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FARM NOTES.

To have horse radish at its best buy the root, but do not grate it, as it is much easier and saves many tears if you first wash and scrape it, next cut into dice and put it through the finest cylinder of a corn cut chopper and then into air tight jars so as to retain the full strength until wanted for use.

It is a mistake to expect that eggs will hatch precisely in twenty-one days. While this is the rule, it is not an invariable one. Some will hatch in nineteen days, others in twenty-one days, and others will require twenty-five days for incubation. The causes are various—such as getting too cold, too much heat, lack of moisture, want of vitality of either or both of the parents, and the age of the eggs.

Bees will not pay unless there is plenty of bee pasturage. To simply procure a hive of bees, and expect them to produce honey with nothing for them to work upon, will result in failure. Do not rob the bees until the honey season is over, unless the combs are full, and care should be exercised in so doing, as a failure to leave a supply of honey for the use of the bees in winter may result in a loss of the entire colony.

In giving salt to animals it should be done in a manner to allow each animal to partake of as much as it desires and prefer, instead of giving the salt in the food, thereby compelling some animals to use more than they wish. Each animal has its individual preference, and the proper mode of allowing salt is to place it where the animals can have access to it at all times, as each will use only the amount needed.

The roots of peach trees are of a porous, spongy nature, and if the trees are set on moist ground they will grow rapidly to the third and fourth years and then die. Such trees never form fruit buds that mature. Peach trees will not bear forcing with stimulating manures, even in sandy soil, as such forcing will cause an overgrowth, and the fruit buds will drop off in the spring when the sap starts and the buds begin to swell. Do not plant on ground rich enough to grow onions, or the trees will make late growth and produce unripe wood that will be winter killed.

Nature supplies its mother with the food best adapted to the needs of a colt. It is well fitted to keep up the colt's animal heat and build up bone and muscle, and round out its body in short, to keep it in the best of health. The food nature is in solution, and easily digested.

It is not best to change abruptly from such a food to solid materials, and a good plan is to begin to feed a little grain somewhat before weaning time. Thus, the colt's digestive organs are able to accustom themselves gradually to the materials they will be called on to turn into horse flesh. Ground feed will not be missed for a time and may have a little bran mixed with it. Good hay is not bad colt feed, but some grain should be added, unless the colt is on good pasture. It pays to feed liberally, to encourage a thrifty condition and rapid growth.

When the colt is weaned, the ration should be gradually increased. By getting the colt started right and by keeping it growing, profitable results can be looked for.—Bice Journal and Gulf Coast Farmer.

The child city-born and bred has fewer opportunities for acquiring a sound, practical knowledge of the essentials of life than the child born in the country.

The farmer's boy may not have the polish of the city boy; he may not be able to talk so understandingly of the current events which take place in town; his hands may not be so soft and smooth, and he may not so often think of how his finger nails look; but of real, useful, practical, knowledge he has ten times as much as the city boy.

The farmer's boy knows the birds, the beasts, the trees, the various plants; he can pretty accurately foretell the weather; and if he sees a good horse or a cow he knows it.

He is a good judge of characters, and later on in life he will not be readily taken up by sharpers and frauds. Say what you like about the "old hay seeds," they are not half so green as they look.

The farmer's boy is courageous, for his daily life leads him into more or less danger. He must climb the trees for the nuts and apples, and climbing gives him agility and self-confidence. He "breaks" the colt his father gives him, and he has a horse it is a pleasure to ride after. He raises his own hens and chickens, and when he eats the custards his mother makes for him, there is no flavor of antiquity about them.

He breathes the purest air that lies out-of-doors. He feels the sunshine fresh from the eternal fount, and not held in solution by clouds of smoke or gases from some poison distilling manufactory.

He is alive all through. He has a jolly good time in life, and by and by when he has made his millions in some stuffy counting house, he will look back to his life on the farm with a regret which is akin to pain. He will recall the rocky hills where the maples yielded their hearts' blood in the glowing spring; and the sugar camp where the luscious sweetness bubbled in the great vats, and the girls from the neighboring farms came up in the moonlit nights to help at the "engaging off." The life of a farmer's boy may have restrictions, but work is a glorious thing when the ability to perform it is given. Work, which so many worthless scions of effete aristocracy affect to be horrified at, is God-ordained. It strengthens and develops a man mentally, morally, and physically. The man who can work has a comfort in the time of trouble, and a staff on which to lean in adversity.

Let no living person deny the country. To live in a pure atmosphere, to see daily unfolding before the eye the wonderful problem of the seasons—old, but ever new, to tingle the mountain tops with the light no artist's brush can ever imitate; to love the gentle animals and the singing birds which are ever around the child of the country—why, it is but a step to the perfection which we hope may come to us when the glad new life opens up to us in the mystical Beyond!—Farm Journal.

General Orders for National Guard.

General orders were issued from National Guard headquarters at Harrisburg last week to the effect that distribution of carbines and rifles from the United States Government will be conducted on a basis of fifty carbines to a company, as soon as possible. Battery Captain Barclay H. Warburton commanding, will be organized as a troop of cavalry to be known as Troop A, and assigned to the First Brigade.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Everything from tulle to broadcloth is shirred.

Mrs. Emma Stackman, of Napanee, Ind., has taught school for fifty-two years, having begun teaching when she was fourteen. She expects to enter upon another term in September.

Short skirts are in great favor for all occasions, especially for morning wear. A pretty morning gown, with an all-round skirt, set in flat pleats on an empiece, is in pale green linen bordered with dark blue and green embroidery on white linen. The short bolero, made on a yoke in box pleats, falling to the waist, had a turn-down collar of the embroidery, ending in stole ends with tassels. Tassels are playing a great part in the general scheme of dress.

New models for summer frocks show many wide tucks about the edge of the skirt. With summer silks and voiles these have the effect of being hemstitched. The wide cinchures, which are a truce between the Romney and Directoire belts, will be a special feature of these gowns. One summer frock may have two or three different cinchures, and each with stock-collar, will make an almost entirely different ensemble. Some of the cinchures will be in solid pastel shades, while others will come in pompadour flowers on white ground. It will all be a matter of taste, for each is equally a la mode, but the great idea to bear in mind will be the distinctness of each toilet. No hard or bizarre effects will be noticeable with the well-dressed woman of the summer of 1903. Each line, not only of her figure, but of her general bearing, must fall in with the harmony of the colorings employed in gowns and hats. There must be nothing striking in the tones employed; if so, then her costume will fall wide of the mark.

The salient feature in most of the linen skirts is the yoke effect. In many cases it is produced by the application of stitched bands or folds, either running horizontally or tapering to a slight point in the front. More often the yoke is an actuality and is continued down the front in a narrow panel. This combines the appearance of well rounded hips with slenderness. The yoke and panel are edged with cording in a contrasting shade. The panel effect may be repeated at intervals entirely around the skirt, but it must be skillfully fashioned or the result after the washing is deplorable. Below the plain yoke the skirt generally falls away in clusters of tucks. These are continued to within six inches of the hem, where the goods, released, flows in a natural flounce.

According to a Paris letter in Madame, the thing of the moment is the new coat, or, rather, cape, made of the same material as the skirts. This takes the place of the loose bolero, and on cool days will be worn instead of the stole, boa or ruffe. These capes are also made in coarse lace, guipure or embroidery; and, indeed, out of anything that is handsome enough to correspond with the skirt beneath. The age is all of silk, these shepherd's check suits are more elaborate, often having batiste under sleeves and being trimmed with medallions of batiste embroidery.

Then, again, in the finer fabrics, such as muslins and painted chiffons, these little additions in coarse lace will be a pronounced feature of the summer fashions. Braids is still a great deal needed, and furs have by no means yet disappeared.

The popularity of red seems to increase—red serge, red foulard, red voile, spotted for preference, red hopsack and red linen, cleverly intermingled with white or ecru, abound on every side.

Linen of all kinds are much used trimmed with macramé lace or coarse embroidery.

Strapped seams and bias folds of the same material are too popular to be exclusive as a trimming for street gowns, braid being much more desirable.

Shepherd's plaid frocks of wool, made with an instep-length skirt and a perfectly plain tight-fitting, full length coat, are very highly approved walking suits at present. When of silk, these shepherd's check suits are more elaborate, often having batiste under sleeves and being trimmed with medallions of batiste embroidery.

The coat sleeves are now made large enough to wear over the very large dress sleeves in vogue without crushing them.

Hats shapes that show the hair more are considered much smarter than those which are worn down over the face with drooping brim.

Spots and Stains.—Grease spots may be removed from white linen or cotton goods by using soap or weak lye. If the material is colored calico use warm soap suds. If woolen, ammonia and soap suds. If silk, benzine, ether, ammonia, magnesia or chalk.

Paint and Varnish Stains.—For white or colored cottons or woolen goods, oil of turpentine and benzine and then soap suds. For silk, benzine, ether and soap.

Stearine, Sperm Candle Stains.—Ninety-five per cent, alcohol is to be used on all kinds of materials for these stains.

Fruit and Wine Stains.—White cotton or linen, warm chlorine water, fumes of burning sulphur. For silks also this is good.

Lime or Alkali Stains.—Wash cottons and linens in cold water. Colored goods and silks, moisten spot with water and apply with finger tip a weak solution of citric acid.

Acid, Vinegar and Orange Juice Stains.—White cotton goods and linens, wash with warm chlorine water. Colored goods and silks, use diluted ammonia.—The Household.

The Way Trees Grow.

Unless the date of planting is known a tree can keep a secret of its age as long as it lives. Only when it is cut down and the rings that then show on this cut surface are counted can its exact age be told. Especially when a tree is sawed down, leaving the stump with a smooth, flat surface, it is easy to count its years. Trees, such as the oak, chestnut, pine, etc., add a thin layer just under the rough outer bark each year. These layers harden into a tough woody fibre, and one after another make the tree bigger and bigger around. When the tree is cut down these layers show just as the layers in an onion cut in half. As each layer counts for a year, the age of trees that have grown straight and tall is very easy to determine, while in gnarled, wind-twisted trees the rings run into each other and can scarcely be distinguished, and thus some of the famous old sentinels on the mountain tops hide the secret of their age forever. As the trunks of the trees grow larger layer by layer, the rough outside bark which lasts from year to year cracks wider and wider in its efforts to fit the big round body it was not made for, and great fissures and furrows appear, such as are seen in the oak. Some trees, like the birch, change their bark from year to year. The birch bark that peels off is almost as thin as paper and split in a thousand places with the swelling of the live new wood just beneath it.

Drink water and get typhoid. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get the jimjams. Eat soup and get hard of hearing. Eat oysters and acquire tæxemia. Eat vegetables and weaken the system. Eat dessert and take to parais. Eat rare meat and suffer with rheumatism. Eat oranges and get heart trouble. Smoke cigars and get catarrh. Drink coffee and obtain nervous prostration. Drink wine and get the gout. In order to be entirely healthy one must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing, and even breathe nothing should see that the air is properly sterilized. By and by much learning will be a dangerous thing. We shall know too much for our own good.

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Conundrums.

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