FARM NOTES.

—Old strawberry bed: may be burned over as soon as the leaves die off, and by so doing many of the seeds of weeds will be consumed. The bed should then be mulched, by covering with manure or straw, but the mulch need not be applied until warm weather comes. If the old bed is full of weeds, it will not yield satisfactorily next year, and to burn it over will be an improvement in many respects.

-Colts that are foaled in the fall will entail less cost than those that come in the spring, as the mares will not be taken to the fields for work until spring, and then the colts can be weaned and may be put upon pasture, leaving the mares ready for service in the fields. As soon as the colts will eat give them ground oats in addition to the supply of milk from the dams.

-Preventing the spread of fungus diseases could be accomplished better by destroying the branches and vines that are cut away from trees and brushes than by the use of other methods. It is not sufficient to remove the portions of trees affect-ed with black knot. They should be consigned to the flames, as no remedy is as sure in the destruction of the spores as fire.

-The finest and softest wool is always on the shoulders of sheep. An expert in judging sheep always looks at the wool on the shoulders first. Assuming that the wool to be inspected is really fine, the shoulders are first examined as a part where the finest wool is to be found, which is taken as a standard, and is compared with the wool from the ribs, the thigh, the rump and the shoulder parts, and the nearer the wool from the various portions of the ani-mal approaches the standard the better.

-There are several hundred kinds of weevil. The grain and rice weevil may be destroyed by using bisulphide of carbon. It is volatile, forming a heavy gas, which sinks into the wheat or rice. It should be used in a close bin, or it may be poured where weevil is supposed to exist. If it is used care must be exercised. Fire near the a girl is short waisted the cape should be gas will cause an explosion, and not even a lighted cigar being allowed, and the room must be well aired after using it. Keep the bin closed for an hour. Sulphur fumes in a close room will also prove serviceable.

—One of the most neglected crops after the harvest is over is the blackberry. Perhaps no crop entails so little labor in proportion to the revenue derived therefrom, yet it will pay to keep the canes free from weeds and grass, and to apply fertilizer as well. When a portion of the canes have been winter killed a good crop may be obtained from the remainder if the canes, received good treatment the previous year, but, as a rule, the canes are left until it becomes time to cut them. Many blackberry fields that have borne good crops year af-ter year, and then began to fail and die out are simply yielding to starvation and neg-

—Bisulphide of carbon will destroy all animal life. If a small quantity is poured into ant holes, or even into rat holes, it will prove the best remedy that can be used. It is excellent to use on plants when they are young in order to destroy insects, provided the plants are covered for a short time. There is nothing better for driving rats away if its use is persisted in. The difficulty in the use of bisulphide of carbon is in having it reach into wheat bins and other places where insects are established. The latest suggestion is to insert a piece of The latest suggestion is to insert a piece of gas pipe, or any kind of tubing, into the centre of the bin, pour the liquid into the pipe, insert a stopper, and allow it to remain closed for forty eight hours. Although very volatile the gas evolved is heavier than air and sinks.

-In regard to cutting potatoes a very large numbers of experiments have proved that whole potatoes are the best for warm, high land, and for very early potatoes they will not only yield enough more to pay the extra cost of the seed, but will produce a crop from a week to ten days earlier than cut potatoes, which will sometimes make a difference in price of from 50 cent to \$1 per bushel. But on rich, moist land the difference between whole and cut potatoes is not so great. In the first place, on a rich, moist soil, it is not so important to secure an early vigorous growth as it is on a warm dry soil, and, in the second place, not being planted too deep below the surrounding laud, there is a tendency to the production of a larger number of stalks than on dry land, but as a rule, even on low land, it will do better to plant a medium sized

-Unclean seed has more to do with the distribution of weeds than all other causes combined. These are brought upon our farms in garden and field seed from foreign countries. Russian flaxseed is responsible for the introduction of the Russian thistle, which first appeared upon a single farm, and now covers over 40,000 square miles in the United States. Alfalfa, beet, turnip and other field and garden seeds imported from Europe are the potent cause for the contamination of our lands with farm weeds. Nor are the farmers of this country at all particular in saving their seeds, fields containing weeds often being set apart for seed crops, insuring the foulest seeds in many cases. And then in the purchase of seeds, the farmer is not careful to buy pure seed only, but plants whatever some dealers offer him. Until these methods are done away with we must expect to have new pernicious weeds constantly appearing among our crops.

The Chief Industry Will Remain.

It is now settled that Reynoldsville will not loose the plant of the Elk Tanning company as has been feared for the last weeks. The lockout of men was declared off last Thursday and the order to dismantle the establishment was rescinded by the company. It is expected that 150 men will be at work in a day or two. whole trouble arose over the attempt of an organizer to unionize the plant.

-When broiling fish, flour it before ribbon is placed to droop on the hair at the putting into the wire broiler.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The shirred dress skirt, the long shoulder effect, the girdled blouse jacket, the stolefront pelerine, the hip yoke, and the sleeve with all its fullness below the elbow are among the prominent features of dress for the spring and summer.

The coats and jackets though smart this reason are at first glance very shapeless, and it really takes some time to become accustomed to all the lines of the figure being so completely hidden. The so called loose coats have positively no shape whatever; the half fitting ones simply indicate that there may be a waist line somewhere; and the fitted backs with straight fronts seem almost too tight fitting entirely from contrast

Unfortunately a most mistaken idea has taken possession of the out-of-town dress-makers and tailors that the shapeless coat is so easy to make that even the most amateur home dressmaker is quite capable of it, and consequently there are any number of what might rightly be called dressing jackets made up. To began with, they are not big enough or short enough to look well, for quite long or quite short must be the rule; furthermore great care must be taken as to the fit over the shoulders and to not having too much material at the sides to hide entirely the line of the waist, which must be suggested, if not followed

To Whiten a Yellow Throat.-Wash the throat well at night in warm water, to which a little borax has been added, and, The curoulio, which is destructive of rhubarb, hibernates as an adult, and in Rub up and down and around the throat. spring deposits its eggs in certain common species of dock, especially curry dock—Rumex crispus. From the discovery of the breeding habits of this curculio it seems evident that the best way to prevent its ravages is to destroy the dock plants on which it develops. If these are pulled up, roots and all, say late in June, before they have gone to seed, and hurned, a great white linings in the collars of dresses. Be up, roots and all, say late in June, before they have gone to seed, and burned, a great many of the insects will be destroyed.

Warm water and pure soap. Always have white linings in the collars of dresses. Be sure to persevere in this if was have provement.

A cluster of swallow tail ribbon ends heads the black velvet loops that fall from the back of the belt of a beauty from Beer.

Natural colored linen Russian suits, trimmed with bands of blue and red crossstitch, are exceedingly slylish for little

Linen crash in its natural color is one of the most serviceable materials for young girls'skirts to wear with shirt waists.

The shoulder capes, so very fashionable for women, are just as desirable for girls. Much care should be taken in selecting pointed in front.

"Left of Front," is the prescribed station for an aigrette, or that cockade of pink, black or green velvet ribbon, which we notice in modish spring turbans.

It is quite true that left side trimmings are not universally becoming. While some women can boast a profile more regular on the left than on the right, yet there are those whose faces have a contour more piquant when viewed from the right. Few a stretch of woods leading up to the home of the base of the base of the stretch of woods leading up to the home of the base of the stretch of woods leading up to the home of the base of the stretch of woods leading up to the home of the base of the stretch of woods leading up to the home of the base of the stretch of waterloo, and reaching the latter place, the deceased started for the home of Samuel Strong. Being a paralytic and compelled to use a crutch, he could not travel very fast. While passing through a stretch of woods leading up to the home of the stretch of waterloo, and reaching the latter place, the deceased started for the home of Samuel Strong. It is quite true that left side trimmings of us have a face quite regular on both sides

All this must be considered in arranging and over-taxing his physical powers, he millinery decorations. She whose face is died of exhaustion. His crutch was found more attractive on the right should surely quite a distance from where he lay dead. have her Easter bonnet trimmed a little It is thought that a skunk or some other higher on the right side, or she can transpose the cockade or aigrette from left to right. Otherwise there will be something vaguely disturbing about the result. You may not know quite what the difficulty is, but it seems as if the bonnet were set on crooked.

Nevertheless, the great majority of wom-en wear the "left side" decoration, and it seems to be evident that their profiles are "left sided" from the average becomingness. Therefore "left of front" is the conventional place for setting a cockade.

Tonic for Oily Hair .- Almost all remedies for the scalp seem to be put together with the understanding that the hair is too dry and therefore they contain oils of various kinds. Now there are people and not a few, who are affected with the opposite trouble, undue oiliness of the hair. For which will keep the scalp cool and the hair dry and free from oil. Spirit of ether, 1½ oz; tincture benzoin,2 drachms; vaniline, 1 minim; heliotropine, 3 minims; geranium oil, 1 drop. Keep well corked and do not expose to flame as it is highly inflammable.

Great depth marks the collars, especially at the back. On some of the newest and handsomest coats these collars are almost hood shaped. That is, they reach fairly to the waist line at the back and are brought up so short at the front as to be very little more than a shallow yoke. These are especially good with the loose coats. There's the greatest latitude, though, and some new collars are just the reverse, being ab-breviated at the back and extending down into stoles at the front.

If the nose becomes freckled try a lotion

If the nose becomes freekled try a lotion made of thirty six grains of subcarbonate of soda, eight ounces of distilled water and six drops of essence of rose.

Another remedy for freekles on the nose is to add the juice of a lemon and two drams of brandy to half a pint of milk. Boil and skim carefully, and when cold add one dram of powdered alum. Apply to the freekles by means of a soft linen cloth.

An old fashioned cure for freekles is common horse radies grand freekles.

mon horse radish grated into a cup of soa

milk and strained. An ounce of lemon juice in a pint of rose water is another remedy; or, with the jnice of a lemon and the white of an egg, my lady, brush in hand, may touch up her frechles in the seclusion of her bondoir, and no one will be the wiser.

If the nose is shiny a little gin should be used in the water for washing the face.

So popular has the low neck night gown become that for this time of the year very few of the high cut ones are being made at all. The gowns are out square, round and V shaped, and trimmed with insertions and tucking in several rows. The elbow sleeves are all a settled feature of summer night gowns. Some night gowns even have small puffs coming to about one half the distance from shoulder to elbow, but the elbow sleeve is the best favored.

The square or box crown is a novel feature of season's millinery. A hat in this style of glazed, coarse straw has a square crown with a wreath of white roses massed close and regularly against it all the way round. While maline faces the brim in soft, fine folds, and a bow of white satin Bubonic Plague.

The Germ of the Disease Was Discovered Seven Years

The plague of today is the lineal descendant of that which was cleared away from dant of that which was cleared away from Loudon by the great fire. It represents one of the many epidemics which history teaches us devastated Europe during past ages—pests, these abolished by the disappearance of dirt which forms their soil and breeding place. We know the germ of the plague. It was discovered by Kitasato in 1894, and independently in the same year by Yersin, whose protective serum is used as a preventative. as a preventative.

The germ is a somewhat shortened and rounded bacillus that flourishes at a tem-perature approaching that of the blood. Apparently the germ does not multiply by giving off "spores," or seedlike bodies, but by simple division of the parent germs into others. It is easily killed. A temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit destroys it quickly, and acids also act efficiently in this direction. Yersin found the plague germ living in the soil in affected places. In the earth it appears to be nonvirulent, but placed in another environ ment, say the animal body, it speedily develops its disease-producing powers. Cows, sheep, pigs, cats, and, of course, rats, are affected by it, but the dog is said to enjoy an immunity from the attention bacillus. Gaining access to the body, through the skin for the most part, and probably through some abrasion or wound, the bacilli make for the glands, and as these swell and enlarge, constitut-ing what doctors call "buboes," the dis-ease has become known as the "bubonic

plague."
The fleas which infect the rat are also credited with a share in the diffusion of the ailment, for, charged with the microbes, these parasites will infect other rats, or may possibly inoculate man. Hence the crusade against rats which has been ordered and advised. It may be added that in one form of the plague the lungs are liable to be specially involved, and the coughed-up matter in that case is highly

Pennsy Takes Up the Fight.

W. W. Atterbury, General Manager of the Pennsylvania railroad, has notified the Altoona offices that the legal department of the company is preparing actions to be entered in the courts of West Virginia against the Rogers' Collection agency, which garnished the wages of employees to the amount of \$60,000.

The company is taking all precautions to have the suits without a flaw and as soon as the matter reaches the Supreme court of the State, will ask for an order of court, releating the money now held and giving the company the right to pay it to the men to whom it belongs.

At noon on Thursday the dead body of John M. Swailes, of Tuscarora township, was found in the woods south of Waterloo with his eyes picked out and fingers eaten off. About twelve days previous to the finding of his body Mr. Swailes accompanied David Goshorn in his wagon from East of Mr. Strong, night came on and it is supposed he wandered about in the darkness animal mutilated his body.

-Mamma was busy talking to her friends in the street car and the little one by her side was growing impatient.
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Justice to a worthy corporation requires that we should extend the editorial endorsement of this paper to this company at the present time, and to say that it has more than fulfilled every claim originally advanced in its behalf. It is only simple truth and justice to say that the management of the company is today entitled to the highest praise and commendation for the conscientious and straightforward manner in which they have carried out all of their obligations to those who have become identified with the enterprise as investors, and we are fully warranted in making the assertion that no financial or investment institution in the country can show a cleaner, more satisfactory or honorable record in its liberal treatment of investors and the public at large than the Storey Cotton Company.

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