonholed over and over. Then the ring is basted in place and the needle woman begins to take her long stitches, radiating from the ring like rays of sunlight. The embroidery must be accurately done, and the rays should be worked to look approximately even. The sunbursts may be embroidered separately on wristbands, collarband and central box pleat. The embroidery on the yoke, each side of the box pleat, must be done directly on the finished blouse fronts.

Fall fashions indicate that flared flounces will advance in favor as well as in number. Tucking will figure in heavy cloths as it has in chiffons. Stunning Norfolk suits in heavy black and white checks are among the new walking suits. Cream appliques are still to figure on black lace. Black braiding on white cloth trims dark cloth costumes effectively. Pendant effects are to be a part of handsome braid trimmings. A number of straw hats are being sold for fall wear, but it takes a very stylish woman to carry one off after the snow flakes. Pleated skirts in the different styles are being made up. Velvet strappings will adorn some of the less severe tailor costumes. The blue and green fad is likely to break out again in the shape of Scotch plaids.

How about your duck and linen suits? Have you enough to carry you through the summer? If you haven't make a duck suit like this: Have the skirt cut to flare, finish the bottom with some Cluny insertion, an inch and a half wide, set in between two bias folds of duck embroidered with black dots the size of a dime.

Have a blouse with a wide and rather full sailor collar with a row of Cluny inset between embroidered folds of duck and slash the sleeves from the insertion of Cluny, bordering the slashed places with folds embroidered in black. If you cannot get the embroidered duck get duck that is polka dotted in black and use it for a trimming, or, if you prefer, black duck polka dotted with white. A white linen or duck hat should be worn with a dress of this kind, or you may wear a straight-brimmed old-fashioned sailor draped with a long veil of black chiffon embroidered with white.

Nearly all of the late summer gowns show the new yoke effect in the skirt. This gives a decided smart appearance to the gown. These yokes will be much used in all fall dresses. Especially it is suited to the crepe de chine voile and soft, clinging materials, that will be so much the vogue. Yokes are becoming to the stout person, and when shirred or elaborately tucked gives a far better figure to the very thin woman.

Many of these yokes are made of lace. These have applique on them. Others are ornamented with rows of insertion. A much better effect is gained by having the yoke cut deeper in front and very much narrower in the back. A figured foulard silk is very pretty made with strips of plain taffeta set in the yoke and bodice. A much better effect is produced this way than if the foulard alone be used.

A little olive or cocoanut oil is useful in promoting the growth of the eyebrows and eyelashes. As to the eyes themselves they need a daily bath in warm water; once a week a weak solution of salt water is used for washing the eyes.

In getting ready for college the girl has to begin early, in order to get her thousand and one belongings in readiness for transportation.

All of the chief things, the clothes, hats, shoes and class books, do not, indeed, allow themselves to be forgotten, but there are dozens of lesser things upon which the college girl's happiness will, to a large extent depend.

Every girl going to college is determined, like her brother, to make a record in athletics, and so must think about the toggery she must get together in order to do this.

There is, first of all, the "gym" suit, with its bloomers and skirted blouse of light weight flannel in the color prescribed by her college, but this is not required for gymnasium only, but for all games on the campus and the river.

Basketball is played bareheaded, but a Rough Rider hat is a good fall hat for golf and general utility, and a visor cap is jaunty also. A red waist and short skirt are essentials of the outfit, and a Norfolk jacket in some stylish gray or brown cloth, will be found a great standby.

Though, of course, a girl wishes to take some pretty gowns for evening wear, when invited out to the homes of her college mates, or to attend the many entertainments given in the course of the year by the various Greek letter fraternities, or "frats" as they are called in college lingo, it is considered bad taste to dress very expensively while a student, and valuable ornaments and jewelry are left at home.

Laced shoes with broad soles and common sense heels are the only sort fit for outdoor sports, and a corded underwaist, instead of a corset, is best for exercising in.

Some very useful things which the girl, who is preparing for her first year at college should not forget, are a hot water bag, of rubber, and a flannel one, in which to enclose it. This is invaluable in attacks of neuralgia or a chill, and ought to go in every outfit.

Besides this, there are lots of other bags to be counted in—a laundry bag, a linen one lined with oiled silk for the sponges one for a duster and a ball of cord and one called a "comfort bag containing a little of everything.

But the dearest fad with the college girl is her room, each trying to outdo the others in individuality, though there is not as much difference in them, to an outsider's eye, than their owners, seek to make. Each girl can, though, give her own touch to her room with her cherished photographs, posters, pillows and dressing table silver—but the craze for innumerable pieces is on the wane.

Galvanized iron pails for drinking water should not be used. The zinc coating is rapidly acted upon by the water, forming a poisonous oxide of zinc.

Illiterates of the Civilized World.

It appears that in education the three Slav countries, Roumania, Servia and Russia, are the least civilized. In these countries the number of those who cannot read or write is in the percentage of 80 for every hundred of population. Among the Latin races, Spain has the least enviable record, namely, 65 for every hundred, next comes Italy, with 48 to 100. In Hungary, the proportion is 43 to 100. In Austria, 39, in Ireland 21, in Holland 10 and in England, 8. The white population of the United States counts 8 to 100 and Scotland 7. The countries purely German show a remarkable reduction in the number of the illiterate, the German empire having but one illiterate to every 100 of population. In Bavaria, and above all, in Baden and Wurtemberg, there are scarcely any. In Scandinavia, homo ignorants is a species that has entirely disappeared.

Opium Curse in China.

The statement that a German firm has offered the Chinese government $15,000,000 annually for the exclusive ights to sell opium throughout the empire is significant for the evidence it affords of the hold which the opium curse has upon the Chinese people. It is quite as consistent for the Germans to secure a monopoly of this miserable stuff in the future as it was for the English to force it upon China in the first place, but in neither case is the transaction creditable to a professedly Christian nation. The use of $15,000,000 worth of opium per year will go far toward offsetting all the good that all the missionary forces of other nations can do in China, and the fact that a traffic in the drug of such dimensions can be carried on successfully, is not a hopeful augury for the future of the Celestial Empire.

Her Prayer.

Representative Lamb, of Virginia, tells a good story about a little girl who lives in Petersburg and is just four and a half years old. She kneels every night at her mother's knee and after reciting the Lord's Prayer silently adds a little prayer of her own. One night, her mother, rather curious' asked her daughter what she had told the Lord. "Mamma," said the youngster "I asked the Lord to please remove that mole on your face, but," added the little one, "I also told the Lord that I thought the mole had come to stay."

A Precocious Diplomatist.

Boy--Oh, mamma, I upset the salt cellar over my clean clothes.

Mamma—That was careless. Go and brush the salt off, and see you don't soil the clothes.

"But, mamma, when anyone spills salt they have a quarrel, don't they?"

"So they say."

"Well, then, if they don't spill the salt they don't have a quarrel. Isn't that so?"

Yes, that is so. But why do you ask?"

"Well, because, mamma, it wasn't the salt I spilt; it was the ink."

Small Nail Saves Brakeman's Life.

Seized with vertigo while standing on a box car in the middle of a train that was running at high speed, Charles Mahar, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman, of Renova, swooned and fell, rolling to the edge of the car roof.

Just as he seemed to fall to an awful death, his clothing caught on a projecting nail and held him until his predicament was discovered by the firemen, who spied the unfortunate fellow dangling by the side of the car, and assisted him to safety.

Death List Increasing

Five bodies were found in the ruins of the Jessup & Moore Paper Co's. digesting rooms at Wilmington, Del., Friday bringing the number of known dead up to 16. The bodies found were those of Wm. Ruth, E. N. Mousley, Bernard Sweeney, Wm. Scott and Joseph Henry. Joel Hutton, who was a fireman in the digesting room, and was in the building when the explosion occurred, is the only employe now missing. The injured in the hospital will recover.

Fell 1,200 Feet and Lives.

At the Homer fair at Danville, Ill., Friday afternoon, 12,000 people saw the aeronaut L. W. Sartell, of Fairwell, Mich., fall 1,200 feet. When he cut loose from his balloon his parachute failed to open. His feet were driven into the earth six inches, and there was a compound fracture of both legs. He may recover. Sartell's wife was killed two months ago by a fall from a balloon near Cairo, Ill., the parachute refusing to open.

Opinions Differ.

"Men are like wagons," remarked the man who dispenses aphorisms. "They make the most noise when empty."

"Your trolley is off the wire," rejoined the contrary person. "A man makes the most noise when he's full."—*Chicago News.*

New Skin on His Leg Necessary.

Roy DeHass, who had the flesh of his leg badly torn some time ago by being run over by a car on the branch road of the brick works at Beech Creek, was brought to the Lock Haven hospital Friday. A skin grafting operation, it is believed, will be necessary.

St. Helena.

St. Helena is a great place for caves and hills. Geographically speaking, the island is largely if not wholly volcanic, and a lot of extinct craters are apparent. Some of the pinnacles have queer names, such as Lot's Wife, the Man and Horse, the Asses' Ears and Holdfast Tom.

——In August we get after the borers in the orchard. We find them by the wood dust around the stem of the tree. We go after them with a sharp knife and a small wire. If we do not get the job done in August, we do it in September, says the Farm Journal.

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An Ostrich to Race at Lycoming Fair.

The Big Bird Will be Only One of Several Prominent Attractions.

The Lycoming fair this year, which will be held on Sept. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, promises to be one of the best ever held in the city since the organization of the association. Arrangements are about completed, and the line of entertainment will will be an especially interesting one. As for horse racing, there will be something decidedly fast. The association offers $4,800 in purses, which will attract the fast horses traveling on the Lake Erie and the other circuits. In view of the fact that the local fair will follow the Punxsutawney and Hornellsville fairs, the field of horses will be unusually large. In the free-for-all race the purse is $600.

One of the features of the fair, and which will prove a big drawing card, will be "Oliver W," the racing ostrich. This is a wonder, and hitched to a vehicle he will "go" in races with fast horses. The ostrich has a public record of one minute and four seconds for one-half mile. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept 2nd, he will take part in one race, and on Wednesday and Thursday he will race two horses each day. On Friday he will take part in only one race.

The fair association has secured half fares from all towns within a radius of seventy-five miles.

Starved Amidst Plenty.

Woman to Proud too Tell of Her Impoverished Condition.

Mrs. Sarah Schumacher, aged seventy years, was found dead in her room in Baltimore late Friday night and her daughter Martha was wandering in a half-crazed condition about the lower floor of their bome.

Coroner Jones said that Mrs. Schumacher had died from starvation. Martha Schumacher said she and her mother were too proud to tell any one of their impoverished condition and that for several days neither had a meal.

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