

FARM NOTES.

A lazy man would make a poor poultry man. Two small poultry runs are better than one large one.

Keep plenty of grit where the fowls can have access to it.

The best way to cure sickness among the hens is to prevent it.

Better not keep the male birds with the females during the moulting season.

Any fowls that are not to be carried through the winter should be sold now.

The smaller and more crowded the poultry quarters, the cleaner they must be kept.

Do not fall into the common error of thinking the poultry business can be mastered in a day.

The Ontario station has demonstrated that wheat and bran make a whiter flesh and corn a yellow one.

There is mighty little sickness among fowls which are properly housed and given the right kind of feed and attention.

Leaves should be thrown on the poultry house floor, not only because they afford scratching material in which the fowls can exercise, but also because they prevent draughts of air on the floor and assist in keeping the house warm.

During the winter aphides on house plants cause much annoyance, but with care and attention they may be destroyed.

Make a solution of an ounce of soap in a pint and a-half of water, adding a teaspoonful of ammonia water. Bottle and keep ready for use.

Mix a gill of the mixture with two gills of warm water and syringe the plants, again syringing with fresh warm water an hour after, in order to rinse the plants. Do this twice a week until the aphides are destroyed.

Mushrooms may be grown in a cellar and in boxes in a dark place, but it is better to make a bed, consisting of fine manure, with about one-fourth rich soil.

The manure should be allowed to heat and thoroughly decompose, when the spawn should be planted. A temperature of about 70 degrees will then be required.

As some experience is necessary, and many details must be explained, beginners should procure special books on the subject, which may be had of leading seedsmen.

Red clover and orchard grass ripen about the same time, timothy ripens about three weeks later.

As clover and timothy do not ripen together it will be worthy of an experiment to use orchard grass and clover on some soils.

Timothy and clover give the largest yields, however, and will be used in preference by the majority for that reason, though the two kinds (clover and timothy) would be more suitable if ripening at the same time.

Cows go dry from mismanagement more than from any other cause.

Irregularity of milking and failure to "strip" when milking will cause any cow to dry off.

The richest milk is the last drawn from the udder, and for that reason alone the dairyman should strip closely.

Changes of food, when made suddenly, will also cause the cows to fall off in yield, but in the winter the cause may also be due to extreme cold and insufficient shelter.

While in summer the use of netting in the windows, to protect the stables against the entrance of flies and other insects, will serve to prolong the milking period.

Mulching orchard trees with vegetable matter causes them to send out feeding roots near the surface.

Therefore it becomes necessary to continue to mulch, as plowing would interfere with the shallow root system.

Cover crops are necessary on rolling soils that are inclined to wash, but these crops should be cut and left on the ground, for to make hay of such crops is to rob the trees of what is due them.

We have long held the opinion that grass should never be grown in an orchard, and among grasses we include corn, sorghum and sugar cane.

Cow peas, vetches or clovers are better, and in such cases hay can be made, and the stubble and roots will repay to the trees more than they have taken away.

All such crops, however, should remain on the ground until cool weather in the fall, when shade is no longer needed by the soil.

Wild mustard is a bad plant when it obtains possession of a farm.

It often introduced through clover seed, but may get in through oats or other seeds.

Where not too abundant, the best means to eradicate it is by hand pulling, provided this is done before the seeds are ripe.

Another method of destroying mustard which has been widely recommended is the spraying of infested fields with a solution of blue-stone or copper sulphate.

This done before the mustard plants have reached a height of eight or nine inches. Two pounds of blue-stone to ten gallons of water are used.

Where neither of these methods is practicable a weeder or slant tooth harrow may be used to good advantage with grain crops.

It is not only safe, but of advantage to the crops. Two weedings should be given before the grain is seven or eight inches high.

American Agriculturist.

The burying of cabbage heads down and roots up is a mistake, although the custom is an old one.

When the heads are buried and the ground becomes frozen the cabbages are completely sealed up and cannot be used.

Later, as the ground thaws, the heads begin to rot, and a large proportion of them are lost from that cause.

The proper plan is to select a high loam, open a row with a one-horse plow, put the cabbages in, roots down and heads out, placing them close together, the heads slanting so as to turn water.

Next make another row, throwing the dirt on the roots of the cabbages in the first row.

When all the cabbages are put in they will be in a compact mass.

Place straw on the heads and boards on the straw to shed rain.

If preferred, the cabbages may be thus placed under a shed, and covered with straw.

If the roots are put in the ground and the heads out the cabbages will be alive, the stalks will give crops of sprouts for early greens in the spring, and not a head will rot while they may be cut off from the stalks at any time when wanted, whether the ground is frozen or not, by simply lifting the straw.

In fact, they will keep in such good condition as to begin growing in the spring, if not disturbed, in the effort to produce seed.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

One of the prettiest centre pieces that you can have for your Thanksgiving dinner is a common yellow pumpkin cut in two, length ways then cleaned out and used as a receptacle for the fruit that is to be served at the dinner.

The boy baby wears his white baby frocks until he is two years old. Then until he is three he may wear little knit dresses of gingham or linen, simply made to be easily washed.

The straight front corset still prevails. The short corset, however, is no longer a la mode. A corset is short either above or below the waist line.

Men's fine linen handkerchiefs have the initials worked in a fancy figure of some kind in one corner, separate small initials frequently, or there may be two small initials in a larger one.

Take three tablespoonfuls of flour, one heaping tablespoonful of mustard, and the white of one egg. Beat the egg thoroughly, stir in the mustard, and then put in gradually, little by little, the flour.

A well-known physician, speaking of headache from eye-strain, says that it is not readily recognized, perhaps, because it is of no special type.

At the beginning of the season came the announcement that rough stuffs and smooth stuffs would share the honors of the winter.

While a rouskin or dark Spanish leather screen is the most fashionable to accompany a dining room or library furnished in dark oak, it is entirely out of place in a Georgian room, where mahogany is used.

All walking and tailor costumes have skirts that just clear the ground and have no trains.

It is a different matter in the case of smart frocks. Certainly the skirts of these are not so long as they were, but they make it up in fullness and absolutely lie in folds around the feet.

Boodies have altered about as much as skirts have. Sleeves may, ere long, render fashion extremely ridiculous.

It often happens that the early modes of a season are exaggerated, to show the general tendency of fashion.

The bodice of to-day is tight-fitting, though elongated and pounced in the front and on the sides to give a long, falling off look, as though hooked on to the waist.

High collars with street gowns are de rigueur; these are mostly of the military order. They do not suit everyone, but many Parisians happily compromise the matter by not having a collar at all, simply substituting an easy neck and showing the fancy collar of the bodice worn underneath.

There is a decided fancy for white this season everyone is wearing it.

Some of the prettiest early winter millinery modes are the picture hats in felt and beaver of delicate tones.

Muffs are large this season, and rather slightly wadded which causes them to have somewhat of a flat appearance.

The Right to Arrest.

Supreme Court Hands Down an Opinion in an Interesting Case.

The supreme court session at Pittsburg on Monday morning handed down twenty opinions. One was especially interesting. It was the appeal of Charles Grether from a decision of theoyer and terminator court of Monroe county.

The opinion in the case of Charles Grether deals with the right of a private citizen to effect an arrest when officers of the law either fail to do their duty or are prevented from doing so.

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