

FARM NOTES.

A simple way to tell butter from oleomargarine, or renovated butter, is to heat the sample in a spoon over the gas burner.

Wild carrots should be destroyed late in summer, before the seeds mature, so as to save labor.

Summer fallowing for wheat is one of the old methods which modern practice has pretty generally abandoned.

One summer when a hawk caught several of our chickens, we built a pen of old boards and partly covered it with old pieces of poultry wire.

In addition to the value of a quick growth of trees it is a well known fact that bugs and worms have less effect on such trees than on slow-growing ones.

The farmer who buys his seed wheat, and is not careful to have it clean, will stook his farm with weeds.

Buying a cow is greater risk than buying a horse, yet some farmers, who will not trust themselves in judging horses when buying will go out and take up fresh cows from any one who has them for sale.

The beauty of a garden is its cleanliness. Nothing gives a sadder impression of negligence than a garden grown up in weeds and grass.

There is more profit in spending a little time in loosening the earth for the chickens to pick up the worms, than there is in earning money by scrap.

There is nothing to gain during a dry period by keeping the cows on the pasture that has been injured for lack of rain.

Killing weeds by spraying is now practiced in France. A 5 per cent. solution of sulphate of copper has been found destructive to wild mustard and some other weeds.

These indications from manufacturers show which way the wind will blow, for whatever fashion might wish to dictate she is obliged to use the fabrics in the market, and these are always manufactured at least six months ahead of their use, sometimes a year.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A DAILY THOUGHT. The simple duty that awaits thy hand is God's voice uttering a divine command.

It's always a question what to do with sponge and tooth brush or a washrag when you're traveling—if it's only the tiny overnight trip.

Cut your rubber sheets twenty-four inches long and nine or ten wide, and cover on one side, being careful to baste the rubber and covering together close to the edge—basting will pull out of the cloth without leaving a mark.

The long pocket at the bottom is for the washrag and the big pocket for the sponge, while the tooth brush is stook through the three loops at the top.

Each row of pockets is made in one, with the divisions made by tapes stitched flat, and each pocket is a big box pleat, with a casing running clear across, through which a strong elastic is run to keep the tops from sagging down.

Another kind of shoebag, less cumbersome, too, is a set of little bags, each just big enough to hold a pair of shoes, and each bag made of a different cretonne, striped or figured in gay colors.

Workbags—the tiniest of their race—and the dainty little nightgown-bags, made of nainsook and lace as exquisitely as a bit of lingerie itself; small linen medicine cases, strengthened by stiff cardboard and furnished with rubbercorked bottles; wee cases, with all sorts and sizes of pins, and wee "housewife" bags, fitted out like the famous bag of the Swiss Family Robinson.

It is not a question as to quality or quantity, but simply as to artistic selection, when it comes to judging between Mrs. Bertha Duncan and Mrs. James Stillman as to lace. Both are connoisseurs par excellence and it would take an expert of experts to determine which of the two is the possessor of the rarer material.

In colors for the coming autumn royal blue is predicted as a leader abroad, while in this country the shade termed inauguration blue is to be a much-used color.

For large hanging baskets the Madeira vine is very satisfactory. It is best not to give it a very rich soil; its growth will not be so strong, but the leaves will be closer together and more attractive.

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Although the best milk cows are the result of good breeding, and possess valuable inherent characteristics, there is not one capable of fulfilling the expectations of her owner unless he performs his part in the matter of enabling her to produce the largest quantity at the lowest possible cost.

Several peculiar cases of headache among women patients of a young West Philadelphia doctor have been discovered by him to be due to hatspins. "I was baffled for a long time," he says, "by a patient who was an inveterate trolley rider, and attributed the misery to the strong wind to which she subjected herself during such rides. She persisted in the riding, however, so I set my wits to work, and when her hat had blown off and she had to tie it on, she had stopped the headache. I suggested that next time she should take her hat off and hold it in her lap. This she did, and missed the headache again. I tried the same remedy on other patients with the same result.

Impatient. The Single Aunt—You should be most assiduous to keep yourself unspotted from the world, Cornelia. You are so-licitious, are you not, to enter heaven after you cross the river? The Bud—Yes. But, auntie, I'm not averse to a little heaven on this side.—Puck.

If we did not take great pains and were not at great expense to corrupt our nature, our nature would never corrupt us.—Clarendon.

To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy. Belief is power.—Robertson.

He who can conceal his joys is greater than he who can hide his griefs.—Lavater.

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