

FARM NOTES.

To preserve the wagon wheels so that they need not be taken to the shop, heat linned oil to the boiling point and pour it into a trough. Have enough oil to cover the felloes, and turn the wheel slowly through this boiling oil.

Kerosene is fatal to all kinds of insects, and for that reason it is frequently used as a preventive of danger by the cabbage worm. An objection to its use is that the kerosene impregnates the cabbage with its odor. The remedy is, therefore, as obnoxious as the work of the cabbage worm.

Dehorning cattle is no doubt cruel, at the time of operation, but those who favor it maintain that cattle which have been deprived of their horns eat out of the same trough without doing injury to one another, and greater safety is insured during shipment to market.

All kinds of coarse food can be rendered serviceable by judicious combination of the ration. Even cut straw will be eaten if bran and oil meal are added to it. Fodder can be made acceptable to stock by preparation, and hay may be fed with other foods in a manner to make the whole a ration which will be relished.

Water the cows separately and then you can know that each one drinks liberally. If anyone of them does not, then look after her and ascertain the reason. If the cow does not drink freely the supply of milk will soon begin to fail. As for her winter rations of food, one cannot do better than to give her night and morning twenty-five pounds of ensilage and ground grain with clover hay at noon.

Breeds of swine have been injured to a certain degree by using animals for breeding purposes that were not fully matured. Experiments made with matured sows and young sows show that the cost of raising pigs from matured sows is much less than from the younger dams, while the losses of pigs were also much greater when the dams were young. It has been claimed that liability to swine cholera and other diseases is likewise caused by the use of immature animals for breeding purposes.

Use incubators during winter. While many poultrymen and farmers raise chickens in the spring, it is because at that season the hens are more inclined to become broody. The proper period for hatching early broilers is in the late fall and winter, which is also the most suitable season for incubators. The great obstacle to the production of early broilers is that the hens will not incubate until they are ready to do so of their own accord. By the use of the incubator chicks can be hatched at any time. It will thus be seen that the one has nothing to do with the other, all that is dependent upon the hen being the laying of the eggs, and in that respect she has no substitute. The laying of eggs is done at the least expense in those months following March, and ending only when molting begins, while hatching and raising chicks is done from the molting season until March ends. The year is thus divided into two periods, and into two separate industries, both of which give better results than either alone. The incubator cannot lay eggs, but can hatch them, while the hen can lay eggs, but will not hatch them until she so prefers.

Salt the horse regularly. A pinch of ashes with the salt now and then will tend to keep the stomach in good order and prevent colic.

If we all understood better about feeding the horse, he would have fewer sick spells. A good share of his trouble comes from careless watering and feeding.

The bit of a horse often torments and makes him nervous or ugly. A tough mouthed, obstinate horse is many times made so by the use of an unsuitable bit.

Horses that are given water with regularity fasten most readily. They can be taught to take water before breakfast, and this light drink seems to be worth a great deal to them.

Wet the horses' feet every day with a sponge if you do not put them in a soaking tub. Simply wetting the feet every day will do more than you think to keep them in good condition.

The horse that always has grain or hay before him will not do as well as the one that is given a fair ration regularly and has time between meals to digest his food and give the stomach a rest.

When epizootic or distemper is raging, do not let the young horses graze in places that are made by horses' grazing, for that is a pretty sure way to catch the disease form animals rubbing their noses there.

Farm Journal. Considerable work can be done in the winter with grapes, blackberries, raspberries, etc., especially the cutting out of the old wood from blackberries and raspberries and trimming the grapevines. Since the borer began to destroy the blackberry canes the old and well-known Wilson variety—the largest and most attractive of all blackberries—has been almost obliterated in some sections, but where growers have united in the work of cutting away the canes and burning them the evil has been greatly lessened. One slovenly fruit grower in a neighborhood, who leaves his canes, may cause a loss to the whole community by propagating a new crop of borers. The study of the life history of each industrious insect at the several State Experiment Stations has done much to enlighten farmers in regard to preventing injury from parasites and insects, but all methods suggested demand vigilance and work on the part of the fruit grower, and he will not succeed unless he is willing to do everything that is required.

If the labor and cost of fertilizers must be considered it is safe to assert that fruit growers derive larger profits from blackberries and raspberries than many of them deserve, as it is only when picking and harvesting the crop when the real labor is performed. After the crops are harvested some fields receive but little care and cultivation, and it is seldom that manures or fertilizers are applied though the strawberry is treated differently. Entering upon fruit growing maintain that it pays to give blackberry and raspberry canes good cultivation, and to apply fertilizers liberally, as the increased crop of berries and vigorous vines more than pay the expense. During the periods of drought the grassy rows of canes must compete for moisture with intruders, and it often happens that a dry period sets in just at the time the berries are ripening and when moisture is greatly needed. When the soil is clear of grass and weeds, and the ground loose, the loss from lack of moisture is greatly reduced.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Capes in shawl effects after the 1890 mode will be high style for spring coats. Fashionable women wear a white waist of lace, crepe de chine or finest lawn exclusively with their cloth or velvet morning gowns but one to match with dressy gowns for afternoon wear. It is predicted that mohair will be used for creating some of the most swagger gowns for spring.

Many of the newest separate waists show a tendency toward the shawl drape. This is slightly open at the neck in a narrow V shape, with the shoulders draped with a Marie Antoinette fold.

The two most modish styles in skirts of the moment, says an exchange, are calculated to suit both the stout and the thin woman. For the former there is the flowing skirt, falling in gathers straight from the waist, and of ample length, which by its very fullness, hides and softens down the pronounced outlines just as the tight-fitting skirt of yester-year defined them too clearly. But let the stout woman beware of the early Victorian skirt, round and jaunty in cut, not too long, but standing out well all round the feet, its roundness of outline emphasized by the circular trimmings, tucks, bands or ruchings, which run round the lower part from the knee downward. Such a skirt is just the thing for a slim woman especially if she be young for somehow this particular style seems to associate itself with youth.

By degrees we have been brought to accept the Parisian verdict in the matter. The old-time "silk waists," worn haphazard with any skirt, has disappeared. Last winter it was the blouse of white alone which might accompany a skirt of another color. This year the edict has gone forth that all waists and skirts shall blend in shade.

Not only this, but the best of the new blouses have bands or designs of the skirt material introduced among the trimmings showing that they are planned as part of a costume.

Quantities of fancy blouses in white are still being turned out by the makers, to be sure, but woman who follow fashion closely will wear these only beneath a coat or with a separate skirt itself in white.

A number of new silks have been introduced which develop into charming little blouses. They are all of the softest and most supple quality, and have to the advantage of not musing or creasing easily. Nets, too, made up over silk, are a great deal used, and so are crepe de chine and pleated chiffons. A soft, fine quality of liberty satin is an especial favorite for the separate blouse this winter.

Attempts are made periodically to have us abandon the separate blouse entirely and return to the gown in cloth throughout but such efforts have met with little encouragement. The cloth waist is too warm for indoor wear, and it is cumbersome beneath a coat. Women will not easily be persuaded to adopt it for such use again.

Among trimmings are many new features. The application of cloth bands to produce a harmonious effect in waists and skirts is the most striking novelty. Deep collars and cuffs of the skirt material, handsomely embroidered, are used on some of the blouses to bring about this result.

Braid as trimming for waists of silk and liberty satin is another novel idea. A year ago we should have called such combinations incongruous, yet now that it has been given the stamp of approval, we find it both pretty and effective. Silk braids of the straight "military" order are those employed.

Laces of all kinds are, of course, very much used in blouse trimmings and the entire waist of lace is by no means out, though it is not so new this year. Some beautiful silk and liberty satin waists have deep transparent yokes and cuffs of hand-made lace. These may be worn either with or without a silk slip beneath.

Where nosebleed is unusually obstinate, refusing to yield to the ordinary remedies, a drier resort is to plug the nose with a piece of cotton about the size of the first joint of the thumb, around which a bit of thread is tied. Oil the plug, roll to a point one end and introduce it into the nostril twisting motion until it reaches the point where the bleeding comes from.

A padded and scented coat hanger is one of the pretty and useful trifles that found its way into a gift collection this year. Every careful person knows the ridiculous effect of having a single loop standing up in the back of the coat, and even the two loops, one at each arm's eye do not tend to keep the coat in such good shape as the coat hanger. Men long ago found this out and adopted the hanger. Women being less tailor-made, have been slower to discover its virtues but for an elegant wrap or coat nothing is so essential, and the "particular" woman knows it.

To make the fancy Christmas variety of coat hanger, take the ordinary wire one, wooden frame and cover it thickly and evenly with wadding, which has been plentifully sprinkled with violet powder, oris, or any favorite perfume. Fasten it down firmly by twisting fine cotton around it from end to end. Then cover this lining by twisting satin ribbon about three inches broad around and around it, beginning at the ends and winding spirally toward the center. The ribbon will need to be sewed at the ends of the wire and at intervals along the twists to hold it firm against any danger of unraveling or coming loose. Tie the ends left by each piece after the twisting is done in a handsome bow in the center. Cover the hook by a twist of ribbon, and the coat hanger is finished.

If the face has a shiny, oily look, soft tissue paper, such as men use for shaving is the remedy. Rub the face over with this, and after a week's use you will wonder how in the world you have ever done without it.

The walking dresses made for the lucky Parisiennes who will spend the cold months basking in the sun and balmy breezes are all gazed at the waist and trimmed with wide tucks. The bodices, tucked from shoulder to shoulder, generally pouch over an embroidered waist-band and are finished off with a collar and yoke of fine lawn embroidery or lace.

Apple, Cress and Chestnut Salad.—Arrange a border of very fresh crisp greens around a flat serving dish. Pare about four good eating apples and cut them up into short straws; immediately dress with lemon juice and oil. Have ready and chilled the same quality of boiled French chestnuts, mixed with mayonnaise, and a few tablespoonsful of whipped cream. Place the chestnut mixture in center of the wreath of cress and scatter the apple straws over the top and serve.

When there are deep rust spots on steel

that resist all the usual methods of polishing it will be wise to try a paste made from fine emery powder and kerosene. There are few spots that will not yield to this. After applying the paste—and rubbing the spots thoroughly—let it stand for several hours, then polish with oil.

The Saracens and the Moon. The Saracens called the moon Cabbar the Great, and the crescent still surmounts the Turkish mosques and is emblazoned on the green standard of the prophet. Schlegel mentions a story that Mohammed "wished to pass with his disciples as a person transfigured in a supernatural light and that the credulity of his followers saw the moon, or the moon's light, descend upon him, pierce his garments and replenish him.

"That veneration for the moon which still forms a national, or, rather, religious, characteristic of the Mohammedans may perhaps have its foundation in the elder superstition or pagan idolatry of the Arabs."

Not His Fault. A doctor was summoned to attend the miller's little boy. He wrote out a prescription, which was promptly made up and administered in due form. The next day he called again to see his patient and found the whole family in tears.

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His Occupation. Calvert, Jr.—What is your uncle doing now? Balty Moore—Sitting on juries. Calvert, Jr.—What? I thought he was judge in one of the higher courts. Balty Moore—He is.—Baltimore American.

The Joke on Her. "I suppose being the wife of a humorist is a continuous joke," said her former schoolmate. "Yes," she sadly sighed, looking at her faded jacket, "and it's on me."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Pleasantable. It tickles a woman to death to plan if she had an income of \$20,000 a year how much good she could do with the \$100 of it she could not spend for clothes.—New York Press.

Breaking All Records. Clearfield's New Judge Comes Down Hard On Applicants For License. Judge Allison O. Smith who took his seat on the bench of the Clearfield county court last week, broke all records when he refused every hotel license in Clearport for violation of the liquor law, and granted but one in a list of five applicants from Secorria township. Up to date Judge Smith has refused twenty old licenses, and has granted no new ones. The applicant list from DuBois is large, and some saloon-keepers are on the anxious seat. Numerous applications from all parts of the county have been withdrawn the last two days and the list is rapidly dwindling.

Judge Smith has required the proprietors of hotels to bring their registers up to date and submit them when their application is under consideration. He said, "I think conducting hotels in Clearfield county means more than the mere granting of licenses." He has further given notice that after this year he will grant no liquor licenses for restaurants.

Lost Hat a Clue to Robbers of Widow. Mrs. Valencia Myers, a wealthy widow, living on Main street, in Lewisburg, found a burglar in her home early Friday morning. She and her daughter the night before placed all the family silverware in the kitchen preparatory to cleaning. In the morning Mrs. Myers found the kitchen door open and two coats lay on the floor near the silverware, evidently awaiting the plunderers.

Mrs. Myers heard somebody moving about in the hall, and just as she struck a match and the flame flashed up a man rushed upon her, knocked her down and choked her. She battled with him, and screamed. The fellow fled.

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