

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.

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.

Preventing the spread of fungus diseases could be accomplished better by destroying the branches and vines that are cut away from trees and bushes than by the use of other methods.

The onerous, which is destructive of rhubarb, hibernates as an adult, and in spring deposits its eggs in certain common species of dock, especially curly dock—Rumex crispus.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In regard to cutting potatoes a very large number of experiments have proved that whole potatoes are the best for waring, 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.

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.

The Chief Industry Will Remain. It is now settled that Reynoldsville will not lose the plant of the Elgin Tanning company as has been feared for the last three weeks.

When broiling fish, flour it before putting into the wire broiler.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The shirred dress skirt, the long shoulder effect, the girdled blouse jacket, the stole-front 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 season 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.

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 Whiten a Yellow Throat.—Wash the throat well at night in warm water, to which a little borax has been added, and when thoroughly dry, rub in as much white vaseline as the skin will take up.

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 cross-stitch, are exceedingly stylish for little boys.

The shoulder cape, so very fashionable for women, are just as desirable for girls. Much care should be taken in selecting their shape so as to overcome the rather short waisted effect they are apt to give.

"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.

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.

Great depth marks the collars, especially at the back. On some of the newest and handsomest coats these collars are almost hood shaped. This 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.

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 cut square, round and V shaped, and trimmed with insertions and tucking in several rows.

Bubonic Plague.

The Germ of the Disease Was Discovered Seven Years Ago.

The plague of today is the lineal descendant of that which was cleared away from London 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 her breeding place.

The germ is a somewhat shortened and rounded bacillus that flourishes at a temperature 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.

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.

Penny 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 \$50,000.

At noon on Thursday the dead body of John M. Swales, of Tuscarora township, was found in the woods south of Waterloo with his eyes picked out and fingers eaten off.

Mamma was busy talking to her friends in the street car and the little one by her side was growing impatient. "Mamma," she said, "I—" "Mamma is talking," said her mother, severely.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Methodist Episcopal church, of Roaring Spring, providing the congregation contributes a like amount, for the purpose of purchasing a \$2,000 pipe organ. The conditions have been accepted and the instrument will be installed in the near future.

A STARTLING TEST.—To save a life. Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehopyny, Pa., made a startling test resulting in wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months."

Advertisement for Castoria, listing various ailments it treats like constipation, indigestion, and colic. Includes the name CHAS. H. FLETCHER.

Advertisement for THE KIND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT, featuring a grid of 'C' characters and the name CHAS. H. FLETCHER.

Another Tragedy Added.

Edna Varner's Mother Succumbs to Strain and Becomes Insane.

Another tragedy has grown out of the Varner case. Following upon the trial at Pittsburg of Mrs. Letitia Eagle, of Avalon, for the killing of Edna Varner, of Petrolia, Butler county, and her subsequent acquittal, came the story of that unfortunate woman's death.

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Advertisement for SECHLER & CO. FINE GROCERIES, BUSH HOUSE BLOCK.

Advertisement for STOREY COTTON COMPANY, featuring various cotton products and a list of prices.

Advertisement for ECKENROTH, THE OLD RELIABLE PAINTER and PAPER HANGER.

Advertisement for HIGHEST'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS.

Advertisement for PURE MILK AND BUTTER THE YEAR ROUND FROM ROCK FARMS.

Advertisement for CURTIS Y. WAGNER, featuring flour and feed products.

Advertisement for MEAT MARKETS, featuring 'GET THE BEST MEATS'.

Advertisement for SAVE IN YOUR MEAT BILLS, featuring 'WE BUY ONLY THE BEST'.