

FARM NOTES.

In using tarred paper for roofs consid- eration must be given to the fact that un- less the paper be securely fastened, so that the wind cannot get under it, the roof will be easily destroyed during the prevalence of a very high wind. Paper roofs are excel- lent, provided they are properly put on.

Two pounds each of cornmeal, cot- tonteed meal and gluten meal, 10 pounds of corn ensilage, and as much timothy hay as they want, is recommended by the Maine station as a satisfactory ration for milch cows, to be fed twice a day. Many farmers would doubtless prefer to sub- stitute bran for cottonteed meal.

Strawberry rust is shown by spots on the leaves. It is not yet decided if it is a disease due to fungus. The remedy tried with the best success is to mow the vines and weeds as soon as the crop is picked, and burn them. Much that may be ap- plied late in the fall should be shaken up in the spring and the mulch and bed burned over.

Never grow trees of different kinds to- gether unless satisfied that one does not in- jure the other, as is frequently the case when plums are grown near peaches, thus inducing the curculio to sometimes attack the latter. A single wild cherry tree near an apple orchard will provide a harboring place for caterpillars, which finally injure the apple orchard.

Bees begin to work as soon as the weather permits in the spring. The first plants upon which they work are the skunk cabbage and yellow willow, follow- ed by the blossoms of fruit, hard maple, white clover, small fruits, bass wood, sumac, golden rod, aster. Spanish needle, smart weed, etc. Should the forage be scarce bees will use the blossoms of weeds that are not suitable for providing choice honey.

When the spring opens there is a tem- ptation to put stock on the pastures rather early in the season. This should not be done, as trampling by the animals may do harm. A heavy roller should be used over the pastures, so as to press down and smooth the surface for the mow- er if a field is out for hay. Very young grass or rye is laxative, and cows will fall off in yield of milk if put out too early or kept on the pasture too long.

No animal can use its food twice. If a cow converts her provender into milk she cannot also make it into good beef. If you pick your ducks and geese regularly for their feathers you should not expect many eggs. Whatever an animal is doing for you, it is hard to persuade it to do some- thing else. Decide what product you want and then get that kind of breed which converts its food into that product as a sur- plus from what it uses in living.

The orange will grow to a large size if planted like other trees. It is free from disease, can endure severe cold, and produces a hard wood. As a hedge plant it has no superior, provided the plants are trimmed and properly trained the first three years. It allowed to grow on the north and west sides of a barn yard it makes an excellent wind break, though not equal to the evergreen arbor vitae for that purpose, but it will last much longer than the latter.

Mottled butter is sometimes caused by the salt not being well worked into the butter. What are known as white specks may be due to setting milk in shallow pans, the cream drying on the top and be- coming hard. Another cause may be the cream standing too long, curd being formed in the milk, which becomes mixed with the butter. This happens mostly when the milk is in deep pans, and straining is the best method of preventing the difficulty in both cases.

The time to prune fruit trees is from February to April, or before the sap begins to flow. This will depend upon the cli- mate. The wounds will then heal rapidly without leaving dead wood or scars. Much pruning may be saved by pinching and rubbing off superfluous sprouts during the growing season. The first pruning of a young tree is a very important process, for it is then that the future shape of the tree and the number of branches it will possess will be determined. Some trees will stand severe cutting back, but all trees should be pruned as to permit of abundant air and sunlight.

The cellar is not regarded as the best place for milk. It is claimed that the milk room should be above ground and be kept filled with pure and constantly changing air. Those who make the best butter, out- side of the creameries, have excellent re- sults by keeping the milk in shallow pans from 11 to 21 inches deep, the temperature fixed at 60 degrees. This is considered one of the best plans for securing the fine aromatic flavor and waxy grain to the but- ter. The milk should be skimmed at from 24 to 30 hours, the cream should ripen in from 12 to 34 hours, at 60 degrees, and churned at from 55 to 65 degrees. Dairy- men, however, must largely be governed by circumstances in making choice butter.

The growing of root crops in this coun- ty is only secondary to grain and hay, but in Europe beets, carrots and turnips are prized more highly than any other crops, and it is in England, where turnips are largely used, that we procure our best specimens of cattle, sheep and swine. Nearly all of the pure breeds of live stock in this country came originally from Eng- land. A acre of land that will produce 5000 pounds of timothy hay will produce 25,000 pounds of mangels, and the live stock will thrive better on the mangels and hay than on hay or beets alone. The labor required to grow root crop is much less than formerly, and it will pay to be- stow the labor if the live stock must give a profit.

It is a loss to keep an animal four years if it can be gotten into market when three years old, for the year's time saved means labor and food, as well as interest on capital invested. With the use of such beef-producing breeds as the Shortborno, Herefords, Angus and Galloways, an average weight of 2000 pounds per animal has been obtained in four years, while three- year-olds, have reached 1800 pounds, and two-year-olds 1400 pounds, the daily in- crease being over two pounds for the year- ing up to two years old, and from one and one-half pounds to one and three-fourths pounds for older animals. The live weights only are given, but animals have dressed 60 per cent, when in prime condition. Experiments showing such results have been frequently made, and should con- vince all farmers that they can produce steers that will weigh 1500 pounds, live weight, in three years, if they will use the proper breeds. Profit is made by using the best animals for the purpose desired.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Care of Sewing Machines.—When a sewing machine is heavy to work take out the cotton and thoroughly oil every part of the machine with paraffin. Work it briskly for a few minutes, that the oil may penetrate thoroughly, and extract all dirt and grit, and then wipe every part of the machine carefully with a soft old duster. When the paraffin has been removed, oil the ma- chine again with the proper lubricating oil. Paraffin should never be allowed to re- main on the machine, for it heats the bear- ings and causes them to wear out.

If you would have smooth hands do not expose them to sudden changes of tem- perature. Avoid putting them in hot wa- ter, as it ages as well as chaps them. Keep a jar of almond or castor oil on your wash- stand. After washing and carefully rins- ing, cover them with the meal white still wet, and pat gently; dry on a soft towel. At night apply a good cold cream and sleep in loose kid gloves, with the tips of the fingers and a small piece from the centre of the palm out for ventilation.

Large loop pins are among the most at- tractive novelties for the hair. With the hair dressed low one is stuck in from each side very low down, fairly in the neck. These have a rich, droopy look, suggestive of big gypsy ear rings. The plain ones are very handsome. So are those with a row of tiny Rhinestones set in. Dainty designs in gilt are also noted. Pretty ones cost \$1.50 each.

Sleeves are the most important part of the modern gown and such a variety of styles as are popular makes it somewhat difficult to decide which to choose. Both for street and house gowns there are many different designs, although with all the fashion is to have the upper part of the sleeve as small as possible and the lower part as large. In some respects the fashion is not an unbecoming one, for the shape of the upper arm, if it is good, is perfectly displayed, and the full effect below the elbow is not bad.

For evening waists the sleeves are made to look as wing-like as possible, and are in all lengths, from the ones that are the full length of the arm to those that are so ex- aggeratedly long that they hang down al- most to the hem of the skirt.

If you would have a clear head and quiet nerves all day, before dressing each morn- ing, square your shoulders, close your mouth, stand perfectly erect, and take in a deep breath through the nose; completely fill the lungs, hold five or six seconds, then let the breath filter very slowly out through the mouth. This simple breath exercise will not only develop the chest, but strengthen it as well. Of course, you do not sleep in a steam-heated room. "But," as Pat said, "if you do, don't." Nothing so debilitates one as this practice. Hun- dreds of people are doing for all sorts of diseases when, if they would tear the radiator out of their sleeping room, drop the window four inches, cover themselves with sufficiently warm blankets and breathe deeply, they would have no use for pills or the doctor.

An excellent stain for a cherry floor is made from burnt sienna mixed with a lit- tle linseed oil and turpentine. "Even turpentine on hand," says a practical painter. "It's the sienna that gives the stain, and you want to show the grain of the wood. Apply with one cloth and dry as you go along with another, rubbing lengthwise of the boards. There is no long wait for drying. If this is afterward shellacked two or three coats, it is the easiest in the world to keep clean. All it needs is to be dusted, just like a piece of furniture. A piece of ingrain carpet under your feet does the work in no time. The shellacking does not take long to dry ei- ther. You can put on one coat, wait 40 minutes, and put on a second, and in two hours the third. In six hours it will be ready for use, and all ought not to be over \$1.50 for a room 16 by 16."

The hip yoke effect has so influenced skirt shapes that the circular flounce is very much deeper than formerly, being quite to the knee, often much above in front and sloping upward toward the back.

The sloping shoulder, fashion's latest whim, is so strongly accentuated among the new summer gowns as to almost appear ungraceful.

Sheepskin rugs, according to an expert, may be washed at home with comparative ease, when one knows how. The skin or felt side should not be wet at all, and to prevent this the rug is tacked around a stout barrel. Choose a sunny day, and with a clean scrubbing brush and plenty of hot suds in which a good washing powder has been dissolved scrub the rug thorough- ly. Afterwards spray well with clear wa- ter, using a hose with shower nozzle for this, if possible, in order to have a strong, penetrating stream. Leave the rug on the barrel to dry in the sun, combing it out now and again with a clean curby-comb, to prevent matting of the wool. The rug should come out after this treatment beauti- fully white and fluffy.

Rice cakes are a delicate form of pan- cake that might be used often to advan- tage. Sift together a cup and a-half of flour, a quarter cup of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt and four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add a cupful of cold boiled rice. Beat the yolk of an egg light, mix with it a cup and a-half of milk and a rounded teaspoonful of butter melted and beat thor- oughly into the dry mixture. Lastly, fold in the stiffly beaten white of the egg and cook at once on a hot, well-greased griddle.

Small blossoms distinguish fine millin- ery—forget-me-nots, cowslips, daisies, June roses, buttercups, fuchsias and valley lilies.

A dark green and blue plaid skirt and a plain dark blue cloth coat is the newest notion in walking suits.

The new stole effect, that is, the shoulder collar elongating in front into two pendant bands, reaching to the waist, is seen on some of the most swagger jackets.

Kilt skirts are very much the thing. Some of these skirts are in reality kilts with the pleats stitched down to the knees or below, but more of them are not kilts at all. These are simply made up of from nine to 21 gores, each stitched down pleat- fashion (may an inch from the edge.) While the coats with long skirts are the most swagger, there are a number in varying lengths; a good hip depth, or the familiar and favored blouse. Some of the long coats are but blouses with skirts added.

Preacher's Daughter A Thief.

Former Huntingdon County Girl Sentenced for Steal- ing Clothing in Philadelphia.

Although her father was a clergyman, and although she herself has had all the advantages of education and a refined home, Marion J. Meininger, an attractive young woman of eighteen or thereabouts, was sentenced to three months in the coun- ty prison by Judge Anderson in Philadel- phia Saturday for petty theft.

She is of prepossessing appearance and has wide open, innocent brown eyes, which seemed to belie her own tongue when she confessed to the Judge that she had stolen three shirtwaists, one pair of shoes and twenty yards of ribbon from a department store.

It was on Thursday that the girl made these admissions to the Court, and Judge Anderson agreed to withhold his decision until Saturday, so that the girl's counsel might have an opportunity to produce wit- nesses as to her family and past good character and corroborate her statement that she had been sent to the city by her moth- er to finish her musical education; had fallen ill, and was tempted by want to steal.

There were no character witnesses pres- ent when the case was resumed, and, with- out further parley, the Judge imposed sen- tence.

The girl, first gave her name as Mamie Meininger, but it was learned that she is a daughter of the Rev. William Meininger, a Methodist preacher who died recently in Cassville, Huntingdon county. After her death she came to Philadelphia. After her pilferings from the department store she obtained employment there as a clerk, and it was not until several weeks later that her identity was discovered.

Sowing Timothy on Clover Meadow.

A great many successful farmers believe in the practice of sowing such seeds as timothy some time during the winter, so that the freezing and thawing in the spring will insure a covering. While this is a satisfactory method under certain con- ditions, yet all things considered, Iowa Zim- stead believes that it is much better practice to sow just as early in the spring as the surface soil will work without pudd- ling.

On a clover sod, as soon as the seed is sown, in this case, it is advisable to give one or two strokes with the barrow. This will break the surface and apply the seed in a good stand of clover. Where soils are composed of any considerable portion of sand harrowing may not be advisable, but in this case if seeding is delayed until spring the roller may be used to great ad- vantage, as this will cover much of the seed and will also pack down such clover plants as have been heaved out during the winter.

Hold-up By an Armless Man.

With a Revolver in His Toes, He Forces Faro Dealer to Give Him \$5.

The most sensational and novel holdup known in the West was perpetrated about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning of last week when Charles Payne, an armless man, en- tered the California club at the corner of Main and Broadway, Butte, Mont., and with a revolver held between the toes of his right foot compelled the faro dealer named Richards to return to him \$5 which he had lost during the night.

There were only a few players in the room at the time, and they made a rush for the doors, when Payne swung his gun into action. Richards begged him not to shoot and Payne said all he wanted was the re- turn of \$5 which he had lost. That was cheerfully returned to him and he hopped out of the club, while keeping the dealer covered with his gun.

The robbery was not reported to the police till last Monday evening, and after Payne had been arrested for taking a shot at another man in a boarding house later in the day. He resisted arrest and tried to cut his officers with a razor which he held between his toes. He was overpowered, disarmed and taken to jail.

Payne was formerly a vaudeville per- former, but had been out of engagements for more than a year because of his dissipa- tion, and was said to have been crazed with drink at the time of the robbery and shoot- ing.

Mule Blamed For Two Deaths.

Coroner's Jury Found Animal Pushed Driver In Front of Train.

"We find that the deceased, William Bentley, came to his death under the wheels of a train, having been pushed upon the track by a mule, Topsy."

This was the strange verdict of a Wash- ington county coroner's jury recently, holding an investigation into the death of William Bentley, colored, who was killed by a Panhandle train at Burgettstown re- cently.

It developed at the inquest that this same mule had caused the death of another man, named Edward Young, who was a foreman employed by a construction com- pany making improvements to the Pan- handle road near McDonald. The vicious mule kicked him in the abdomen and his death resulted a few minutes later.

Topsy was taken to Burgettstown later in the week. Bentley was driving the animal, with another mule, in a wagon and stopped at a grade crossing to await the passing of a fast express. Just as the train reached the spot where he was standing be- side his team, Topsy raised her feet and sent him spinning onto the tracks directly in front of the train.

A Tent Is Their Home.

Family of a Disabled Fellow Forced to Spend Winter With Practically No Shelter.

Living in a muslin tent all winter, with hardly enough to eat, is the family of Ed- ward Malvin, near Pocono Lake. Steps are now being taken in Stroudsburg to furnish them food and better shelter.

Malvin, about 25 years ago, murdered his first wife in a drunken rage and served a term in prison. The murder occurred in Monroe, near Gouldsboro. Marvin's second wife is in mortal fear of her hus- band, who is a shiftless fellow and addic- ted to drink. Last fall he sold his house- hold effects. During Christmas time he made \$100 selling trees, but spent it all for rum.

At twenty love is a rosy dream, at thirty it is a thrilling reality, and forty it is a calm contentment, at fifty it is a rem- iniscence.

Starved Into Insanity.

Theological Student Tries to Live on \$2 a Week.

D. W. Carlin, a student in the theologi- cal department of the Northwestern univer- sity, is insane from an attempt to live on \$2 a week. Carlin cooked his own meals and practiced many other economies. Students say he did not have sufficient nourishment.

Besides denying himself food Carlin work- ed hard, and it is thought this had much to do with his illness. He had charge of a small church at Cardiff, Ill.

The Rev. C. M. Winchester, a clergy- man of Middletown, N. Y., has prepared a table in demonstration of his declaration that a minister can live on \$12 a month if he lives alone, and lives substantially at that, with some money left every month to give to the church.

The clergyman who publishes this table in an evening paper, declares that few families of working people have as much as \$12 per capita to live on. He also sug- gests that some of the articles mentioned in the table might possibly be omitted, thereby adding to the man's health and happiness.

Mr. Winchester was for years pastor of the Free Christian church at Middletown.

Massage for the Scalp.

A fine, vigorous, daily massage, if con- tinued, will improve the condition of the scalp wonderfully, using the finger tips on all parts of the scalp. Finally the scalp will become loosened so it can be moved over the bones beneath thus giving perfect circulation. Sun and air are nature's hair tonics. A daily sun bath not only rejuven- ates but makes the hair grow.

Great care should be taken in dressing the hair to avoid twisting or knotting it tightly or uncomfortably against the head. This has a tendency to loosen and cause a falling of the hair. Hairpins, too, should be selected with care for their smoothness, dull points, and sharpness. Never put a crooked or bent hairpin in the hair: it not only spoils the shape and style of the hair dressing, but splits the hair. As for rusty hairpins, discard them as so much poison against the tender scalp.

Powders and oils for the hair are very bad form, and remind one of life among the Indians, where "bear's grease" plays the most important part in the toilette of the men and women of the forest.

Pure vasoline rubbed on the roots at night will stimulate the growth.—The Pil- grim.

Took Charity, Had \$50,000.

Eccentric Man Said to Have Starved Himself to Death.

Though John Van Steinberg, an eccen- tric who was buried in Cypress Hill ceme- tery, New York, on Friday, possessed some wealth his friends say he starved himself to death.

For years he made his home in a poor room, ill furnished, in Brooklyn. With no person to care for him, Van Steinberg was discovered critically ill a month ago. Af- ter that he frequently accepted the charity of his neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vassar, who occu- pied a house owned by Van Steinberg, up- on learning of his condition, summoned a physician, who had him removed to St. John's hospital. Van Steinberg then ad- mitted that he had property worth \$50,000 declaring that he would disinherit his re- latives and give his money to charitable in- stitutions.

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