

FARM NOTES.

Growing a lot of pumpkins in a field of corn is an old practice, but it is doubtful if pumpkins so grown are as profitable as when grown as a separate crop from corn.

The varieties of the quince that were known a few years ago were limited to a very small list, of which the Apple or Orange, Pear, Angiers and Chinese were the chief.

Early rye and crimson (or scarlet) clover are among the crops that the farmers will be most interested in before spring plowing is done, and the management of these crops before they are utilized in early spring is not fully understood by all.

Apparently we have gone to the table-cloths and napkins of our damasked linen material wherewithal to make our summer shirtwaists.

Not everyone keeps Lent, and those who are planning little functions may glean ideas from the following for brightening their tables:

At a recent dinner party a pretty effect was produced by a nosegay of roses and violets placed in a Venetian glass bowl, guarded by four quaint dragons.

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In contrast to many of the popular flower-foliage hats is one seen recently made entirely of white geranium blossoms, in a round brimmed turban shape, with a long spray of green leaves extending along the left side and drooping over the hair at the back.

Devilled almonds are an addition to a dish of oysters, raw or cooked. Blanch and shred two ounces of almonds, saute them in a little oil, and while hot pour over them one tablespoonful of chutney, two tablespoonfuls of Worcestershire sauce, salt and a little cayenne pepper.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Tucks, though still extensively used for adorning fancy blouses of sheer stuff, rarely follow a straight line, but slant, wave or cross each other.

Cherries, damsons and similar small fruit with long supple stems form a fringe trimming on the brims of very swagger hats and have a run of leaves.

Shoes are a large item in a woman's expenses, and a large item in her personal appearance. The economical woman possesses several pairs of shoes.

She tries to have on hand always a pair of heavy walking boots, a pair of light-weight boots, a pair of house shoes, ties or slippers, according to taste, and a pair of bedroom slippers.

All leather will wear better if an occasional generous bath of vaseline is given it. A quantity may be rubbed on and into the leather; then this should be carefully rubbed off, and the gloss will be restored by a brisk polishing with the palm of the hand.

This is the best possible method for keeping patent leather shoes in good condition. Keep them well rubbed with vaseline and never put them on until a soft rubbing with a flannel or the hand has warmed and softened the leather.

If these precautions with patent leather shoes or slippers are taken, they will, if originally good material, last an indefinite time without cracking or dulling.

Crash and pique have come in for a comparatively new use in the short, box coat. Crash jackets are made severely plain, with many rows of stitching and big smoked pearl buttons as their main ornament.

One cool looking coat of pique was pure white, with a triple collar piped with red. Coats of crash, pique or plain linen fill a long felt want for just such garments for summer travel.

For a long time the washable crash or pique walking skirt had no companion up to the plowing under or cutting crimson clover to soon.

The costume idea being the prevailing fashion, shirtwaists must match the skirt.

These are extremely stylish waists and are made up simply with a little fullness, a central box pleat and plenty of pearl buttons. The new sleeve has a broad box pleat from shoulder to elbow, here it flares loose to the wrist when it is gathered into a close band, which is known as the strap cuff.

Violets lend themselves at all times to table needs. Even the frail wild violets, when combined with broad mauve ribbons, which latter, by the way, can be made to do duty more than once, if need be, are most daintily attractive, either for cloth, or polished table.

A florist, in speaking of table decoration, recently said: "Be careful of the flowers you put together. Never, for instance, mix roses and chrysanthemums. The shades of the two flowers are radically dissimilar.

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There are some old fogies who still ask if the straight front corset isn't injurious. They are the ones who like to stand with their spine describing an outward curve.

The return to favor of the tall goblet is a distinct gain to the beauty of the dinner service. The new goblets now on view are not only very attractive in pattern but very graceful in outline.

The first time an iron utensil is used over a gas flame it is very apt to crack unless the flame is turned low and the utensil allowed to heat through slowly.

To Tempt the Invalid.

TOAST MERINGUE.—Dip a slice of delicately browned toast into boiling water slightly salted. Then lay in a deep-hot plate and pour over it a cream made of one-half cup of boiling milk, a teaspoonful of butter and a stiffly beaten white of an egg; add before removing from the fire. Place in a hot oven five minutes until a golden color.

PRUNE PUFF.—Have ready two tablespoonfuls cooked, sweetened, finely chopped prunes and a half tablespoonful of lemon juice. Put the white of an egg into a bowl and begin to whip. As it stiffens add the prunes a teaspoonful at a time, still beating. Beat until very stiff.

BROWNED RICE.—Put some well washed rice on a baking tin in the oven and let it brown, shaking frequently so that it will color evenly. It is a good plan to keep a stock of this rice ahead in glass cans, ready for immediate use.

OYSTER TOAST.—Toast a small slice of bread and lay in a casserole or any deep earthen saucer. Pour over it two-thirds of a cup of raw oysters, season with salt, pepper and butter and set the dish in a hot oven until the oysters are cooked.

ICELAND MOSS.—Is valuable in case of throat irritation. Wash a handful in cold water; drain carefully and pour over the moss one quart boiling water; simmer on back of stove until smooth and gelatinous; add the juice of two lemons and one cup of sugar.

ORANGE AND ICE.—Chip a piece of ice into small bits and fill a tumbler two-thirds full. Add the juice of two oranges, with sugar to sweeten slightly, if desired.

FLAXSEED LEMONADE.—Mix the juice of one lemon with as much sugar as it will take up. Add one pint hot water and pour the boiling lemonade over two tablespoonfuls of flaxseed. Let it stand two or three hours before serving.

BEF ICE.—Make beef tea and freeze. A patient with fever can take this when the hot tea seems nauseating.

Collins Acquitted.

Jury Reported Verdict of Not Guilty After Three Hours' Deliberation—Applause in Court Room.

The jury in the case of Elmer Collins, on trial at Georgetown, Del., on the charge of murdering his wife, returned a verdict of not guilty on Wednesday night after being out three hours.

Collins talked happily to representatives of the press a few minutes after the verdict. "I have relied upon the grace of God. He's the greatest helper. That, and only that, reliance, has brought me through. My brother desires me to visit him at Crisfield for a while, but beyond that I have no plans for the future.

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The work of putting up the poles and the installation of the instruments necessary for communication through the air was begun last August and will be finished next July.

The route of the system will start at Nome with an ocean cable under Norton sound, a distance of eighty-five miles, to St. Michael's, where the first wireless station will be situated.

In the advertising columns of the Nome News of November, one of the papers received by Mr. King, a local coal dealer offers Wellington coal at \$35 a ton.

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A GREAT SENSATION.—There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown, of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

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