#### FARM NOTES.

—Onions should be kept in a cool, dry place, but never placed in the ice box. They will keep well if placed in paper bags

-When the land is covered with some kind of crop to avoid nakedness of the soil, there is less loss of water, because much of it goes down instead of flowing

—The prize for the best 100-acre farm or less in England was won by a farmer who farms 81 acres of grass land, 41 acres being in pasture. He kept 52 cows, and spent \$3000 extra for food for his stock each year.

-Experiments show that a cow when in full flow of milk drinks from 1500 to 2000 pounds of water per month, the average quantity, determined by testing a herd, being 1660 pounds per cow. This fact shows the importance of an unlimited supply of pure water at all seasons of the year. In every 100 quarts of milk the farmer sells about 88 quarts of water, and when the cow cannot procure water at all times she will fall off in yield.

-The best soil for plums is said to be one that is stony and heavy, The plum is a hardy tree and requires the same method of pruning as peaches. Never cut off the small branches until they die, as it is on the small branches that most of the fruit grows. The following varieties are recommended: Bevay's Green Gage, Bradshaw, Coe's Golden Drop, Green Gage, Imperial Gage, Jefferson, Lawrence's Favorite, Pond's Seedling, Prince's Yellow Gage, Smith's Orleans and Washington Yellow

--When to spray apple trees depends upon the purposes desired. Use Bordeaux mixture when the buds are swelling, and if canker worms are abundant spray also when the blossoms are about to open. ter the blossoms fall spray again with Bor-deaux mixture, and also Paris green, re-peating both applications a week or ten days later. In about ten days or two weeks another application may be made of Bordeaux mixture. These remedies or preventives are for scab, bud moth, codling moth, tent caterpillar, curculio and canker

—Growers of peaches are using cow peas in the orchard. The vines shade the land and may be turned under when the pods are nearly ripe, or may remain as a mulch in winter. It is more profitable to use the vines for food cattle, but at the same time, if a mulch is required, it is well to grow the mulch, especially when a leguminous plant answers so well. One advantage in growing the cow pea is that it is almost a

-There is much to learn in regard to feeding. The common practice is to give the hay and grain separately. Experiments made to test the values of food under different systems of feeding demonstrate that the best results are obtained where the grain is ground, the hay cut into short lengths, the bulky food then moistened and the grain and hay mixed, which is done start and Cameron. Her late husband, by sprinkling the ground grain over the hay. This mode demands more labor, but at the present time grinding mills and power feed cutters are cheap enough to be the terms of her husband's will the estate supplied to the terms of her husband's will be the terms of her husband's will be t better digested, is more highly relished and a saving is effected in the quantity, as the careful preparation lessens the waste.

child comes of age. Mrs. King has one son and three married daughters.

—One of the implements or machines which farmers who visit the fairs have found in operation is the corn shredder. It is revolutionizing the use of corn fodder, as it saves labor and prepares the corn stalks starch, unless in the unattached collar. A for the use of stock. It removes the ears soft neckband and soft wristband are infrom the husks and tears the entire stalk tended on these stylish wash shirt waists. into shreads at one operation, as rapidly as the stalks can be fed into the machine. There are several kinds, but every farmer should have one, as it will enable him to use the leaves, husks and stalks as so much hay, which can be baled, if necessary. When fodder is thus prepared the cattle will not reject so much as usual, and the shredded fodder uneaten is suitable for bedding or as an absorbent in the manure heap. The saving in feed by the shred-ding of the entire stalk will be an addition to the profits of the farm, and also enable the farmer to keep more stock.

—In this country we pay more attention to a product of the sheep—wool—than to the sheep. With so much agitation over the wool industry it would seem as if the sheep was intended only for the one purpose of producing wool, when, in fact, wool is the smallest product, in value, derived from sheep. It has been repeatedly shown that by the use of improved breeds of sheep lambs can be made to pay from \$5 to \$10 each, while the increased value of the land upon which sheep have been kept is of -In this country we pay more attention each, while the increased value of the land upon which sheep have been kept is of itself a sum quite large enough to render sheep raising profitable. Experiments demonstrate that sheep may be kept for mutton alone with profit, but as wool is a necessary adjunct to the sheep a source of profit is in that direction also. In experiments made accounts were kept of all the ments made accounts were kept of all the items of cost, including the shepherd's care, original cost of animals, the use of the mother ewes and the value of their the mother ewes and the value of their fleeces, as well as of food, shelter and interest on capital, until the sheep were over one year old. Grades and half-bloods were used for experiment. A half-blood Southdown cost \$6 and sheared six pounds of wool, valued at \$2.40. Its carcass weighed 147 pounds, live weight, which sold at 6½ cents per pound, or \$9.55, which shows a profit of \$3.55 from the sheep, not including the cost, and without estimating the wool at all, the total profit being \$5.95. the wool at all, the total profit being \$5.95, including the wool. A half-blood Shrop-shire cost \$7 and sheared nine pounds of wool, which sold for \$3.40, the carcass wool, which sold for \$3.40, the carcass weighing 160 pounds, its net profit for mutton and wool being \$6.32. A half-blood Oxford weighed 187 pounds and sheared eight pounds of wool, giving a total profit of \$6.02. A half-blood Cotswold weighed 199 pounds, but as it is not a strictly mutton breed only five cents a pound was obtained for it its wool weighing nine pounds. tained for it, its wool weighing nine pounds tained for it, its wool weighing nine pounds and the net profit being only \$3.75. The common native cost only \$2, sheared five pounds of wool, weighed 150 pounds and gave a net profit of \$3.17. The sheep paid well, even the native showing a fair record; but, had wool been the object, a loss would have resulted, the cost of the native, only \$2, being the only advantage in its favor. The next smallest cost and largest possible." favor. The next smallest cost and largest profit was with the Southdown. The experiments show that mutton pays far better than wool, but they also demonstrate that a half-blood sheep will give nearly twice as much profit as a native, and that to raise mutton for market profitably the best breeds must be employed.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The following is the recipe for hot chocolate sauce: Put into a saucepan one cup of water, one-half cup of sugar, one-half inch bit of stick cinnamon and one ounce or square of chocolate melted over hot wa-ter and mixed with one-balf cup of milk.

When boiling thicken with one table-spoonful of arrow root wet in one-fourth cup of water. Stir as it thickens and cook five minutes. Remove the minutes, add one teaspoonful of vanilla, a little salt and serve it hot. Pour a small portion over each slice of ice cream.

To distinguish mushrooms from poisonous fungi.—Sprinkle a little salt on the spongy part, or gills, to be tried. If they turn yellow they are poisonous; if black, they are wholesome.

Your hair is losing color because the scalp is very much in need of good treatment. You are probably anaemic also. Whenever the blood is not in good condition or the system is depleted the hair shows it as quickly as the eyes. The color tubes in the scalp run dry, and the glands do not work. First, you want a good tonic. Nothing is better than the simple one of raw eggs and milk. Next you want scalp treatment twice a week. You can get a ticket of twelve treatments for six dollars among the best shops, and this will absolutely renew your hair if it works as with other people. A good preparation of eau de quinine put on three times a week is very good, but there is something about a professional touch that does the scalp more good in two weeks than you can do in two months. The scalp needs massage, and the professionals know just how to give it. Nothing else but treatment will do your hair any good.

Hot milk, sipped slowly, is efficacious for relieving the throat irritation that frequently follows a severe cold or is an acmpaniment of a bronchial cough.

Bead chains are so popular these days that a bright suggestion for keeping them will be welcomed by many. String them on the finest fiddle strings, instead of silk thread, and they will stand an unusual amount of wear and tear before breaking.

Save the jars in which the imported Canton ginger is packed to use for small flower-ing plants. At this time of year the Persian cyclamen is especially attractive for the table. It comes in several beautiful rich colors, as well as white, and if given plenty of light, and not too much heat, will remain in bloom for a long time. A deep orimson cyclamen in a gray ginger jar is a cheerful object on a breakfast table, the more so if blue and white china is used.

Flannel which has become yellowed with orchard will in no manner be injured by growing the cow pea as long as the land is given the benefit of the crop from the manure or by plowing under hour in a weak solution of bisulphite of soda, to which a little hydrochloric acid has been added.

Mrs. King, of Corpus Christi, Tex., owns more land than any other woman in this within reach of all. The mixed food is must not be divided until his oldest grand- fluence will quickly tarnish silver.

> Do not make the mistake of clear-starching your shirt waists of madras or cotton cheviot. It is fashionable to wear them soft finished and absolutely guiltless of starch, unless in the unattached collar. A The absence of starching distinguishes them from our sheer blouse of lawn or nainsook, which, of course, requires the stiffening. Be sure you acquaint your laundress with your wishes in this respect. The madras blouse must be soft as if it were freshly

> In hanging pictures a study of surroundings is of most importance. Colors in harmony with the pictures should predominate in the furnishings and should be in such subdued tones as will, like good children, not insist on being seen or heard until colled upon. Above all care should be taken as to wall coverings. Avoid large-patierned papers and papers with any pattern at all, if possible. The plain-colored car-tridge papers in rather dark half-tones of terra cotta, sage or gray-blue are the best possible backgrounds for pictures of any kind, marbles or bric-a-brac.

> Don't hang inharmonious pictures to-gether. See that the pink-and-white wa-ter-color ballet girl is kept away from the

vicinity of the saintly Cecilia. Though each is a gem in its individual way they clash when brought together, and both are losers thereby. In the same way avoid the mixing up of paintings, drawings, etchings and miscellaneous bric-a-brac. The quiet, refined lines of an etching have no chance whatever in the company of a brilliant, many-colored painting, and a pencil or ink drawing, no matter how pure and clear in its lines would pass wholly unpoticed in the brilliant but overwhelming society of a Bonares plaque of beaten

Instead of spring tonics for that tired feeling invest in spring vegetables and fruits. It is just as cheap and much better

for the system.

Green salads, in place of heavy salads, green vegetables in place of the tinned kinds, delicate egg dishes and white meated fish in place of heavy roasts and steaks—this is the basis of an ideal bill of fare for March and April. Such a diet, with well proportioned exercise and plenty of deep breathing, will insure joy for the season of "buds and blossoms, of birds and flowers and sweet spring light."

Olive oil, olives, watercress, asparagus as soon as it becomes at all plentiful, raw onions and all the seasonable fruits are nature's remedies for the ills that follow the surfeiting and high living of the strenuous winter season, when society and work leave the population at a low physicial ebb.

"Leave off meat for a while" is the terse direction of many a physician these days

direction of many a physician these days, who ends his admonition with: "Eat two meals a day and get all the sun and air

A touch of light blue is used by many bers had flown.

women on their white gowns to make them

more becoming.

The 1830 cape is the salient feature of nany of the newest bodices

The back fastening is the favorite for

mart summer waists. Gray with yellow accessories and tan with lavender are two of the most swagger olor combinations for spring.

Household Hints.

Keep old kid gloves for ironing day. Sew a pad of kid from the left glove in the palm of the right one. The protection from the heat and weight of the iron will do much to keep the ironer's bands from becoming

Keep a solution for cleaning the kitchen sink in a handy place. Make it at home from one cup of washing soda dissolved in

boiling water. Tansy leaves were old before moth balls were heard of, still there is nothing better today for keeping moths out of woolen

One of the best and handiest things to clean bone, ivory, or pearl knife handles is moist fine salt. Polish afterward with a dry, soft cloth. Try how much easier it is to poach an

egg when you put a teaspoon of vinegar in the boiling water. It helps to keep the shape of the egg: it also makes the white firmer and whiter. Sometimes a knife with which onions

have been cut will keep the odor in spite of scouring. Jab it in the damp earth a few times and it will be cleansed perfectly. Do not drop greasy, dirty dish towels in-

to hot soapsuds; it will only set the grease. Wash them well first in lukewarm water. A few tablespoons of kerosene in a pail of warm water make the washing of windows and mirrors a lighter task than if soap or any alkali is used.

Cake ought to rise to its full height before it begins to brown. This applies specially to sponge cake. When frying smelts sprinkle with lemon

juice before rolling in eggs and crumbs. It

keeps the flesh white and gives it a good Measure the amount of a gelatine or cream mixture before putting it in a mold, knowing first how much the mold holds. Fill to the very brim, for it is almost impossible to turn a jelly from a mould when

not perfectly full. When black calicoes have to be starched use weak coffee instead of water.

If windows have to be cleaned in zero weather, dampen the cloth with alcohol instead of water. It will prevent an ice film forming on the glass.

When potatoes have been slightly touched by frost soak them an hour or two before cooking in cold water. A chemist calls gelatine, milk and onions

scavengers of the air. It is a wise plan never to leave them uncovered for the attraction of germs. When you wish to keep boiled or baked potatoes warm for some time lay a towel into a colander, wrap it snugly about the potatoes, covering them closely, and set inside a saucepan with a little water at the

bottom kept just at the boil. A good thing for cleaning brass or copper is sweet oil and putty powder. Afterward wash in hot water and soap, then polish. Do not starch curtains while they are wet they will soil much faster than if allowed

Stewed stoned prunes with a dash of their juice make one of the most delicious of shortcakes. Whipped cream adds much to their goodness.

Every sauce containing butter and flour is made after the same formula. Melt the butter, add the flour, and cook to a paste, then add whatever liquor is required—milk stock, strained tomato, or cream—and cook beating constantly. The result will be a smooth, creamy sauce.

Macaroni or spaghetti will be much tenderer if put in cold water and slowly brought to a boil than if dropped raw into boiling water.

In baking puff paste have a very hot oven, and have the heat come from below until the paste is risen as high as it will go. Then allow it to brown, setting it on a high-

Raisins ought never to be washed for a pudding, or it will be heavy. Rub them clean between dry towels.

# She Had Her Wish.

A little girl who had noticed on several houses about the city the cards by which the board of health announces the presence of contagious disease asked her mother what they meant. Her mother explained and the child said, regretfully: "We never have anything like that on our "You would not want it, would you?"

said the mother. "Yes, I would !" replied the little girl,

decidedly. Some weeks afterward the little girl was taken sick with chicken-pox, but was not confined to her bed. On Sunday morning the mother noticed that people passing on their way to church turned to gaze at the house and always went away laughing. Her curiosity was aroused and she went to the front parlor to investigate. In each of the front windows was a large placard made, evidently by the little daughter from the side of a pasteboard box. On the card she had printed: "I have got chicken-pox bad."—Youth's Companion.

Baby Weighs One Pound. Smallest Child in West Virginia is Born to a Bluefield

Mrs. Hurst, wife of W. S. Hurst, a miner employed at Bluefield, W. Va., in the Booth Barren colliery, recently gave birth to the smallest baby in West Virginia. It weighed only 14 pounds and was perfectly formed and pronounced by physicians to be perfectly healthy.

This is the eighth child of Mr. and Mrs.

Hurst, the largest one weighing only 31 pounds at its birth. They are all living and as large now for their ages as other children.

- Charles Holt, a Clearfield merchant, heard a noise in his store beneath his bed room one night recently. He raised a win-dow and looked out just in time to see a The gores there seem no end. The wide gored skirt is now announced as smartest for walking length suits.

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The plans for sending the powerful battleship squadron into European waters next May contemplate a more impressive object lesson on the growing strength of the United States navy than has been suppos-

Behind the shield of a "practice cruise" Behind the shield of a "practice cruise" with the most friendly intentions, it is proposed to forcibly demonstrate the ability of the government to carry a war to the doors of any country in Europe.

To prove this in emphatic style the port of Lisbon, Portugal, is to be "blockaded" at the end of the long trip across the ocean.

Portugal was selected for the unique test because the impossibility of the Unit-ed States ever becoming involved in war with that country is well recognized. Representations will be made that will prevent any Portuguese suspicions of an ulterior motive. Rear Admiral Barker, who will command the fleet, will entertain the nobility and naval officers of Portugal

in lavish style on his flagship and visitors will be welcomed on all of the ships.

The fleet will be grouped off Lisbon long enough to prove that United States war ships can cross the ocean and take sufficient coal along to assume offensive operations on an extensive scale. Europe has considered

this impossible.

The fleet will consist of the Kearsarge, Admiral Barker's flagship; the Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Iowa, Massachusetts, and probably the second-class battleship Texas, the cruisers San Francisco and Albany and

colliers and supply ships.

In the lee of the Azores the fighting ships will be coaled and provisioned so that they will reach Portugal in readiness for

The fleet will proceed as though war was actually on. The cruisers will scout in

actually on. The cruisers will scout in advance and the supply ships will be protected by the battleships.

While the operations are extended as a lesson to all of Europe, the navy department is especially anxious to let the Kaiser see just what its ships can do. When Prince Henry was in Washington last year he asked Chief Constructor Bowles as to the relative effectiveness of German and the relative effectiveness of German and

American war ships.
"We build our ships to carry coal as well as to fight, replied Bowles. "They can cross the ocean and some of them can return without recoaling. Your ships cannot do that."

The Kaiser has regarded this as some thing of a boast. He is to be shown that

Naval attaches of European countries are displaying great interest in the maneuvers, and many of them have asked to be allowed to accompany the fleet. Their requests probably will be granted, as the navy department wants to make the case complete. The department is constantly working to increase the coal supply of the warships, and extend their steaming radius. The Texas can steam only 2,900 miles. The Kearsarge can steam more than 6,000 miles without recoaling, which is half as far again as the Iowa, Indiana and Massachu-

# Car Wrecked, Cattle Killed.

setts, while the latest addition, the Maine,

carries 2,000 tons of coal, as compared with the 1,645 tons of the Kearsarge.

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