

FARM NOTES.

The deeper the soil the greater the feeding capacity of the roots, while the liability of loss of fertility is reduced, surface washing being to a great extent prevented.

An experiment with fertilizers is more instructive when practiced on the farm than at the experimental stations. Five dollars expended on a small plot of ground in the use of fertilizers, on selected crops or plants, will enable the farmer to learn facts that will save him hundreds of dollars, as well as largely increase his yields.

It is claimed that clover hay may be baled in the field, but the experiments made are not sufficient to show the benefits derived compared with storing clover in the mow.

There is always a large proportion of nitrogen in barnyard manure, but the materials of the manure may not be immediately soluble, which renders the nitrogen unavailable until late in the season should the manure be applied to the soil for early crops.

In the use of potash salts on corn experiments show that to produce an extra bushel of grain the cost is 10 cents, with also a corresponding increase in the fodder.

Where meadows show indications of failing, give an application of manure this winter, leaving it on the surface. In the spring apply 50 pounds of nitrate of soda, 100 pounds of sulphate of potash and 200 pounds acidulated phosphate rock.

Milk that is unfit for the family is not the kind to give a calf. The attempt to raise a calf by hand is not an easy matter, as it is subject to scours, which soon ends the life of the calf if the disease is not cured.

Sheep will not thrive on all kinds of soils. Some breeds are very active and thrive only in large flocks, but the large mutton breeds require good pasturage and will not give satisfactory results if compelled to work over a large area for all they get.

Every breeder of thoroughbred stock who aims to make a reputation endeavors to cull from the flock or herd any animal that has the least blemish. If the farmer would pursue such policy, even with grade stock, he would increase the producing capacity of his animals each succeeding year.

All animals on the farm prefer foods that may not be relished by some others. The farmer should take advantage of this fact and utilize all the materials that might be wasted if there were some animals that would not accept them.

The plant known as weeds is the coating which Nature has taken to cover up her waste places and neglected soil. Without such a covering the soil would become sterile, unless cultivated by man.

The draft colt can be reared with less risk and liability to accident than can colts of the higher classes, says Prof. W. J. Kennedy in a bulletin for the Department of Agriculture, because he is usually a quieter animal than those of the lighter classes and is less liable to injure himself through spirited exercises and playfulness.

Pumpkins and squashes will generally keep better in a garret when the temperature is above freezing than in the cellar, where it is very apt to be too damp.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

ADVICE TO SHOPPERS. Don't go shopping yet awhile. Wait a bit. Time ain't here yet, by a mile!

A Daily Thought. Happiness, like mercy, is twice blessed; it, blesses those who are most intimately associated in it and it blesses all those who see it, hear it, touch it or breathe the same atmosphere each day.

Gifts for My Lady.—Stock, brooch, book rack, candlestick, piano bench, crystal bowl, Kayser zinn tray, spoon, pendant, glass tray, celery dips, colonial lamp, drop leaf table, pyro-etched leather mat, heart-shaped corset sachet, portrait paper plate calendar, long string of white coral beads, butterfly lace inset silk stocking, basket of ferns tied with holly-red ribbon, slides, jeweled, for a velvet neck ribbon, set of buttons in harmony with blouse waist, shirred silk belt with or without a buckle, old rose velvet work bag daintily pyroetched.

For a Girl.—Pin, ring, muff, chain, purse, locket, hatpin, bracelet, coin box, portfolio, stamp box, ivory manicure set, embroidered stockings, set antique silver buttons, a cup and saucer for her 5 o'clocks, an alcohol fagon for her chafing-dish, some desk accessories in glass or silver, a chocolate set in fine china for her den, a dainty illuminated parchment book cover, a cardcase to match her visiting dress, engagement and address book in fine leather, pyro-etched suede leather covered sofa cushion, strip of Oriental embroidery for gilet or cuffs, warm knitted blouse for extra cold weather, one of the new soft-finish alligator automobile bags, a lace lingerie hat, with a touch of fur if she goes out much.

For a Baby.—Cap, ring, a rattle, rag doll, safety pin, baby book, gold bib holder, bread and milk bowl, one pearl toward a string, milk glass of out crystal, bib,

book, bib pins, pearl pin, plush bear, silver spoon. Baby dolls are dearest, most dolls are jointed, wooden dolls are jolly, first comes the rag doll, the jip doll is a favorite, little girl dolls are lovely, tiny jointed dolls are delights, an Indian lives up the nursery, a red rubber doll is good for a baby, grown-up dolls are never as pleasing, celluloid dolls come first for lightness, celluloid-finish dolls are nearly unbreakable.

Individual Plum Padding.—Three-fourths pound each of fresh bread crumbs, sugar, currants, seeded raisins and beef suet chopped fine; grated rind of one lemon; one-fourth pound each candied orange peel and citron cut into thin shavings; one-half teaspoonful each pulverized cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and allspice. Mix all dry ingredients together, then add six eggs one at a time, and one-half cupful orange juice. If too soft, add more crumbs. Wet squares of strong cloth in cold water, wring dry, butter inside and flour; two tablespoonfuls of mixture in each cloth; gather up and tie, leaving room for swelling; then drop into absolute-boiling water to cook unceasingly for two hours. Remove, let stand five minutes, cut, garnish with blanched almonds, hard sauce and holly. This amount serves twelve persons.

Half a dozen little scented bags for carrying in the pocket or placing among personal belongings would make a charming present for a friend. Of course the bags should be made very nicely of good silk or satin, and the monogram should be artistically worked on them in colored silks. When the bags are ready, prepare the composition for scenting them as follows:—Florentine orris, a quarter of a pound; rose wood, three ounces; calamus aromaticus, a quarter of a pound; yellow sanders, one-eighth of a pound; gum Benjamin, one ounce and a half; cloves, a quarter of an ounce; cinnamon, half an ounce. Grind all to a fine powder, mix thoroughly, fill the bags and sew them up.

Plaid silk waists are quite the thing this season, and do wonders in brightening up the mannish tailored suits so much worn. There are sober plaids combining greens and blues, and gay plaids showing immense squares of black and scarlet; in between, enough variety to suit every taste. Most of these silks are made up in plain shirtwaist style.

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