

FARM NOTES.

—Sheep scab is one of the most serious drawbacks to the sheep industry of the country and results in enormous financial losses.

By far the most rational and satisfactory and the cheapest method of curing scab is by dipping the sheep in some liquid which will kill the parasites.

First.—Select a dip containing sulphur. If a prepared "dip" is used which does not contain sulphur it is always safer to add about sixteen and a half pounds of sifted flowers of sulphur to every hundred gallons of water.

Second.—Shed all the sheep at one time and immediately after shearing confine them to one half the farm for two to four weeks.

Third.—At the end of this time dip every sheep, and every goat also if there are any on the farm.

Fourth.—Ten days later dip the entire flock a second time.

Fifth.—After the second dipping place the flock on a portion of the farm from which they have been excluded during the previous four or five weeks.

Six.—Use the dip at a temperature of 100 degrees F.

Seventh.—Keep each sheep in the dip for two minutes by the watch—do not guess at the time—and duck its head at least once.

Eighth.—Be careful in dipping rams as they are more likely to be overcome in the dip than are the ewes.

Ninth.—Injury may, however, result to pregnant ewes, which must on this account be carefully handled.

A small portable vat suitable for use in dipping flocks is made. When not in use, this vat may be conveniently stored away, and it may be drawn from place to place, as desired.

A convenient size will be 9 feet long by 2 1/2 feet broad at the top, 5 inches broad at the bottom and 3 1/2 feet deep.

From a foot above one end of the floor a slant with cross cleats rises to the top end of the vat.

The sheep are dropped in by hand, one at a time, at the deep end and after being held in the dip for two minutes are allowed to leave the vat at the slanting end.

This plan of vat sheep is easily modified, if desired, so as to have a small dripping platform attached.

In this modified plan an inclined platform is added to the vat, and a removable skeleton box is made to fit over it.

A gate may be placed at the deeper part of the slant. This slant is swung toward the vat.

While one sheep is allowed to ascend the incline into the small dripping pen. When the sheep is sufficiently drained the gate is opened, it leaves the pen, the gate is closed, the sheep in the vat enters the pen, and another sheep is placed in the vat.

—White onions for bunching in spring should have made considerable root and top growth by late October.

—The mistake is often made of thinking that concentrated food like gluten meal, oil meal, etc., are valuable only for the animals to which they are fed.

—Ventilation of stables in winter is a matter which requires judgment.

—The best way to convert cider into vinegar is to add some of the older to old vinegar, which hastens the formation of acetic acid.

—Apple tree limbs affected with blight the past season should be cut out vigorously.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The newest model for fall and winter shirt waists, or blouses, to use the English name, as most of the shops now do, is a severe, rather skimpy garment, with no fullness in the neck or the shoulders, and hardly a vestige of the pouf effect at the belt.

Another very good shirt waist model, says the New York Evening Post, has a few gathers at the neck, the back being left quite plain.

It will surprise many readers to be told, on the authority of Dr. Katherine G. Townsend, writing in the October Everybody's Magazine, that the average number of medical women graduates each year is about nine hundred, and it is estimated that there are nearly six thousand women physicians practicing in this country.

Some dress skirts are but gigantic ruffles. The bolero is often but a section of a founcing. Elbow sleeves must be finished by a ruffle.

A deep accorioned ruffle is suitable for anything from a skirt to a lining for an evening coat.

Very few yokes appear on imported dress skirts.

White sheer soft fabrics are graceful in full effects, heavy ones are seldom so.

Flaring flounces are not done for, as there is no better way of obtaining foot fullness.

Novels, or tunic effects, are nothing so novel as they sound.

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