

FARM NOTES.

Leaves should be thrown on the poultry-house floor, not only because they afford scratching material, in which the fowls can exercise, but also because they prevent draughts of air on the floor and assist in keeping the house warm.

It is useless to attempt to keep winter squash that has been injured by frost. These that are uninjured are best kept on shelves in layers, in a location where the temperature does not fall below 40 degrees.

Parsnips are best stored in mounds in the open air. Lay them on boards slightly raised above danger from water, cover with straw after heaping them, and then cover the straw with earth well pressed to the straw.

One of the safest and best ways to send a few choice cut flowers to a distance is to cut slips in potatoes and insert the flower stems, taking care that they are firmly fastened in and supported by a little cotton or paper.

There is no rule governing the feeding of linseed meal. Where an animal is unaccustomed to it, the proper mode is to begin with a gill at each meal and gradually increase the quantity until as much as a pint is given.

The richest milk is the last drawn from the udder, and for that reason alone the dairyman should strip closely. Changes of food, when made suddenly, will cause the cows to fall off in yield.

Give calves a comfortable yard or pen, whether raised by hand or by the cow. Confined in close quarters the floor beneath should be cleaned often and littered abundantly.

It is difficult to make a proper comparison between corn fodder and hay, because the quality of either largely depends upon the curing. Bright, green corn fodder, shredded or cut fine, is superior to improperly-cured hay.

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.

There is no safe method of determining the butter qualities of a herd except by churning the milk of each cow separately. The bulk of the milk is not a sure indication.

When the lambs are extremely cold, instead of leading the horse to the trough, breaking the crust of ice, and filling the trough with water which is near the freezing point, get a pail and add a little warm water to that which is cold, letting the animal drink from the pail.

Do not wait until spring opens to procure seeds, but attend to that matter as early as possible. It is always better to rely on the seedsmen for pure seeds than to depend upon those grown on the place, for the reason that unless the greatest care be exercised in keeping all varieties separate no reliance can be placed on the home-grown seed.

White ribbons are much used in millinery, aigrettes, flowers, leaves or plumes accompanying them, save in the fluted trimming described above. Pheasant feathers formed of tail feathers only, and arranged in long narrow effects, are smart and appear dyed in all colors.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A DAILY THOUGHT. True worth is in being not seeming. In doing each day that goes by some little good, not in dreaming.

Bathroom Rugs.—The latest craze, even among women of means, is to make their own bathroom rugs. Many of these rugs are made on frames which come for the purpose.

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The rug when finished is three-quarters of a yard wide and a yard and a half long. A fringe is knitted in the ends of the carpet warp shade of the principal material used in the rug.

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Limit of Human Brain.

It Has Been Reached, Says a Noted Professor.

Professor W. I. Thomas is inclined to think that the limit of the human brain has been reached. The human race, brain and all, he regards as a sort of tour de force of Nature, not at all likely to be repeated or further evolved.

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The White Elephant in Japan.

Formerly the Man Who Discovered One Was Made a Noble.

The day was in Siam when the lucky man who discovered a white elephant was raised to the rank of nobility, and in case of capture, very likely was given one of the king's gross of daughters in marriage.

When My Lord the elephant had rested at the end of his silken tether sufficiently to have become reconciled to his enclosure, passed condition and respectful man, he was taken in much glory, to Bangkok, where, after being paraded and saluted, he was lodged in a specially prepared palace; he was sung to and danced before, given exalted titles, shaded by golden umbrellas and decorated with trappings of great value.

But the white elephants continue to stand unemployed in the royal stables at Bangkok, where western ideas are becoming evident in electric lighting and trolley cars. There were four in the royal stables at the time of my visit, leading lives of luxurious ease.

Statistics gathered during the year 1903 show that the loss of life in the United States from violent causes was as follows: In railroad accidents, 4,090; in marine disasters, 1,935; from fire, 1,732; by drowning, 2,471; from explosions, 736; from falling buildings, etc., 474; by electricity, 156; from accidents in mines, 788; from cyclones and storms, 487; by lightning, 139.

This by no means completes the list of casualties. During the same period there were 8,970 cases of murder and homicide; 4,952 persons were killed during quarrels; highwaymen killed 406, and fifty-three of the robbers were killed themselves; strikes led to the death of thirty-five, and riots to thirty-eight; seventy-eight were killed while resisting arrest; self-defense led to thirty-three deaths; jealousy was the cause in 228 cases, and 254 infants were killed because not wanted in this world; 302 per cent of intoxication, and insane persons killed 140; in 3,451 instances the circumstances which led to the homicide are not known.

Of the murderers, 123 were legally executed and forty-seven were lynched. In the city of Newark, N. J., during 1903, the deaths from other than natural causes were: Asphyxia, twenty-three; burns, thirty-one; casualties, 128; drowned, nineteen; accidental poisoning, five; wounds, one; suicide, sixty-seven, making a total of 274.

J.—So you told Mrs. Cunningham that she looked as young as her daughter. I suppose that caught the old lady? B.—Yes, but it lost me the daughter.—Strey Stories.

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