

FARM NOTES.

Many farmers suppose that the so-called "flaxseeds" which are found in Oct. and Nov. at the base of the wheat stalk are the eggs of the Hessian fly, but this is a mistake.

The use of a pasture is considered by dairymen as the most economical mode of keeping cows, but an experiment made with six ordinary cows, of nearly equal capacity each, three of which were pastured and three fed by soiling, showed that where one acre of pasture produced 1779 pounds of milk, from which 82 pounds of butter were churned, one acre of soiling crops gave 4782 pounds of milk, from which was obtained 196 pounds of butter.

Diseases of plants in pots is sometimes due to accumulation of acid in the soil. Placing the plants in new, fresh earth is one of the remedies, but, as some plants will not bear removal, the use of hot water is resorted to. First stir the soil as deep as it can be done, and pour water at a temperature of 140 degrees on the earth in the pot until it runs off clear from the bottom.

At the beginning the water will be clear, then brown, then again clear. The sickly plants will be invigorated and will soon show evidences of improvement. Keep the plants in a warm location until the soil becomes somewhat dry again.

When a young calf is taken from its dam there is more or less difficulty in raising it. Some mistakes are usually made, the result being scours. The natural food of the calf is fresh, warm milk, and the milk given it after it is separated from the cow should be fresh and warm.

There is a growing tendency to make reforms in the dairies, and there is no department on the farm which demands more consideration than the present methods of handling both cows and their milk. It is claimed that there is more filth and less care in dairying than in almost any other occupation.

The ordinary dairymen injures his business and loses profit by purchasing fresh cows from other parties. Some of them will sell a good cow as soon as she becomes dry and buy one in her place that is fresh, but which may be much inferior to the one sold.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

As the time draws near for gift giving one often finds that nothing so completely adapts itself to the purpose intended as some little hand-made gift that supplies some need, real or fancied, of the person who is to receive it.

Especially are these prized among near friends and relatives, and, as modern living requires all sorts and kinds of dainty belongings, both personal and household, the deft-fingered woman may be sure of pleasing many of her friends when sending something bearing the stamp of her own individuality in the choice and the making, agreeing with Emerson that "the gift without the giver is bare."

AN ACCEPTABLE OFFERING.

One of the most acceptable gifts to make for a woman friend of any age, from the college girl to the grandmother, is a pretty kimono, the short ones, either of flowered silk with plain bands, or the reverse; though silk is by no means the only material that makes a lovely kimono.

The French flannel ones are daintiness itself, and, in fact, even flannelette, well chosen, makes a really pretty kimono, the warmest and most sensible of them all.

White flannel or cashmere, with the bands of blue silk and a few sprays of forget-me-nots worked on the yoke, makes a sweet and inexpensive one, or the French flannel, with an embroidered dot or fleur-de-lis in pink, and plain pink bands.

The new kimono sleeves are pointed at the bottom.

There never was a time when fancy neck wear was as fashionable and necessary as it is to-day and if you want to make an acceptable gift for a woman let it be a stock. The newest ones have short tabs down the front and are made of silk, ribbon, pique, cash linen or mull, stetched several times near the edge and further decorated with medallions of embroidery or rows of French knots in a contrasting color.

When a child stutters there is not necessarily any defect in the organs of speech; it is due to a want of proper control of the nerves, or may have been acquired by imitating, unconsciously or unconsciously, another child who has the same faulty habit of speech.

Fancy costumes for young girls for a Christmas dance are very pretty and suitably made in the semblance of flowers. One girl may go as a rose, another as a daisy, and one as a pansy, for instance.

A little pinch of powdered sulphur put in a straw or glass tube and blown into the throat is a great help in cases of croup.

An excellent emetic is quickly prepared by mixing a teaspoonful of mustard moistened with cold water and stirred into a tumbler of warm water.

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Smart and pretty rainy-day suits are made of zibeline, meltons, tweeds, chevrons and the many-shaded Banookburn mixtures. They are made with pleated blouses or Norfolk jackets, and kitted or box-pleated skirts.

Trimming The Tree.

Introducing Novelty Into an Old Christmas Favorite. Some Recent Suggestions A Brownie Tree Will Please the Children, or How Locate the Santa Family Robinson Amid Your Holiday Greenery.

Something novel and quite out of the common in trimming the Christmas tree is the demand of the moment. Everybody tries now and then to have something different from the traditional Christmas tree. They do not desert the tree, but they want a change for one year at least.

The chief essential is to get something that will shine and sparkle in the light. You can load the boughs with artificial snow, hang them with glass icicles, put Esquimaux dolls here and there and make a wintry tree of it.

Or you can fill it with cobwebby tinsel and hang Will-o'-the-wisp lights on the branches, and put fairies among them. That makes a fairyland tree which sets the children wild.

Or you can hang it with several dozen diminutive Japanese lanterns and have the little Japs walking around under tiny parasols.

Or you can have a Brownie tree. In that case you must have the old-fashioned popcorn and cranberry strings, because, the Brownies must have something to eat.

THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON.

A novel idea is to make a Swiss Family Robinson tree. Cut out some of the branches half-way up the trunk, but not too high for the little folks to see in. Be sure, too, to set your tree on the floor and not on a table.

An ingenious substitute has been tried by one mother, which is so satisfactory that she threatens to make it a regular thing. She had a platform about three feet high and three by five feet on the surface.

Lighting by electricity. One of the most beautiful and convenient trees I have ever seen was lighted by incandescent electric lights of different colors. They were strung through the tree, and it needed but a twist of the switch to turn them all on or off.

A unique idea for a Christmas tree is one tenanted by animals alone. This would prove an expensive arrangement if it is necessary to buy all the animals fresh for the clothes.

Soft caramels.—One quart of brown sugar, half a pint of milk, one-third of a cupful of butter, and half a cake of chocolate. Boil nine minutes, then remove from fire and stir steadily for about five minutes, but not long enough so that you cannot pour them into the pan.

Butter Scotch.—Two cupfuls of light-brown sugar, one cupful of butter, one tablespoonful of vinegar, and one of water. Mix together and boil twenty minutes, add one-fourth teaspoonful of baking soda, drop a little in water—if it is crisp, it is ready to take off.

Marshmallows.—Three ounces of gum-arabic, half a pint of water, half a pint of powdered sugar, the white of one egg, flavoring. Dissolve the gum-arabic in the water; strain and add the sugar. Boil ten minutes, or until the syrup has the consistency of honey, stirring all the time.

Lemon Mints.—Sift a quantity of confectioners' sugar in a bowl, and work into it lemon juice until all the sugar is absorbed, then add water, a very little at a time, until a smooth stiff paste is formed.

Brown Berties.—Two cupfuls of brown sugar, half a cupful of milk, boil about four minutes, stirring constantly; when almost done stir in three quarters of a cupful of chopped blanched nuts of any kind, remove from the fire, and stir till it grains and looks sugary, then pour into a well-oiled tin half an inch deep.

A Man's Nose Burst Into Flames.

A man was walking along the Boulevard Saint-Michel, Paris, one day recently, and stopped to light a cigarette. Suddenly his nose burst into flames, which spread to his beard. A crowd assembled, while the unfortunate man danced with pain until a policeman took him to a pharmacist's shop, where his burn was treated.

Had to Pay for Docking Trees.

Andrew M. Garber was awarded \$1030 Friday at Lancaster in his suit against the Columbia Telephone company to recover damages for mutilating shade trees on his property. The company's linemen, it was shown, had topped 103 locust trees in order to build the telephone line.

Christmas Trees.

Can you find appropriate trees for the following people?

- 1. The dandy. 9. Sheep raiser. 2. Crusty old maid. 10. Father and mother. 3. Schoolmaster. 11. Politician. 4. Historian. 12. Love sick maid. 5. Sailor. 13. Widow. 6. Stage man. 14. Fortune teller. 7. A belle. 15. Seamstress. 8. Story teller.

Solution: Spruce, mango, birch, date, bay, ash, poplar, chestnut, yew (ewe), pear, plum, pine, weeping willow, palm, hemlock.—What to Eat.

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