FARM NOTES.

—The roofs of barns should be steep, and the shingles either painted or dipped in lime water to make them more durable. Straw and dirt collect under flat roof shingles and cause rapid decay.

-The hens will soon begin to moult, and will lay but few eggs during the process, which requires about three months. Old hens and early pullets begin to moult earlier than the late pullets, but all of them should have their new feathers complete before November.

—Tomatoes may be trimmed of the low-er branches and made to grow somewhat in the shape of a tree. The main stalks of the plants then become stocky, and are better able to bear the weight of the fruit. By supporting the vines on posts or arms more air and sunlight will enter, thus ripening the fruit more perfectly.

-The possession of too much land is the bane of farming in many sections of the country. No one can afford an acre of land to lie idle. Unless producing some valuable crop it is growing weeds, which are the most expensive crop, both for him-self and his neighbors, that a farmer can raise. And yet many who do not half cultivate their farms are constantly seeking more land.

—All animals of the same variety are not alike, and scarcely any two will do equally well on the same food. Each animal's wants should be supplied, if possible. Cattle of different ages should be supplied for a supplied on the same state. separated for feeding, as the weak ones will not do well with the strong. Cows are weak and shy, it takes them longer to eat their meals and they should, therefore, be put where they cannot be domineered by their superiors in strength.

—The beautiful fly, resembling a wasp, which lays its eggs just at the surface of the ground, in the trunks of the trees, is the peach borer, and may be seen occasionally pursuing its alloted task. The simplest remedy (or rather preventive) for its attacks is a piece of stout wrapping paper a foot wide wound around the stem of the tree just above the ground. A little dirt should be drawn around the bottom of the paper, while the top can be tied with a cotton string.

-Liberal feeding of stock means land improvement. Some lands are considerably improved by the application of lime, either in the limestone marls or the burned limestone slaked. Clover is a great aid in restoring or retaining fertility. Underdraining is often the first step to be taken in renovating the field. When one is un-decided as to whether a field needs underdraining or not it is always safe to give the field the benefit of the doubt, and underdrain it.

-Sheep often go a long time without drinking, especially if in good pasture and where the dews are so heavy that they can fill up with wet grass in the morning, but when they do desire to drink water it is as necessary for their health and comfort as to that of other animals. Keep a supply of pure water in the sheep pastures as much as in any other, and if the sheep do not drink from it give them a little salt once a week. They should have salt as often as once a week under any circum-

-If the farmers of the country who own worthless dogs—curs without any breeding
—could be induced to destroy them, and
substitute one well-bred shepherd pup, not
more, to each farm, the wealth of every
farming community would be vastly increased in many ways. Farmers soon find the collies saving them many a step.

Eager and anxious to learn, willing to do Eager and anxious to learn, willing to do anything within his power, the young dog needs only a wise and patient restraint and intelligent direction to become one of the intelligent direction to become one of the most useful hands on the place.

most useful hands on the place.

—There are two most important things to be kept in mind by the fruit raiser—pruning and mulching. If those two duties are well performed success is nearly always certain. If well mulched, the fertilizing material is well supplied by filtration from the mulching down to the feeding roots, which is the very best self-regulating method of fertilizing. By allowing this mulching to remain in winter and early spring the roots are kept moist, and vegatation will be prevented from springing up around bushes or a heavy sod from forming.

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—Rapid plant growth requires a condition of the soil that will furnish plant food as fast as the plants can take it up, or, in other words, when it is desired to force a crop the soil must be filled with manure to such an extent as will furnish a continuous supply of material so thoroughly decomposed that the soil may be kept filled with atoms of plant food that have united to such an extent as will furnish a contin-uous supply of material so thoroughly de-composed that the soil may be kept filled with atoms of plant food that have united with both air and water, and thus com-bined in a manner to be absorbed by the plants as fast and as long as needed.

—A sheep is peculiar in respect to eating and retaining the brightness of the eye, while it is gradually wasting by sickness until it dies at the feed trough. When a sheep loses fiesh and becomes very thin without exhibiting any other marked symptoms of disease it is probable that it is suffering from tuberculosis of the intessines. If the skin is pale and the eye is unusually bright this is still more probable. If the eyes are yellowish and the skin of a yellowish east the disease is in the liver. If the dung is soft and of a fetid odor the digestive organs are involved. If the urine is thick or of an unusual appearance or odor disease of the kidneys or of the liver may be suspected. All these disorders may be accompanied by a loss of flesh and a gradual wasting.

-Corn should be out as near to the ground as possible, when the time for harvesting the crop arrives. This is not so much for the eake of the stalk that is saved as to avoid the troublesome stubs, which may not be covered in the next plowing, and able nuisance in a meadow and among the hay. In setting up the shocks it is preferable to make large ones, and to take at least 10 rows each way, by which the shocks will stand firmly and will not break shocks will stand firmly and will not break down or tumble over. A large shock will dry quite as well, although somewhat more slowly, as a smaller one, and can he more easily prevented from damage by storms. The shock should be put up so that the centre is open below and air can pass freely through it, and should be bound securely above the centre and at the centre. securely above the centre and at the top with atraw bands. It is very important that the top should be closely bound, so that rain may not enter. Corn fodder so securely above the centre and at the top with straw bands. It is very important that the top should be closely bound, so that rain may not enter. Corn fodder so put up may remain a long time without injury, but the husking should not be postponed any later than when the corn is dry, because husking corn in a snow-storm is neither convenient, agreeable nor healthful.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A DAILY THOUGHT. Blessed are those who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts.

It involves many things, but above all the power of giving out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in an-

The child who had not learned obedience at the age of 2 never learnes it. The child of 18 months out late at night in the per-

If one's hands are inclined to perspire it is well to lay the wet gloves in a sheet of tissue paper and then put them under a heavy book or weight for several hours. When they are taken out they will be soft and pliable again .- New York Evening Post.

Care of the Shoes .- Clean your shoes thoroughly before attempting to blacken or polish them, dusting them off even if they seem perfectly clean. If there is mud on them that refuses to brush off moisten a corner of your cloth and rub the mud stain until it disappears. Then put on your

blacking.

If, instead of wearing one pair of shoes every day, you get two, and wear them day and day about, they will last longer and look better than two pairs worn the other way. Whichever pair you are not wearing should be carefully "sprung" on shoe-trees, to hold them in their original shape. All your shoes and slippers, for that mat-ter, should be kept on shoe-trees, and your cleaning done while they are on the trees. Be sure to see that your shoes and trees

match as to shape—a narrow, pointed slip-per tree won't properly hold out a mannish walking shoe; and if a square tree is forced into a slipper it is bound to ruin the shape. Perhaps you run your shoes down on one side of the heels; no matter how little, watch it carefully and have it righted, or your whole shoe takes an ugly tilt.

Much advice is given from time to time in regard to the care of the youngster's shoes as they come in from school, wet and misshapen from contact with wet pave-ments and the unconfessed wading in puddles, which is sure to delight the heart of

the small boy.

But with all this advice about keeping the children's shoes in good condition, those belonging to the older people are usually allowed to take care of themselves, though they may be of even greater importance and

quite as often damp. They come in damp, tired, cold perhaps, and possibly not in the best of tempers, fling their shoes off impatiently, get into slippers as quickly as possible, and sit down to rest, forgetting that their shoes will be scarcely in wearable condition by

the next morning.

If everyone would invest in a quart or two of good clean cats, and keep them in a bag in the dressing room they would have at hand the means of putting their shoes in good condition with very little trouble and less cost.

As soon as the shoes are taken off lace or button them up, and fill them about twothirds full of oats, shake them down well, then tie in a handkerchief a parcel of oats as large as can be pressed into the top of the shoes and put away until wanted.

The oats absorb the moisture in the shoes,

and in absorbing it the oats swell considerably, and the constant pressure on the leather keeps the shoe in correct shape and prevents that uncomfortable stiffness and rigidity always noticed when leather has

A little trouble and care of this sort will from dampness.

The Graceful Lines of the New Corset. —Slowly, but irrevocably, corset lines are changing. They're in a transition period as yet—a state in which they will probably stay some time. For it's the case of the straight-front versus the old time small waist, and the question will be a hard one

to settle.

line high and the waist drawn in all around, has come a charming new corset, as free and comfortable as the true straight-front corset ever was, but shaped in at both sides and back—everywhere except directly in front. The bust-line is raised, too, but only slightly, and the tilt is modified, instead of dispensed with entirely. And everything tends to lengthen the waist, in accordance with new dress styles.

Over the new corsets her lingerie blouses and summer dresses have a set that the blouse of yesteryear never knew, and the summer girl revels in a new charm of line. And these new corsets make certain styles possible which have always been classed among the "trying" fashions. Princesse styles show off their peculiar beauty in a way that the true straight front made impossible. Tailor styles—the close-fitting, possible. Tailor styles—the close-fitting, severe coats that demand such perfect lines—are helped by them.

There's no indication that the old-fash-

ioned, uncomfortable high corset will be upon us soon (although its return at some time in the not very far distant future seems inevitable), for the summer girl is immensely pleased with her production, and she's a great factor in the world of

In refurbishing the spring wardrobe "brains" frequently take the place of dollars. For instance, crepe de chine, chiffon and mousseline de soie are frequently thrown away when soiled, most people thinking that they cannot be washed. This is a needless waste, as a very little trouble suffices to make them quite presentable. Make a strong lather of good white soap and lukewarm water, and soak the material in it for a few moments. Pass gently back and forth between the fingers until thoroughly clean: then rinse in cold water

The South's Bright Future.

All the people of the South in the farming districts are watching the work of the men who have come in from the North with new methods, new machinery and new crops. The waste of natural fertilizers is one of the most astonishing things that the Northern farmer sees about the small Southern farm. I have actually known an instance-an extreme one, of course—where a farmer bought "patent" fertilizer with which to enrich his fields, while, at the same time he had the natural fertilizer from his stables hauled away and dumped in a heap, making no use of it whatever. Not many making no use of it whatever. Not many of the farmers go to this length; but the most of them are extremely wasteful of their natural resources. Economy along this line is one of the lessons they are now learning through the efforts of their State agricultural schools and through contact with the farmer from the North, who is without attempting to be, an agricultural missionary.

There is nothing sensational, noisy, or even picturesque in this diversified farming movement in the South; but its significance overshadows that of a dozen boisterous crusades which have come and gone, promising great things for the South, and giving only disturbance and trouble.

Cotton, corn and credit, the time-hon

ored triumvirate of the South, are all up to a certain limit, but as ab olute dictators of the fortunes of the Southern farmer their reign is intolerable and disastrous, and their tyranuy is beginning to wane. The time is close at hand when a failure of the cotton crop will not swamp the Southern farmer, for he will have a goodly reward for his year's work in the other products of his farm.

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