

FARM NOTES.

I weeds are annual they will die out if not allowed to produce seeds. If they are perennials keep them out down, so as not to permit them to produce leaves.

To water plants during dry weather make several holes with a dipper, use water liberally, so as to allow it to soak to the roots, and then cover with dry dirt to prevent evaporation.

When the old strawberry beds are out of use plow them under for late cabbage or turnips. If preferred the land may remain for a garden plot next spring, but if such is preferred the bed must be mowed to prevent weeds from going to seed.

Some farmers multiply the insects and assist them by growing one kind of crop on the same land every year. Each crop has its special enemies, and many insects remain in the ground over winter feeding on the crops best adapted for their propagation.

Inferior seed is not cheap at any price. Do not be tempted to pay high prices for some new variety of which you know nothing. Every year there are wonderful yields given of new varieties, of which nothing is mentioned the next season.

Japan clover is not equal to the common red clover; but it will grow on poorer soils. It is excellent in pastures, prefers a clay soil, and is said to thrive even on naked soils which contain but little humus.

Orchard grass does well in the shade, compared with some varieties, and is one of the best to sow with blue grass in orchards or woodlands. It grows rapidly and luxuriantly, beginning early in the season and remaining until late in the fall.

Current bushes should be sprayed with white hellebore, in order to destroy the currant worm. As hellebore is a poison, some growers object to it.

Cucumbers, squashes and melons prefer a rich soil and an abundance of well-rotted manure. Old sawdust or rotten wood mixed with the manure is said to be serviceable. It will be an advantage to allow cucumbers to grow on stakes or bushes the same as peas.

After the onions are planted they are liable to be neglected. Being early planted they get a good start, and are then made to wait until the other crops are seeded down.

More pigs are lost in the summer season from improper feeding than from any other cause. They are compelled to consume foods that are not conducive to thrift, and which lead to disease in the hams.

The cheapest article produced on the farm is butter, if the labor is omitted, as butter takes little or nothing from the soil. All carbonaceous compounds derive their carbon from the air through the agency of the plants, but the nitrogen and mineral matter is derived principally through the agency of the roots.

How to Select The Hat For Easter.—Now while there are no set rules to govern the choice in hat buying, judgment in individual selection will sometimes do wonders in the way of tempering the unkind treatment which nature may have accorded one's face.

The woman who has sharp and prominent features, for instance, should never wear hats that are set back or off the face. Such a woman will do well to do her hair in as fluffy an arrangement as possible, and her hat should be of a shape which may be worn well forward.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN. A DAILY THOUGHT.

No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.

To Clean Paint Brushes.—Brushes used for oil paints should be rinsed in linsed oil to remove excess of pigment and then washed in warm, soapy water, rinsed in cold water and wiped dry.

To Remove Mildew From Linen.—Sow well and rub the spots with powdered whiting. Rinse and dry in the sun. Repeat if necessary.

To Wash Woolens.—Dissolve one-half pound of white soap in two gallons of warm (not hot) water. Rinse the articles in this, drawing them through the hand, but not rubbing them. Wash out soap in two changes of tepid water, wring well, dry quickly in the open air and iron when nearly dry.

To Renovate Black Lace.—Wash in beer, beat between the folds of a linen cloth and when nearly dry iron with a cool iron.

To Wash White Lace.—Immerse in a lather of white soap in hot water, press and move about, but do not rise, in two changes of cold water. Dab between the folds of a linen cloth and pin out to dry on a board covered with a linen cloth.

To Restore Gloves.—Clean on a form or on the hand with benzoline applied with a sponge. Another plan is to rub with a soaped rag wetted with milk.

To Clean Straw Hats.—White straw hats which have become discolored should be washed with warm soap and water, rinsed well in cold water and then wetted well with a cold solution of salts of lemon.

To Remove Grease Stains From Cloth.—Grease may be removed from cloth and velvet with benzoline, applied plentifully, and rubbed well in, several thicknesses of blotting paper being placed beneath the part treated.

To Clean Gray or White Hair.—Rub between perfectly clean hands with fine oatmeal, using several changes. Brush well after.

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Soldiers Leprosy. Sargeant T. J. McPherson, of Troop 1, Eleventh United States Cavalry in the Philippine Islands, stopped at Marion, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 4th, to have his wounds dressed, on his way from San Francisco to Boston.

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