

FARM NOTES.

Lima beans may require watering if the season is dry, but it pays to do so as the crop is a valuable one...

In Canada they begin at the beginning in the eradication of weeds. Dr. Fletcher tells that in the schools of Manitoba the children are taught to know and name the thirty commonest weeds...

—The pigs should be turned on grass as soon as they are weaned and the grass is ready. They will then require no feeding, except a mess of ground oats mixed with middlings...

—A handy arrangement for feeding soft food or marshes is described here. Two boards are nailed together, and one is hinged to the wall about one foot from the floor...

—Lime is in general use as a fertilizer, and to a limited extent, also, as an insecticide. Testimony as to its value is conflicting, and this is due to its condition when applied...

—The whole subject of the sanitary condition of farm buildings is a most important one. Dwellers in the country are obliged to depend upon themselves almost entirely for securing healthful surroundings...

—Almost every boy knows how to whittle, but I have found very few men who without special training could trim sheep's feet speedily. To do so a pair of toe cutters or pruning shears and a good jack-knife with a narrow blade are necessary...

—Every swine raiser probably has his own ideas about the proper time for the pigs to be littered, and there is no doubt that the different localities and the accommodations for their reception which have been provided make a difference as to the best season for them to come...

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—The mother advantage is that pigs born in the early months of the year can be fattened and sent to market before the hogs which have been fed on the new corn are sent in to glut the market and cause a depreciation in prices...

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Golden eagles are embroidered on the shield cuffs and the upper part of the sleeves of a Russian blouse suit of white mohair. This is for a small boy.

If the girl who is going away on a short vacation can have but one shirt-waist suit she will be wise to have it made of wash silk, for she can wear a silk gown on many occasions, even if it is made in shirt-waist style, when a linen or crash dress would be bad form...

The shirtwaist is made without the exaggerated blouse, and shows the pretty lines of the new French curve figure, produced by the new Rosalind skirt-holder, which makes the long, slender waistline so much to be desired...

In making up a gown of this sort, where the skirt is of light-weight silk, unlined, the petticoat requires special attention. It must be fitted over the hips as carefully as the dress skirt. There must be positively no fullness at the waistline...

An effective trimming is to have the collarless Eton finished at the neck with alternate bands of taffeta silk and cream lace insertion, and to have these same silk and lace bands form tab equelettes over the shoulders and tab ends in front...

A severely simple little frock that will be worn at the graduating exercises of a well-known New York private school, is made of gossamer-like batiste, the full skirt fitted by means of vertical tucks and trimmed with horizontal tucks at the bottom...

Another frock that is being made for a girl in the same class is almost as simple, though intended for the wear of an exceedingly rich young woman. It is made of French mull, and has a doublepleated blouse and skirt, bands of Teneff medals forming belt and sleeve trimmings, outlining the blouse yoke and heading the deep flounce with which the skirt is faced...

There is much shirring shown, both on the gowns for "maman" and the frocks of "la fille." There is much more shirring allowed in the skirts; and as one must not look "hunchy," this fullness is gathered onto perfectly fitted plain hip yokes, which are frequently cut in one with the front breadths...

The Parisian tailor gowns are always more elaborated than the London styles; and are for that reason much more useful; as the style and cut are simple enough to make them suitable for morning or shopping wear, while the dainty touches of trimming give them a becoming softness that makes them correct at any time of day...

Where linings are necessary, they are of the lighter silk, or even of chiffon. The sleeves are full and large, of course, but as the dress sleeves are more moderate, so also are the coat sleeves devoid of extravagance now; and there is a tendency to further reduction in size as the season advances...

With a Colonial furnishing scheme the drape, to be hung consistently, should not have panels of portieres but single drop curtains such as were used in the eighteenth century. This material best liked by artistic decorators for these hangings is a tapestry showing an English landscape and all in one...

Little girls in short frocks wear their sashes tied very high up on the waist; this is quite a change from the belt line of the Russian blouse, which is absurdly low, almost down to the knees...

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Health.

Nursing in Mumps and Chicken-pox. These two complaints—mumps and chicken-pox—are reckoned among the less serious maladies of childhood; but that the former entails much discomfort, to say nothing of actual misery, is a fact to the truth of which many a little sufferer could attest...

It is asserted that infants are almost exempt from mumps, and that the period of life to which either sex exhibits the greatest susceptibility to the poison of contagion exists between the fourth and fourteenth years. Girls are less likely to be attacked than boys...

Among the initial symptoms that may manifest themselves in the more severe types of the complaint are headache, pains in the back and limbs, chilly feelings, fever, vomiting, and a consequent loss of appetite. The little one complains of pain in the region of the ear in about two or three days thereafter, and this is soon followed by a pronounced swelling of the face...

Milk heads the list in the way of fluid nourishment, and the intelligent mother or nurse is apt to think of this first, therefore; but to serve it in just the same form too frequently would necessarily occasion disgust for it. The inventive care-taker will think of a variety of ways in which to present this best of foods; she can heat it, or offer it cold, or in the form of cocoa; or she may have cooked in it peas or any other favorite vegetable...

The food value of any preparation is greatly enhanced by the addition of an egg, particularly the white; and an appetizing concoction may be evolved by pouring half a tumbler of milk in a preserving jar along with the unbeaten white of an egg, or the whole egg may be added if desired...

For saving the child any undue pain but glasses ought to be provided for both nourishment and a medicine, as their use necessitates opening the mouth but slightly. Tubes constructed especially for feeding purposes have a wide circumference and are flattened at the mouth portion. A small tube will answer for medicines; all tubes to be well rinsed after use, then placed in a glass of water to which has been added a pinch of washing soda...

To maintain cleanliness of the month of the patient is obviously necessary, and may be accomplished without real discomfort. A mouth wash of listerine or any good antiseptic will keep the mouth in as healthy condition as may be, at the same time relieving the disagreeable dryness. A piece of absorbent cotton may be wound on a tiny stick and dipped in the solution, or the mixture may be drawn into the mouth through the medicine tube and retained for some time before its ejection...

Envelope the neck in raw cotton to protect the sore glands, and when there is much pain the application of hot cloths will be found alleviating. Painting with iodine or applications of iodine ointment may be resorted to should the swelling become very hard and tense. Children who are susceptible to contagion can undoubtedly contract the disease from the patient even after swelling of the neck has subsided; so the invalid should be kept from school for three weeks, counting from the first symptoms, or at least for two weeks after disappearance of the swelling...

While reckoned among the childish complaints, mumps is not entirely confined to children, as cases do occur among adults. Though a contagious malady, the disease in question is not nearly so much so as any other of the communicable diseases, and is not a serious one ordinarily. Recovery takes place in less than a week in the great majority of instances. Evil complications, when they do occur, are more likely to manifest themselves after the twelfth year, and to involve the sexual organs...

CHICKEN-POX. Serious consequences are indeed rare as concerns an attack of chicken-pox, it being regarded as a very trivial complaint. At the same time it is highly contagious.

In the majority of cases the malady presents such mild disturbances of the general health as to preclude the need for treatment beyond the administration of a simple purgative to secure free movements of the bowels.

To overcome the annoyance consequent upon itching it is a good plan to dust the skin with a good talcum or other powder, or to anoint it with one of the preparations of petroleum, like vaseline. For crasps have formed it is better to employ an ointment containing two per cent of ichthyol. As cleanliness is important in any illness, the body will require frequent bathing. Moreover, proper care of the skin will prevent the child's making too free use of his nails. Scratching is apt to aggravate the rash, and to result in poisoning of the skin...

It is only after the most severe attacks that marks are left, and then the disfigurement is likely to appear upon the face.

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