

FARM NOTES.

Weeds will come up sooner than the crop. The damage from weeds is done early in the season, as they crowd out the young plants and appropriate the plant food.

The green crop plowed under is composed of three chief parts. About four-fifths of it is water, or from 80 to 88 per cent; about one-fifth of the whole, or 2 per cent, is composed of what is called the ash ingredients, and the rest is the so-called organic matter.

It is common for those who begin growing peaches to order a large proportion of the very early sorts, with the idea that these are most profitable. This, as a peach grower finds by experience, is a delusion. The very early peaches come in competition with the later small fruits.

Should you use the old-fashioned dasher churn you should be careful to use cream, milk and butter splashing out at the top, where the dasher handle goes through. This may be avoided by melting the bottom off of a small fruit or baking powder can and placing it over the handle of the dasher.

Protection of highway trees is needed against the axes of anybody and everybody who at present seems able to dispose of shade trees at his own sweet will but not actually within the fence lines of adjacent property.

July is a very busy month in the fruit orchard. Though it is somewhat late for thinning fruit, it can still be done with profit, if done wisely. It will be found advisable to remove the surplus, even though it is of good size, since in this way better quality as well as size is insured.

Hungarian grass is a good crop to sow late for fodder. Like millet, it will produce a heavy crop on good land, and can be cured and housed so as to keep with less trouble than corn fodder, and many prefer it, though not as much weight can probably be obtained from an acre as from corn.

In summer, when pigs can have the run of a pasture, and a little corn and wheat bran or middlings are given them, there is no occasion for cooking the food. Perhaps seldom in growing pigs will it pay to cook their food if it is masticable and digestible. But it is not advisable to feed raw potatoes to the pigs, as the potatoes would be much more valuable when cooked.

Factories for pickling cucumbers are being established wherever the farmers will become interested. Small pickles, not over two and a-half inches long, usually bring about 50 cents per bushel, a bushel containing about 800 pickles. The average yield is estimated at 100 bushels per acre, though several hundred bushels may be grown upon an acre.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

When one goes to a summer reception or garden party one must dress up in one's best. This gown is one woman's best. It is of accordion-pleated white chiffon faced over China silk, trimmed with a very broad waving design of white lace.

The style of shirt waist has materially changed. The strictly tailor-made article is used only with suits for shopping and traveling and for sport.

The prettiest are those fastening at the back, which makes it possible to trim fronts with great elaboration. The favorite color is white, the trimmings are generally lace, embroidery and tucks.

A blouse is of satin-finished cream white crepe de chine, made with a round transparent stock, yoke and cuffs of point de Venise lace. Out lining the yoke are squares of fine cream-colored batiste embroidered in pastel shades of silk, incrustated with lace motifs in center.

Among the novelties in collar and cuffs are the turned-down variety of embroidered linen and lawn. They should be avoided by women with long, thin necks.

Even the shirt waist suit this year depends much for its smartness upon the accessories worn with it. The belt, stock and hat are always selected with the greatest care, and with the idea of carrying out the same color scheme.

An unusually smart looking skirt waist suit seen recently, which was worn with a scarlet belt, was of white Sicilian silk, trimmed with a narrow braid and many French knots in black and scarlet. The belt, which was worn over a Rosalind adjuster, gave a pretty French curve to the figure.

The traveling gown this year, for short trips, is much less severe in style than last season. The shepherd plaid silks in black and white are particularly modish for this sort of costume.

In a smart looking wooltex black and white tulle three-piece suit the skirt coat has a touch of individuality given it by being trimmed with crescents made of white embroidery silk, and having also a very deep Irish crocheted lace collar.

Magnesia makes a capital cleanser for delicate, light colored fabrics that have become spotted or stained. Rub the spots on both sides with magnesia, then put the article away, just as it is.

To take out a kerosene spot from woolen fabrics cover the stain on both sides with French chalk, and leave it so overnight. Press between clean blotting paper with a warm iron.

Stocks of lawn or sheer materials, with flowing ends of the fichu or jabot order, she will use often for a neck dressing, those ornamented with hand-drawn work or embroidery being particularly favored.

For mildewed clothes soak each piece separately in well-salted buttermilk, or in salted loppered milk all night. Next day rinse in soft water and spread upon the grass. Cover the spots with a paste made of lemon juice and salt, and leave in the sun all day, renewing the paste twice meanwhile.

A crust will form which in the course of two or three weeks will drop off, taking the mole with it. Patience must be your watchword when you start in on beauty culture, just as it must be in other undertakings in this life.

Spots on the carpet may be wiped up with a cloth wrung out in hot, soapy water. The cloth may be frequently immersed in the water, but should always be wrung out thoroughly, then rubbed repeatedly over the affected portion until the soiled condition is nearly effaced and the spot is as dry as possible.

For cleaning and brightening carpets, as well as a preventive against moths, one housewife recommends brushing well with very coarse salt. Another advocates turpentine, a tablespoonful to a quart of water. Dip the broom in this once in a while during the sweeping of the carpet.

Home Preparation of Healthful Summer Drinks.

The important part of successful drink mixing, says The Delinctor, begins with the foundation or base, called simple syrup to which may be added fruit pulps and juices, flavoring extracts, ice cream, and the like to form a variety of beverages.

Place one quart of pure cold water in a roomy earthen bowl and add to it three pounds of granulated sugar; stir this mixture for a few minutes, then let it stand for a while and stir it again for several minutes; after a few such treatments, however, every particle of sugar will dissolve, leaving a clear, heavy syrup ready for use after being strained.

The next thing after producing the simple syrup is to purchase a case of "plain soda water" as it is called; this soda contains no sweetening or flavor whatsoever and is in reality spring water highly charged with carbonic acid gas, the same as found at any soda fountain.

To one pint of simple syrup add half an ounce of extract of orange and enough vegetable red coloring to give it a deep, rich wine color; also add a tablespoonful of acid phosphate; then mix the whole evenly by stirring. Now put this blood orange syrup in a bottle and keep it corked up. Always mix soda syrups in glass or china dishes and always keep the prepared syrup in glass, for the acid contained in many of them will act on metal and cause it to corrode, rendering the syrup useless.

To one pint of simple syrup add half an ounce of best extract of lemon, two teaspoonfuls of acid phosphate, and a few drops of tincture of curcuma to give the true lemon tint; mix well in and bottle the syrup the same as given for blood orange syrup. Use two ounces of it to each glass of soda and apply the plain soda which gives it the vim and bubble.

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It is made of the fresh fruit. It is frequently more acceptable than ice cream. To prepare it soak a tablespoonful of gelatin for half an hour in a eighth of a cup of cold water. Pour over it a half pint of boiling water, add a pint of currant juice, a scant pint of cold water, a pound of granulated sugar and the juice of a lemon. Freeze and pack.

This is one of the most cooling and refreshing of summer drinks and is beneficial to persons suffering with liver trouble. Stem red currants, place in a stone jar, set in a dish of hot water and cook until the juice is well extracted. Put into a flannel bag and drain. For every pint of clear juice allow a pound of granulated sugar and boil for five or six minutes. Remove, stir until cold and bottle. Many prefer to add a gill of the best brandy to each pint of the liquid before bottling.

A climbing accident on Pilatus is reported. The mountain is interesting, says the Westminster Gazette, as the first of the Swiss heights to which climbers turned their attention. There was a legend to the effect that the body of Pontius Pilate had been thrown into a lake close to the summit, and that whenever a stone was pitched into the lake a storm immediately occurred. The consequence was that people were curious to ascend the mountain to test the truth of the story, and that the Luzerne authorities forbade them to do so unless a respectable burgher of the town accompanied them.

—Sunday night, the 5th, a fire at the Standard Steel works at Burham, a branch of the Baldwin Locomotive works, destroyed a considerable section of the axle plant, causing a loss of about \$25,000; insured.

Gen. Cassius M. Clay Insane.

County Court, on the Petition of His Children, Declares Him of Unsound Mind.

A jury in County Judge Turpin's court recently at Richmond, Ky., adjudged Gen. Cassius M. Clay of unsound mind on the testimony of several of his children and a physician from Richmond, none of whom has seen Gen. Clay for several months.

When Gen. Clay was told by his body-guard, Jim Bowlin, that he had been adjudged insane, he half arose from his sick-bed, and, seizing his revolver, declared that he would never be taken from Whitehall alive.

He would have nothing more to say except that he wanted his former child wife, Dora Clay Brock, to come back to Whitehall to remain with him the rest of his days. He fully expected her to return but she did not appear.

Gen. Clay will not be taken from Whitehall to a private sanitarium, as was at first thought, but he will have no say in the management of his financial affairs.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.—"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 25 pounds. It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Green's drug store.

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