

FARM NOTES.

Salt and sulphur should always be kept where fattening cattle can get at them.

The properties of sunflower seed are peculiar, and a small quantity fed at the proper time will essentially aid in imparting to the plumage of adult fowls a gloss that no other grain will produce.

Cat of asparagus tops close to the ground and burn them. Then broadcast rotten manure until the soil is completely covered. This treatment will help to prevent the rust next year and to insure an early growth of grass. A spring dressing of nitrate of soda will be an additional help.

Stable Sanitation—Whitewash will kill and hold all germs with which it comes in contact. It has the effect of making the barn or enclosure lighter and much more wholesome for the animals contained in it. Whitewash can be put on with a good spray pump made for that purpose, or with a brush. On rough walls, the material should be very thick, especially for the first coat. The interior of any building sprayed several times during the season will be much less liable to spread germs in the milk and other substances.

Saving Seed Corn that will Grow—I have never in all the years that I have saved seed corn, failed to get an excellent stand. I always wait until I start to husking corn for cribbing, which is about October 20th. Then I either have a box fitted to the dashboard of the wagon, or else use the front end of the wagon box. Whenever I find a dry ear that suits my idea of what a good ear of corn should be, I put it in to the box or throw it into the front end of the wagon. At noon and at night I pick out the selected corn as I am shoveling the load into the crib. This I put away and keep dry. I always take it into the house, where I have an extra room that is used for storing odds and ends. If it is thoroughly dry I cord it up against the partition wall, but if it is not dry I lay it down in a pile on the floor, and give the room good ventilation during the day. In a good dry cellar that never got damp, I have taken lath and tacked to the joists. I placed the corn on the laths close up against the floor.

Every grain grew. I find my plan far better and much less work than going through before husking time, for then corn has to be hung up and dried before putting away for winter. Our corn field will show what my plan will do for I always have an excellent stand. I am aware that there are years when corn will grow if taken direct from the crib. But no one can tell that year is at hand. I always want to know that there is to be no replanting. I am always sure that I have seed corn that will grow.—American Agriculturist.

The hygienic measures to be observed in the management of animals during gestation are in general those which prevail always irrespective of this condition. But besides these general principles there are a few particular precautions to be attended to in order that this period may be safely and successfully passed. These precautions are all the more necessary as the period of birth approaches. Too much nursing and pampering by removing animals further from their natural condition, is unnecessary and likely to do more harm than good.

With those animals which are employed in labor, as the mare, it is well not to work them severely, nor fatigue them much and particularly as pregnancy is advanced. On the other hand, absolute repose is pernicious. Exercise is most beneficial, for the most difficult cases of parturition generally occur among those animals to which this is denied.

The pregnant mare will accomplish ordinary and accustomed work, particularly if it be slow, without any harm and perhaps benefit until the eighth or ninth month, when more care must be observed, but moderate exercise should always be allowed up until the period of parturition. Harness is preferable to saddle work for pregnant mares, and fast trotting, galloping, jumping, traveling over broken ground, or severe and sudden exertions injures or shocks of any kind are to be avoided. In fact, all extremes should be guarded against. If the animal must be employed for riding, the spurs should not be used, because the sudden contraction of the abdominal muscles which their application induces may lead to abortion. Should the animal not be employed at moderate work, then it ought to be regularly exercised, or turned into a yard provided with shelter from inclement weather.

The food of pregnant animals is an important consideration and they should be well fed. The appetite is generally increased and there is a tendency to fatten. This should be guarded against. This precaution is more to be observed in the second than in the first half of pregnancy, when the food should be plentiful but not in excess, and flesh more abundant than fat. The food should be of good quality, very nutritive, easy of digestion and not likely to induce constipation. Indigestion should be carefully guarded against and unaccommodated, hard, damp, bulky, moldy, fermentable or otherwise hurtful foods should be avoided.

Grazing on level pasture lands is favorable to pregnant animals, for the reason that they take their own exercise and breathe purer atmosphere than that of stables and sheds. The water should be pure and plentiful at all times. Never allow pregnant animals to drink very cold or ice water, nor eat food at a low temperature. Frozen food, as roots or grass, covered with white frost, should be withheld.

Cleanliness above all things should be rigorously observed. All animals within a week or two of parturition should be kept apart in a clean, well ventilated, roomy apartment, with a fair supply of litter. Stables, sheds and loose boxes should have wide doors to prevent injury while passing through. Stalls and floors should be as level as possible. If the inclination backward be at all marked there is danger of prolapsus of the vagina and eversion of the uterus.

When the above precautions have been observed, and the bowels are moving freely, it is rare that anything requires to be done, except allow the animal perfect quiet. A trusty person may remain with it to avert accidents, but he should usually keep out of sight and meddle with the animal as little as possible, unless something irregular or abnormal occurs. Should anything wrong occur, no unqualified person should venture to attempt to deliver the animal. The veterinary surgeon should be sent for, as his knowledge and skill will usually bring a difficult or protracted labor to a prompt termination. This appeal to the veterinarian is not usually made until the owner, servants or neighbors have done serious damage.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The vogue of the bertha has brought the old-fashioned round, low neck into favor again as the popular shape for the neck of a low cut gown.

Soft cloths or bodies of beaver are used in creating very stylish hats, as they can be bent into any shape desired.

Horizontal effects are much more preferred this season for skirt garniture than the up and down styles. This applies particularly to tufts.

Fruits are much favored in the millinery world, especially grapes.

Tapestry wall papers are having quite an extended vogue this season, but much care should be exercised in their selection, for while some are very effective others are quite the reverse. The verdure kinds, combining blue and green and the dull brown, are usually the most satisfactory. Friezes as wall finishes are now quite passe; the paper runs up to an angle moulding of wood finished like the woodwork of the room and put in at the angle of the wall and ceiling.

French knots play a very prominent part on gowns. They add such an exquisite finish. On lines of narrow velvet they are particularly effective. Black and white are the usual favorite. For the most part they are small. Great care should be taken that they are of even size and planted an equal distance apart.

Turquoise and coral beads, with the accent on the latter, form the Frenchy touch noticed on the imported gowns. A narrow band of black velvet worn around the neck dotted with beads of the same or graduating in size, promises to grace many pretty throats. French brilliant buttons are also used for the same purpose and are very effective.

Long haired sibelines and white flecked wools are the leading novelties in materials, but though there is nothing whatsoever original about it, the smart woman is always more or less faithful to the fine-face cloth, which always looks well, and drapes so perfectly. Shot cloths and chine wools are new, but we can imagine them being somewhat tiring to live with; after all plain materials are most elegant and form the best background. Not that the background is very much seen, for embroideries and appliques are used to such an extent that very little can be seen of the material on which they rest. Woolen guipures, Persian and Russian embroideries, braids and guipures are all employed as trimming and above all dangling tassels and long pendant fringes.

Broad shoulders are going out of fashion, so it is said, and its to be the sloping shoulders now. The sleeve has a drooping effect. The shoulder is cut very long. The sleeve is sewed in with little or no fullness and the seam turned inside the armhole against the waist, and in this way the drooping effect is increased. Sleeves are growing larger and larger from the elbow to the wrist. The double effect is pronounced, and the more elaborate the sleeves the better.

As for trimmings, it is to be a season of trimmings. Big buttons and little buttons will be seen. Silk passementeries, especially in the new drop effect, will be a favorite trimming, and passementerie and jet in what is known as the macaron ornament is a novelty of the season. Spangled trimmings combined with jet beads are seen in many artistic designs.

White felt hats, trimmed with white and green wings or with soft panne rosettes in many shades, are extremely popular, and for country wear russet leaves with berries or trails of ivy with mistletoe or snow berries, are very fashionable.

Marks left by hot dishes of food on a highly polished dining table may be removed by using equal parts of linseed oil and alcohol rubbed on the stains.

Camphor is a good all-around agent for restoring varnish. When rubbed over blistered or whitened spots it will bring back much of the former luster.

To keep a dining room table in a good, well polished condition, a famous hostess recommends that it be rubbed once a week with a mixture of one ounce of spirits of turpentine and one ounce of olive oil, applied with a piece of soft flannel. Turpentine is largely used in these varnish restorers. In some cases a clean, dry cloth will encourage the luster and practically wipe away that queer dust film that clings to highly polished surfaces.

For ink spots try nitre. Take one teaspoonful of water and six drops of nitre, dip a feather (any chicken feather will do) applying it to the spot. As soon as the ink goes away, rub with a damp cloth to remove the nitre, which, if not absorbed, will leave behind a white spot. A saturated solution of oxalic acid is sometimes used for the same purpose.

Where there are children in the house finger marks are a likely occurrence; apply olive oil to a soft rag and touch the spots. Do not put the oil directly on the table, but on the cloth as stated above.

This same precaution applies to all methods of removing spots or polishing. Apply a little at a time, work in effectively, putting the liquid upon the cloth, never on the bare surface. Do not attempt to clean with water; the varnish immediately loses its luster, becoming cloudy. For unvarnished woods use kerosene.

A good furniture polish is made of equal parts of linseed oil, vinegar and alcohol well mixed together. Those who have tried it say that it is most satisfactory. One cloth should be used for applying and a dry one for rubbing it in the wood. Never pour on the mixture too generously—a little will go a great way.

While on the subject of polishing here is a good one that will keep hard stained floors in excellent condition. Cut eight ounces of beeswax into small pieces, adding two quarts of spirits of turpentine and one quart of venetian turpentine. When the beeswax is dissolved the mixture may be boiled for use. Use soft flannel when applying.

Stiff neckwear should take the place of the little sheer collars and cuffs—in Paris all the well dress women are wearing stiff things even with the most elaborate waists. The collars, some of them, turn down the whole depth; others are only deep enough to form a turnover. Cuffs are deeper—2 and 3 inches now.

With the turnover collars, women are wearing four-in-hands tied in a new fashion. After the knot is tied the end is brought up under the collar and down outside again, covering up all the white of the collar.

Henry Phipps, Philanthropist.

This New Yorker puts up Cash to Start a Clinic for Poor Consumptives and Promises to Keep it Going

Through the philanthropy of Henry Phipps, a New York man, but a native Pennsylvanian, Philadelphia is to have a clinic for the treatment of poor consumptives. Mr. Phipps is very much interested in charitable work of any kind and when he heard, through Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, 736 Pine street, president of the Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives, that Philadelphia was in need of a clinic he immediately gave \$5000 for the purpose of securing suitable quarters for a clinic and said he would give enough money every year to support the institution.

The Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives, which has the plans for the clinic in charge, and has accepted the offer of Mr. Phipps has already taken steps to secure quarters for the officers and dispensary of the clinic. While the exact site of the building has not yet been made known, it is understood that it will be in some district populated mostly by the poorer classes. Mr. Phipps stated to the society in charge of the work that he will give more money if it is necessary. The cost of the maintenance of such a clinic will be from \$3000 to \$4000 a year, all of which Mr. Phipps has promised to pay. He has long been identified with charitable work, and a few months ago gave \$100,000 for the aid of the widows of the Boers. He has also before given several thousand dollars to the Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives which is in operation at White Haven.

Bearded Woman Dead.

After toning the world for nearly all the 37 years of her life as "America's World's Wonder," Mrs. William Donovan, a bearded lady, who was attached to the Barnum & Bailey circus, died at her home in Brooklyn from consumption on Wednesday.

Throughout her career she had been attached to the Barnum & Bailey shows, beginning when she was 9 months old, so soon did hair appear upon her baby face. Her mother remained with her until she was 9 years old, but because of a number of other children in the family was compelled to leave her to her own resources. She had been married twice.

One of the most successful grape growers in the State is Henry M. Mayer, of Rohrerstown, Lancaster county. His vineyard is a small one—only eighty-four vines—but from that limited number marvelous results have been obtained. From a single vine he picked thirty bushels of grapes, weighing twenty-seven pounds, the bunch of Niagara weighed forty-eight ounces and many other bunches weighed from a pound and a half to two pounds. His vines are on horizontal wire trellis and occupy but a limited area.

J. H. Ego, of Douglassville, has a brood sow that gave birth to a litter of nine pigs, among the lot being one that had seven perfectly formed legs and two tails. It lived for several hours and has been placed in a jar of alcohol.

The largest pumpkins raised in Eastern Pennsylvania were raised by A. Groh, of Dale, and by John W. Seidel, of Lower Alsace. From two seeds Mr. Groh raised five pumpkins weighing 129, 117, 97, 88 and 83 pounds, respectively, the largest measuring 73 inches in circumference.

Patent Granted to Alleged Murderer. Invention of Pittsburg Youth Suspected of Slaughtering Family is Approved. Cauley Appears Sane.

Charles Cauley, the Homestead youth in jail under suspicion of having killed his mother, three sisters and two brothers with an axe, has received word that he has been granted a patent on a street car brake he perfected just before the tragedy.

His uncle, Patrick Boyle, conveyed the news to the young inventor, whose reason, it is supposed, was destroyed by close application to mechanics. Boyle said his nephew conversed intelligently about the patent, giving explicit directions for the protection of it, and talking sanely about his affairs.

Coroner Geary will not hold an inquest in the case until another sister, who is in the South Side hospital, in a critical condition, recovers or dies.

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