## FARM NOTES.

-Large potatoes are considered best, for seeding. The potatoes may be sorted into 4 sizes and the next to the largest taken. They may be cut into pieces of two or three eyes each. Some advocate splitting the potatoes endwise into quarters and planting the

-Get your hot-beds ready for the sweet otato plants and use only seed that is free from rot. It is best to procure seed from some section where the sweet potato is not affected by rot, if possible. There are several forms of rot, one of them being generated in the soil. For this reason it is well to set out the plants on a new loca-

-The earliest potatoes come from th hill that contains only one vine and planted with tubers that are uniform. The largest yield is usually from two or three vines in the hill, on rich ground, but they will vary in size, some being very small. With only one vine to the hill there will be more large potatoes, proportionately, but a smaller yield per acre.

-The dandelion has of late become very popular as a salad herb in England. It requires the same routine in the way of culture as chicory, viz. : Sow in April, in drills; take up the roots when fully grown in autumn, and plant in a dark, warm cellar or mushroom house. The young blanched leaves are excellent for making up winter salads, and they come in at a time when the ordinary supply of outdoor material for salading is at its lowest ebb.

-Seeds are sometimes planted too close together. Even wheat will give good results when but few seeds are used over a certain area. It is stated that, in an experiment made, in which the plants were set out, allowing to multiply, and again divided, a single grain produced 20,000 heads, containing 170,000 grains, which have and three quarter peaks. made four and three-quarter pecks. Of course, such multiplication is hardly possible on an acre or field, but the experiment shows that a grain of wheat will produce much more than may be supposed.

-One bushel of ashes represents about two and a-half of dry body wood. Wood ashes contain all the required elements of plant nutrition except nitrogen. One hundred pounds of wood ashes contain 16 pounds of potash, worth 80 cents; 3½ ounds of soda, worth 2 cents ; 67 pounds of line and magnesia, worth 8 cents, and 5½ pounds of phosphoric acid, worth 26 cents. If one had to buy in the market, in the cheapest form, the manurial material contained in 100 pounds of ashes the cost would be \$1.16.

-The profits are sometimes absorbed in a manner that may not easily be noticed, and frequently the loss is in the manner of shipping an article to market. It costs no more to market \$10 worth of butter than it does to send two or three bushels of wheat to market, while wheat is more costly, comparatively, than butter, considering the receipts from each. The best produce should be marketed as such. Inferior grades should never be shipped with that which is good, as the inferior article will regulate the price.

growers in the region of Kalamazoo, Mich., did not adopt celery from preference, but because it was the only profitable crop they could grow on their swampy land. three inches being the average size. The \$600 worth of celery on an acre. An acre contains about 25,000 of the plants, and they begin to ship in July, continuing until the holiday season ends. The crop demands considerable labor, but, although it is costly to produce, yet it gives large profits and the farms are valuable.

-To detect adulterations in seeds use the sieve, water and microscope. Hot water dissolves powder and dirt and washes off the coloring matter. The sieve makes the separation of the true seed from the impurities, and the microscope discovers the shape, natural indentations, protuberances and discolorations. To determine the viside of three or four sheets of blotting insomnia does unfortunately become a paper. Wet this and keep it where it will be warm all the time and in the dark. In all the tortures ingenuity can invent about ten hours the radish will germinate, cab-hage in eighteen, wheat in twenty-six and corn in thirty-two hours. These rules are simple, will cost nothing and may save much.

-It is during such weather as the recent snow storms that the colts, pigs and calves receive checks in growth. A night's cold draughts flow, may not seriously damage an adult, though even in that case an animal will suffer; but the young stock feel the cold severely. Plenty of cut straw or leaves will assist in preventing draughts along the floor, but the most important matter is to look after the cracks and crevices in the walls of the barn. A window must be open to provide ventilation during cold weather, and the difficulty will be to keep the cold fresh air out rather than to

-Warfare on insects and fungi must be kept up, and it is important that farmers and fruit growers perform their work at the right time, as well as use the proper remedy for accomplishing the objects desired. So many mistakes are made in combating the enemies of plants that the must puzzle her brain over making ends Agricultural Department never ceases to send out bulletins of information at all much of that before-midnight sleep, so seasons, while the State experiment stations also greatly aid in the work. The use of insectioides and fungicides in combating the many insect pests and plant diseases is well established, and their value conclusively shown, yet there are many farmers and fruit growers who are still un-familiar with the details of their use. Some do not seem to understand how to separate the insecticides from the fungicides, and they apply the wrong remedy frequently because of a lack of knowledge of how to proceed. According to the results obtained at the Rhode Island station the greatest loss, however, occurs from negligence, or from not spraying as frequently as necessity The formulas have been given frequently, and are well known, but their application at the proper period is the most important. It is not admitted by all experienced fruit growers that the sprayer is a necessary adjunct to the production of fruit, and that where it is not used there will not only be failure of crops, but the neighboring orchards will be also endan-gered. The best results are obtained when the growers in a neighborhood are organized and work in harmony, for then they not only protect one another, but the experienced can advise those who may not fully understand the proper methods to pursue. spierced silver come in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and in larger sizes for trait some six against and six against against and six against agains

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A DAILY THOUGHT.

As ships meet at sea a moment together, when words of greeting must be spoken, and then sway upon the deep, so men meet in this world. And I think we should cross no man's path without hailing him, and, if need, giving him supplies.

CONCERNING THE COAT.

The embroidered muslin coat, trimmed with Swiss or valenciennes lace, is an in-novation of the season. It may be worn with different skirts of thin material, such as mousseline or voile.

These coats will be of the tight-fitting

style, with a long basque effect.

The linings of some of the mantles and coats for spring are so beautiful that it seems a pity they must be worn inside.

To return to the shoe question, long narrow toes are being worn in Paris—so long that the shoe is markedly longer than the foot within. White canvas shoes, either of the ordinary tennis variety or evolutionized into colonial ties and fancy shapes for dress occasions, are to be had in the shops, while other evening shoes and

Slippers are more elaborate.

For promenading there is the new Greek pattern, with plain fronts brought very far up, and these may be had in patent eather for town wear, or of suede and tan for the South.

Paris is still urging the handkerchief with the colored border to correspond with the toilette in the shade. One variety has scalloped frills round the edge. Each frill is embroidered in the required color, and has a tiny flounce of lace as a finish beneath.

a dozen hats of every known shade, now the veil must match the hat with which it is worn most exactly. To make the matter worse, the most fashionable colors are quite expensive, especially those to match the more expensive furs— sable brown and chinchilla gray being especially difficult to find in chiffon or net.

In mourning veils women and young girls both wear the long crepe affair hanging from the hat or toque, but over the face only small bits are worn, reaching barely over the tip of the nose and curving up about an inch from the eyes on the

In Paris a rage for black and black and white seems to have seized the feminine population, until even an elaborate occaion resembles a funeral from the standpoint of the costumes. This was almost sure to follow after the brilliant colors which have held sway for so long. Regal in material and not really too somber are most of those black gowns; they lack the ornateness that has hitherto been fashionable, but that is decidedly a relief.

HOME-MADE ROSES.

Artificial flowers of ribbon and chiffon are in great demand nowadays, and the girl of slender purse has discovered how to make chiffon roses at home. For the petals she takes a square of chiffon, and, after folding, gathers in the three raw which is good, as the inferior article will regulate the price.

—Circumstances will sometimes force one to adopt better methods. The celery be added to make the reality complete, or in making a trailing bunch for a dress, but when a solid surface of roses is wanted, as in the case of the new spring toques or as a binding round the hem or neck of a frock the stem and calyx are not necessary, and the flower is fastened directly upon a canvas or net foundation of some sort.

THE HABIT OF SLEEPLESSNESS.

It is of common occurrence for some one to complain of having had a poor night. "I tality of the seeds put ten or a hundred in- make this complaint almost daily. For

fatigue.

The fundamental cause of sleeplessness is worry or overfatigue. Indigestion often exposure in the cold barn, through which results and the blood is forced to the brain. In this case the feet should be bathed in right hot water for a few minutes before retiring. Sometimes, however, the wake-fulness is from a directly opposite cause and in this case, the feet should be elevated a little by resting them on a pillow and the head laid flat, so forcing the blood to the head.

Massaging gently the temples and back of the neck is an excellent cure for nervousness and so soothed the patient will

soon drop off to sleep.

Very few women of today obtain the proper amount of sleep, and nervous disorders, weakened digestions and sallow, drawn faces are the result. The business woman may go to bed at a reasonable hour, meet, and the society woman rarely gets

woman who is so placed that sleep in the daytime is an impossibility.

For ordinary cases of sleeplessness, however, a warm bath followed by a glass of hot milk drunk slowly will be found efficacious. This not only induces sleep, but prevents indigestion and its attendant

nightmares. A FRENCH CUSTOM.

In France a newly married couple do not have the ordinary bridal calls made upon them. Instead, garbed in their best, the bride and groom pay visits to all their married friends. Imagine a shy woman's embarrassment when she must call upon total strangers-especially if she marries husband has a country house in a different quarter.

Green and rose gold are combined in a signet ring set with a diamond on either side.

Bonbon baskets in colonial design of

Oddly Named Towns.

The names of some towns in the United States probably cause their inhabitants considerable vexations when away from home, says the Chicago Chronicle. These names have certain peculiar meanings in everyday talk and as soon as they are mentioned they are apt to prompt troublesome questions by funmakers. For example, the man from Alone, Ky., might have to explain to a stranger living in New York how he could do business if he were the only inhabitant and how the excise laws were enforced if the barkeeper, the toper, the policeman and the magistrate were all one and the same and in case there were more than one person in Alone if all were bachelors and old maids. Citizens of Lonely, N. C., and Lonesome, Ky., would encounter much the same sort of questions, and all, of course, would finally be asked if they were once Jersey commuters. If a man hailed from Affinity, N. C.,

he would naturally be supposed to be married and his home life an unpunctuated chapter of bliss. He would be expected to wear as wide a smile as the citizen of Joy or Happy, Tex., or Paradise, Colo., with a temper as subdued as the inhabitants of Purity, Minn. What would happen, however, if the man from Affinity should meet a man from Peace, Ala., would, indeed, be problematical. They might, after the fashion of some westerners, boom the merits of their respective towns with such ardor that at last these representatives of Peace and Affinity would come The veil is an expensive adjunct to the to blows. They might at last develop hat this season; for whereas a year or so as much disrelish for each other as the ago a black or white veil did duty for half citizens of Cream. Wis., who should citizens of Cream, Wis., who should chance to take dinner with a citizen of Caviar, N. J. On the other hand, they might become as chummy as the townsmen of those three towns in the states of Colorado, Oregon and West Virginia which all bear the name of Crook.

Any one coming from Eye, N. C., could hardly expect to join the New York police force and find things congenial. If he was a native of Lax, Ala., or Blind Bay, La., on the contrary, his duties as a metropolitan bluecoat might prove congenial. If he said he was from Sodom, O., he would most likely be told that his own town must need his services more. If he replied that it didn't, he might be recommended to try to get a position in Pluto, Miss

Near the Greene river in Kentucky and several miles south of Lewiston there is a town by the name of Pig. It has never been recorded in any history of the United States whether the characteristics of the people of Pig are any different from those of the people of Lamb, Ill., or Chickies, Pa. This is certainly to be regretted. It would or certainly be interesting to know if the worthy burghers of Pig are any more happy and contented than other human beings, whether they have such ills as insomnia, nervous prostration or melancholia: whether there is any sale in Pig for appetizers, and what the good people do on Fridays.

Should a woman from Big Foot, Tex., or Antiquity, O., advertise for a husband it is safe to say she would not get as many answers as a woman from Beauty, W. Va. The man who hailed from Jug, Ala., might have more difficulty in being elected to the White Ribbon society than his contemporary from Dry Town, Cal. The native of Magic, Ala., would no doubt be welcomed by certain Wall street officers where a citizen from Fairplay, Wis., C would find the door shut. Should the woman from Alamode, Ga., or Fashion, Ga., meet a woman from Jaysville, O., the two might get into such a controversy that at the end they would both be believed to be natives of Looneyville, N. Y. The citizen of Fossil, Ore., unlike the citizen of Quick, Neb., would no doubt feel very much at home in Philadelphia, and for much BUY DIRECT AND SAVE MONEY the same reasons the representative of Fact, Kan., would find a congenial atmosphere in Boston. Vegetarians should go to Grass, S. D.

Any one might think that Ice, Ga., would become a more popular summer resort than Hell Hole, Colo. A jury made up of men half of whom were born in Japan, Mo., and the other half in Russia, N. Y., would be pretty sure to disagree. At any rate, they would not call in a man from Jingo, Tenn., for a peacemaker. Should the girl from Leapyear, Tenn., become dissatisfied with things at home there is little danger of her settling in Bachelor, Mich. Neither would the man from Langor,

Minn., think of moving to Jump, O. A man may travel from Dan to Beersheba nowadays and think it a very short journey. There is a Dan in Kentucky and a Beersheba over the line in Tennessee. Neither is the trip from London to Pekin a long one in the United States. Ohio contains both a Pekin and a London, and it is not a long journey from Whisky Buttes, Mont., to Seven Devils, Ida.

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A Good Precedent. "My dear," said Mrs. Mildly as she dusted Mr. Mildly's table, "this would be a great deal cleaner world if there were not any men in it."

"If there were not," retorted Mr. Mildly, "the women would do exactly as the Lord did-hunt around for enough dirt to make a man out of."-

No Such Thing as Overwork. Do we suffer from overwork? A practical method of determining the measure of fatigue is to trace the tired feeling to its source. We may learn that what we have been calling overwork is nothing more nor less than worry or boredom. The human machine was built to work.—Dr. Cater.

Crickets In Japan. There is a large green cricket in Japan of which the children of that country are fond. It is sold in cunning little bamboo cages in booths on the streets and is loved for its cheery chirp. Several varieties of tree crickets are pure white, coming at different times of the year. Some have a note so loud and insistent that to have two or three playing their fiddles in a garden at once makes a noise almost deafening. while a species that comes late in the fall has an exquisite note like the quick ringing of a small bell.

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