-The care given fruit trees this season practically determines the product next.

-The object of a mulch is to prevent evaporation of moisture from the soil. Lit-ter of any kind—chips, straw, earth or stones-will answer.

-When soils are partially abandoned because of the expense of restoring them by the purchase of fertilizers, the farmer has at his command the opportunities of green manures. The old system of farming was for a year or two, by not compelling it to to our neighbor. produce a crop.

-Sheep cannot be crowded. In winter, after they can no longer find anything on the fields, it is better to keep the flook in the enclosure, allowing an open shed for shelter, but the floor of the shed should be kept clean. Fifty sheep in one flock is better than to have too many. Several small flocks will thrive where success cannot be obtained with one large flock. Merinos and Southdown can be kept in larger flocks than Oxfords, Cotswolds or other large

-Occasionally the grass under some trees will be green, while under others it is nearly dead, or yellow, showing sparse growth.
The difference may be due to the plowing.
If an orchard is deeply plowed its feeding roots will be below the grass, but if barely stirred, then the tree roots come to the surface and take both food and moisture from the grass. Such is the theory, but whether true or not, the grass under trees is best where the land has been plowed deep.

-It is claimed that if all the manure from one cow could be saved, without loss of liquids or solids, provided the food given was of the best quality, the cost of the cow would be reduced every year, as the land would produce more each season. Two cows could not eat the food off a piece of land that now supplies only one, if all the refuse from the cow could be returned to the plot, but the manuae must be carefully managed and be made from varied foods.

-Cottonseed oil is a wholesome food for men and animals. Mixed with grain mash it is a remedy for certain bowel difficulties of stock, It is largely used by the people of this country as an adulterant of lard, and it is really a much better food than lard. Prejudices against it as an 'oil' has prevented many from purchasing it, yet the people pay more for it as lard than they would have to expend if they bought it under its correct name. If the prejudice against cottonseed "oil" could be overcome the price of lard would decline.

-Bees should be kept at a temperature ranging from 42 to 45 degrees above zero, and the hives should be dry. The light should be excluded as much as possible, and the hives should not be exposed to sudden changes of temperature. An ample supply of honey should be left for the support of the bees during the winter. It is not nec- your low coiffure. essary to put the hives under shelter until

-It is well enough to lay down the rule that ten pounds of corn will make one lb. of pork, but rules may not give the results expected unless under certain conditions. Some breeds of hogs will produce more pork on the same food than others, and even with a selected breed there will be individual animals that will increase more rapidly than others. In the winter season, if the hogs are exposed, 20 or 30 pounds of corn may be required to make a pound of pork. Care and management are important as well as breed and food.

-When carrots or turnips are stored outside they cannot always be reached when desired for use, and it will therefore be advantageous to store them in bins in a dry cellar. If packed in perfectly dry sawdust, oats, corn or even dry earth, they will keep well and can be taken out of the bins at any time. It is the alternate freezing and thawing that damages all root crops stored away in winter, but as the packing material keeps them all at even temperature this liability is avoided. The oats or corn used for the purpose will not be injured and may be fed while using the roots in the bin.

-There are very few women who under-stand how to make good, sweet butter, and some of them do not even know when their butter is of a poor quality, says Mrs. Cor-delia Hutchin in Farm and Home. Then, again, there are others who know they are not a success at the business and are careless as to detail. Mrs. A. will wash and scald her pans or crocks and air her churn thoroughly each time she uses it and bring her cream to the right temperature by us ing a thermometer; but, after all, her but-ter lacks the right flavor. She does not understand why her butter is not as good as Mrs. Stone's. Another housewife. Mrs. B., takes pride in keeping her milk utensils in perfect order and cleanliness, and yet her butter does not bring as good a price as that of her neighbor, Mrs. Stone. If Mrs. A and Mrs. B would just stand

five minutes in the doorway leading to their cellars, where they keep their milk pans, as well as the winter vegetables, they would soon realize the cause of their trouble—rotting apples, potatoes, cabbage, on-ions, turnips, each throwing off its own pe-culiar odor; together with perhaps several cans of fruit, with their contents oozing out. Is it any wonder the butter made from the milk has all kinds of flavors except the one it should have?

So many people in the country keep their milk in the cellar, along with their supply of fruits and vegetables. It is a very bad practice, for it is impossible to keep milk from becoming tainted by the foul atmosphere where vegetables are kept. All cel-lars are more or less damp, causing a musty smell that will affect milk in an unpleasant manner. Milk and butter are among the easiest things in the world to be tainted. The only way to prevent their becoming tainted is to keep the air where they are kept pure by good ventilation and cleanli-

Keeping milk in the kitchen is not a good thing to do, as the milk absorbs the odor arising from cooking, and there is always more or less smell about a kitchen no matter how cleanly it may be. The very walls become filled with the steam arising from the cooking of cabbage, onions, etc. In these days, when so much is said about bacteria, who knows but that disease and death may be carried in the butter we put upon in lively hues. Wings and fancy feathers the table?

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Fabric belts are far and away in the lead this autumn, although leather belts will be seen occasionally, especially with the severely plain walking skirt.

I have come to the conclusion, writes Madame Qui Vive, that it is impossible to say this or that or the other skirt is the fashion favored shape. Ever so many different ideas are equally modish just now. I heard some one say the other day, "Plain skirts seem quite demode." It is nonsense Plain skirts are no more demode than pleated ones; the best tailors and dress-makers are making both, and, as well as plain and pleated skirts, skirts flounced either round the base or of the three decker build. In fact, we wear the shape of skirt to recuperate the soil by allowing it to rest | that suits us and without studied reference

> You cannot have too many fancy collars just now. Why, one young lady said she had over three dozen of these collars in her trunk and every one was prettier than the other. "And it isn't an extravagance at that," said this wise young miss. "I have four plain silk waists and about a dozen white ones. And one woman actually said she thought I must have about 50, because she never saw me wear the same one twice. But I had worn them several times, of course, and I took pains to have different kinds of neck pieces every day." Now this is the case with more than one young lady of your acquaintance. She freshens up a waist with some fancy neckwear, and is able to make her associates believe she has a much larger

variety than she actually has. For the girl who wants to play golf, tennis or indulge in any kind of sports, there is nothing so appropriate as the mannish effects. The linen collars and stocks are somewhat changed this year. The linen collars are very much lower than last sum-mer, and the turn down effects are the favorites. With these are worn dark silk ties, exactly like those worn by the men, or those having hemstitched ends. The narrow four-in-hands are quite new. Many have the ends embroidered in some design or with the initials of the wearer.

Among the stocks, those of fancy white madras, cheviot and other materials of this order are the most favored. Some of these are embroidered on the ends with the emblems of golf, tennis, ping-pong or with college flags. A few pretty striped ones are being worn, but white takes the lead.

Although the large lay down collars are seen very much at the seaside and mountain resorts, many women will not wear this kind of neckwear in the city or when they are dressed. They think for occasions of this kind a high collar is more appropriate.

If you are in doubt as to the way to wear your hat, with the low coiffure, or with the high, then make yourself a bow, which you must wear at the back of your neck. Let it be of black satin lined with velvet, or vice versa.

Make up the bow so that it has four loops, a wind mill bow is very good; let the loops point in four directions; run a hairpin through the back and stick the pin into

The Holland bow is excellent, and, as winter approaches, and if the colony in each the name suggests, it bears a Hollandese hive is not strong it will be of but little type. It is made of Delft blue satin. There service until it recovers in the spring. Too much warmth in winter is not conducive to longer than the other two, and from the front the two long loops are visible. They are set out at each side of the head and rather frame the face.

The face frame is one of the most conspicuous things of this summer's fashions. The hair is dressed wide at the side and the hat trimmings are arranged to give breadth to the head. This calls also for a coiffure that is low, so as to form a setting for the back of the head, the neck and the ears, The wide hair bow accentuates this effect,

for the loops show at the side. If you doubt the becomingness of the face frame, stand in front of your mirror and try both methods. Arrange your hair once very smoothly, drag it back from your face and put on you hat plainly, without any attempt at the little ornamentations which

are so noticeable in the season's fashions. Now look at yourself and see how trying the style is. If you have defects, they are brought out, and your face looks hard in outline, for there is nothing to frame your

To prevent shoes and boots squeaking put a few drops of oil with a small oil can round the shoe between the uppers and

Stop cracks in walls with plaster of Paris. but mix it with vinegar and not with wa-The reason of this is that it sets too quickly to be easily manipulated if mixed with water, but with vinegar it forms a putty like paste which will remain soft for about half an hour, finally becoming very hard.

To perfume the breath dissolve one dram of borax in two ounces of rose water or pure distilled water. Bottle and gradually one half onnce of tincture of myrrh, shaking well between the additions. If the mouth is rinsed with this occasionally a delicious faint scent is given to the breath.

The fashion of fastening a very large bow of ribbon on the left side of the corsage now seems to be universal. Ribbon three inches wide is often used in making these big round choux. Rosettes formed of narrow loops of velvet are joined by two or three drooping strands of the ribbon. These, severally fastened in a suitable position, give a pretty finish to the loose fronted or pouched bodices which are still in high fa-

The chief thing in pianoforte playing is a well developed intellect, as it lights and leads the will in all its efforts after excellence. After the mind grasps the intention of a composer, then, and not until then, is it ready to guide the will of the performer, while the will, by intelligent practice, turns this conscious knowledge into faculty or skill. Persons who exert the will without this exact knowledge as a preliminary basis, simply waste energy and accomplish little or nothing of educational value. Here is the chief stumbling block met in the ordinary practice. A moderate amount of energy used by an enlightened mind accomplishes wonders in a short time.

winter millinery, and among these roses, dahlias and nuphars are favorites. With these appear beautiful velvet foliage tinted are less favored.

Simple Remedies of Practical Value. Cut This Out and Reserve For Future Use.

Belts with stocks to match are much Vinegar and salt will clean the black rust

off sheet-iron frying pans, but they should be thoroughly scoured afterwards with sand and soap.

The gypsies have an odd cure for rheu-

matism, and as it is cheap and utterly harmless it will not hurt to try it. They carry a good-sized piece of brimstone in the pocket, and warrant it to cure the worst A simple cement for broken china o

earthenware is made of powdered quicklime, sifted through a coarse muslin bag over the white of an egg.

Ink spots may be taken out of wood by

a mixture of oxalic acid and water rubbed on with a cloth. When it becomes necessary to wash the baby carriage put a tablepoonful of salt into lukewarm water and use this in con-nection with sand soap and a small scrubbing brush. The salt prevents the reeds

from turning yellow.

Add a little salt to stove polish and it will not rub off so easily. A teaspoonful of powdered alum mixed in it gives a fine

When dampening clothes for ironing, the water should be as hot as the hand can bear. It is not necessary to use so much water as it is when the water is cold. To wash wicker chairs when soiled, use

strong brine. Ribbons and silks should be put away in brown paper, as the chloride of lime used in manufacturing whi e paper produces dis

For cleaning tinware there is nothing better than dry flour applied with a newspaper. First wash in hot soapsuds, wipe thoroughly dry and then scour with the flour and a well-crumpled paper. Boots and shoes may be rendered per-

manently waterproof by soaking them for some hours in thick soap water. A fatty acid is forced in the leather by the soap which makes it impervious to water. Leather satchels may be cleaned with a sponge dipped in warm water, in which a little oxalic acid has been dissolved.

George A. Jenks is Ill. Removed from Station to Pittsburg Hotel-Was With His Daughter.

George A. Jenks, ex-solicitor general of the United States, and candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket, in the last State campaign, arrived in Pittsburg Friday evening, intending to go on to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Shiveley, wife of ex-Congressman Shiveley, of Indiana, but at the Union station, when about to board the train for the West, was overcome with weakness and had to be removed to the Seventh Avenue Hotel, where he was im mediately attended by the house physician, Dr. Miller.

At a late hour Friday night Mr. Jenks was said to be resting easy, and to be hopeful of resuming his journey Saturday morning. It wassaid by Mrs. Shiveley, however, who has been spending the summer at her girlhood home, that her father has suffered frequently from spells of great weakness lately, and she was apprehensive that he would not long survive the effect of his fast failing physical powers, due to old age and persistent legal work, which it has been impossible to persuade him to relinquish.

Mr. Jenks is now past 70 years old, and while his mental powers are as brilliant and acute as ever, he is said to be failing fast, physically. He is a member of a noted family of lawyers, nearly all of whom have been at some time or other chosen to preside over the court of his native county, Jefferson, and his clientele has embraced litical principles, which have always been consistently and aggressively Democratic.

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