

FARM NOTES

The Farm and the Home.—Nothing so beautiful a dwelling as to be set in the center of a well kept lawn. There is no reason why the farmer and his family should not enjoy the possession of an attractive door yard, since every facility is at hand for grading, planting and keeping a pretty lawn. The dwelling should, if possible be located on a slightly elevated knoll, but often the site has already been selected and the building erected in which case it may be necessary to grade to the desired elevation. One cannot endure a low sloping door yard, hence the ground immediately around the house should be higher than at the outer edge of the yard. Early spring is the best time to sow the grass seed. Kentucky blue grass is a general favorite for lawns. This should be very thickly sown to produce a mat the first season. If, however, one succeeds in getting a fair, even stand, he need have no concern regarding the lack of density as this grass thickens up from year to year. In arranging the lawn, have very few shrubs or trees in the center. There should be planted at the outer edge, preferably at the rear and sides of the building. Do not obscure the view from the roadway. If there are unsightly buildings a screen of vines run on a wire trellis will be found effectual in hiding them from the occupants of the dwelling as well as from passers. A very pretty effect may be had by planting a few beds of profuse bloomers of different colors very near the house, at the ends or side of the porch or around the bay window. Provision may be made to have these beds in bloom from early spring to late autumn, by using bulbs for early spring blooming, annuals for summer and chrysanthemums, cosmos and other autumn blooming plants. Their beauty is enhanced by the greenery about them.—C. B. Barrett, in Epitomist.

Select Good Cows Only.—It is just as essential to keep good cows as any other animal. No man can afford to keep poor cows, and especially the poor man. If a rich man wants to waste his money in poor cows it is not quite so bad, but a poor man must know better, or he cannot expect much profit. In order to make headway the poor man must keep animals and use feed that will make the largest profit. You cannot afford to keep a single cow that does not make you a profit. Be practical and business like and apply the only sure test. Keep a book in which to enter on one side all milk, cream and butter, whether consumed by the family or sold. They are worth in your family exactly what you would have to pay for them if you had no cows. On the other side enter the feed consumed, whether purchased or raised on your farm. The hay or corn fed is worth on your farm the market price, less cost of delivering to market. This test, even if conducted for a short time, will show you facts and not what you guess about it. Some people refuse to spend money for the best feed for their cows. This is poor economy, because it simply invests money which will bring good returns. In selecting choice dairy cows; if the richest milk is wanted, keep the Jerseys; if both butter and milk are wanted keep the Ayrshire, but if large quantity of milk is wanted for the manufacture of cheese, then the Holstein must have first place. But, however, in either case always select the best. Suppose you pay \$30 for a poor cow and come out even at the end of year. Suppose you pay \$60 for a first class cow, and at the end of the year she can show you a profit of \$30. If you keep cows for profit just figure this over carefully. It requires just as good business qualities to be a successful dairyman as it does to be successful in any other business. If you don't think so you had better quit the business.—E. L. Morris, in Epitomist.

How do Your Cows Look.—Coming toward summer now, and it is a fair question for every farmer to ask himself how his cows look about this time of the year. Are they loaded down with filth that has been accumulating all winter? Too late to help that now, but mark it down that another season you will begin in the fall and curvy your cows every day just as regularly as you do your horses. But one thing you can do even now along this line; you can brush the cows off at least once a day, using an old horse curry comb and brush. This will relieve the cows when the hair is beginning to come out and make them feel better, saying nothing about the difference in looks.

And then, you can feed better than you have been doing. It will add many dollars to your account before next winter to have all the cows go out of the barn in the best condition. The cow that is all run-down so that you cannot do anything for her as you can see her, cannot do anything much for you for the first month or two after she goes to pasture. She is too busy gathering up lost flesh and strength. Still further, you can watch your cows more carefully now than at any other season of the year. The time of coming into new milk is a most important one. Some cows are spoiled for the season by neglect at this critical period. So watch and care for the cow now as at no other time of the year.—Farm Journal.

The Value of Trees.—In many parts of our country farming would be impossible but for the trees, such is their influence upon the streams. They regulate the water-supply and their tendency is to prevent both floods and droughts; they supply fuel, one of the greatest necessities of life, and they furnish the lumber for the building of our cities, railroads, ships, and a thousand other things without which our present state of civilization would not have been possible for ages, if at all. This is why we should be careful of our forests, which are fast dwindling away in many sections; this is why we should legislate against sheep grazing in the forests, and against all other practices which tend to cause forest fires, and why we should try to protect our trees from their natural enemies, such as landslides, floods, insects and fungi. And it is well to bear in mind the fact that we cannot replace in fifty years a tree which we can destroy in an hour.—April Woman's Home Companion.

The destruction of weeds by means of spraying seems to be a possibility of the future, says New York Farmer. Last year those who used five pounds of blue vitriol in a hundred gallons of water were quite successful in killing wild mustard, spraying when the plants were just before the stalks began to shoot up. It would appear that six to eight pounds of vitriol to a hundred gallons of water would be still more effective.

The brood sows should receive carefully selected food containing the full maximum of nutritiveness and given up to the full limit of her digestive powers.—Farmer's Advocate.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Some brilliant shades of red are new this season. Pale coral red is excellent in taffeta or lousine, especially when used in bias bands or for disks in trimming a dress.

Strawberry-color, a full rich tint, is superb in velvet or silk, and is positively dazzling in the finer linens.

A cerise or cherry-colored linen looks quite good enough to eat. Make it up in a shirt waist for your brunette daughter and relieve the joyous intensity of color by a black silk sailor's necktie beneath the chin.

The new "bun" style of hair arrangement for children has brought in a very pretty ribbon-fad. Two rosettes of looped ribbon are joined by a short ribbon strap. The rosettes placed at either side of the "bun" and the strap connecting them serving to keep the arrangement firm and tidy adds the touch of novelty that is usually forthcoming for the demoiselle at this season.

Stiffenings are getting very stiff—in body, not in price. Crinolines of all weights and kinds are seen. They range from 3 to 12½ cents a yard, and are to be had in black, white and slate color. The shrunk linen crinoline for interlining jackets and skirts comes in white, black and natural color, at twenty cents the yard. For underlining there is linen scrim at 12½ cents the yard.

A distinctive feature of the up-to-date masculine costume for the summer of 1904 is to be the cowhide belt.

It is narrow, not more than one and a half inches wide, and is made of cowhide with the hair on. The irregular brown and white colorings are odd and striking. Also a fad of the season is the handkerchief in colored effects to match the shirt worn, whatever that may be. These come both in linen and silk, prices ranging from \$1 up. The self-color shades included are light blue, heliotrope, pale green, very deep pink and champagne.

Equally expensive, though perhaps in better taste, are fine white handkerchiefs, hemstitched and having a border of fine cords forming pleads.

Have your shirt waists made with sleeves that are of sensible proportions, finished with a neat cuff and the entire garment constructed on the neat, sensible lines that brought this very useful bit of feminine apparel to a state of perfection several years ago.

A DAILY THOUGHT.

Every individual has a place to fill in the world and it is important in some respect, whether he chooses to be so or not.—Hawthorne.

Why should girls dread housework? Every worthy woman in the world understands housework, which is important and the mark of a capable, useful woman. Every man who succeeds in the world understands his trade. Every woman should understand hers. If there is any work in the world that is dignified and respectable, says the *Athlon Globe*, it is housework. A good housekeeper is nearly always a successful, useful woman, a woman who is respected.

CLOTHES FOR THE FAIR.

If you contemplate a trip to the World's Fair, maids and matrons, don't worry your heads about an extensive wardrobe, for you will not need it—a silk shirtwaist suit will be a constant joy, and with an odd skirt of walking length, a light-weight jacket and a half dozen white shirt waists and stock accompaniments you can keep up appearances and be quite comfortable and happy. This, of course, is providing you have with you boots that are old familiar, for you will find your feet have grown more tender than your conscience after a day on the grounds. Hats, too that the sun will have no effect on should also be selected for the trip, and a liberal supply of cold cream will come in handy after a day in the sun. One evening gown will suffice if you have social affairs in mind, for you'll be too tired to bother about clothes. One pretty little woman who is very fond of changing her gowns on the slightest pretext exclaimed with a tired sigh "Twenty-four gowns did I pack for this port and I've only had on four since I came three days ago." Moral—Leave "clothes" at home and bring sensible togs.

LACE LOOKS WELL.

Sheer fabrics and good lace always look well in photographs if nicely arranged. Where possible a low-necked dress should be chosen, if one is not too thin, since the lines of the neck and throat are almost the prettiest part of many photographs, says a writer in the *Housekeeper*. Where one does not care to wear a regulation evening dress, having one just slightly open at the throat is infinitely preferable to a high stock collar. A chiffon or mousseline de soie is as artistic a thing as one can unless one be fortunate enough to have some delicate piece of old lace which can be arranged in somewhat similar lines. Some faces look more attractive when framed, as it were, by a large picture that (ordinary faces are generally a mistake in photographs) and this, in combination with a low-necked dress, is not against the canons of good taste, though it might easily be so if the wrong kind of hat were used. An opera cloak edged with something light and fluffy is pretty thrown loosely over the shoulders, especially if one prefers not to have too much of the neck and shoulder showing.

THE QUESTION OF THE HAIR.

Arranging the hair becomingly, so as to avoid any hard lines where it touches the face, is very important. The style of bringing a solid mass of hair low over the forehead is one that needs the most careful treatment in the world to prevent its ruining the picture. Indeed, it is well to avoid extreme styles (which are always ephemeral and look almost vulgar when they are no longer fashionable) in a photograph—not only of dressing the hair, but in what one wears to be photographed in. This is, of course, especially important in a full length portrait, for, although we all get to like what is fashionable, however outrageous we first thought it, an exaggerated protuberance in sleeve, bustle or other lines which are not those of the natural figure, become distasteful later on, and we feel inclined to burn up the photograph when we see it in our friends' houses.

Generally speaking, dark dresses should be avoided in having one's picture taken. Red, especially, is a bad color to choose, as it comes out intensely black. Even for old ladies it looks much better to have something light and soft folded about the neck and shoulders.

Blad and Beat Aged Woman Fire Home.

Altoona Thieves Brave Daylight in Committing Crime—Son Saves Mother From Flames.

With the evident belief that they were going to rob a wealthy woman two thieves committed a most daring crime in the heart of Altoona in broad daylight Friday afternoon. The men rapped on the back door of the home of Mrs. Barbara Young, an aged woman, and asked if she had rooms to rent. Telling them she had none, the woman turned to get an address where they could be accommodated. Just then the visitors stepped into the house, one locking the door and the other drawing a revolver. They demanded money, but the aged woman insisted that she had none.

"We'll soon see," said the men. After ransacking the first floor they ordered Mrs. Young to go to the second floor. Reaching the hall she started to run. They overtook her, tearing away her clothing and brandishing a revolver in her face, and carried her back to the sitting room, where she was tied to a rocking chair. After this they struck the defenseless woman a terrible blow rendering her unconscious. The house was then searched from top to bottom and the woman's little earnings of \$18, saved from keeping lodgers, was found. Angered at not securing a larger sum the men set fire to two beds, one on the second and the other on the third floor.

"Mrs. Young had, meanwhile, recovered and the robbers beat her into unconsciousness once more and left her to perish in the flames.

The driver of a wagon noticed flames coming from the house and turned in a fire alarm. The first company on the scene was the one having with it the woman's son, who is a fireman. He found his mother and carried her through the smoke to safety. The fire was then extinguished. Mrs. Young is in a serious condition but will recover. The thieves escaped.

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World's Fair.

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June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th are the next dates for great coach excursions to St. Louis via Pennsylvania railroad, on account of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The rates for these excursions have been fixed at such a low figure that they afford those of limited means an opportunity of seeing the World's Fair at an exceptionally small cost. The unusual success attending the first Pennsylvania railroad excursion indicates that these will be very popular.

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Bobbie (interrupting)—Oh, mamma, will it be able to fly when it is finished?

Papa—Why, Jack, what's the matter? You look very forlorn. Jack—I know it, sir; but mamma's got company, and I promised to be good until they went home.

Elsa—Mamma, why does baby cry so? Mamma—Because his teeth hurt him, dear. Elsa—Are they biting him, mamma?

Bobbie—I often dream a burglar is going to shoot me.

Teddie—Don't you get fearfully scared? Bobbie—No; I know I'm sure to wake up just as he's pulling the trigger!

Tommie—Mamma says she's very sorry for you, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown—Why so, Tommie? Tommie—Cos your garden fete's the same day as hers, and everybody will go to hers instead!

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