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FARM NOTES.

It is said that a coat of boiled linseed oil and ground charcoal on any kind of post will prevent it rotting. Any good paint will no doubt do just as well. The mineral paints are very cheap, and a coat of them on the post before it is set in the ground would at least double its life.

There is a right and wrong way to water plants. When sprinkling small plots or veg-etables use plenty of water and make the ground wet. It should be done late in the afternoon. Early the next morning rake the surface of the ground, not more than half an inch in depth. The loose earth will prevent the water from evaporating.

The small farms should always be devoted to those crops that are not grown exten-sively. A farm of ten acres will not pay if wheat and corn are grown upon it, but if used for growing factor or garden vegetables it will be large enough for all the work that can be given it. Everything depends upon the kind of crops grown.

Gardeners are frequently advised to grow onions on the same location every season, but this can be done with success only when the ground is well supplied with manure. Onions are grass feeders, and cannot be injured by heavy manuring, but they must be given good cultivation, and grass and weeds kept down from the begin-

Potatoes which are dug in clear weather and thoroughly dried in the sun will keep in much better condition in the cellar than those put into bins without being sundried. Some recommend spreading on the barn floor after drying them in the sun. This may improve their keeping qualities, and they may be just as good for seed, but are not generally considered equal for table purposes to those put into the cellar when taken from the field.

The increase in a flock of sheep that has a good range and is well taken care of is very rapid, and by the use of improved blood the flock can soon be made very valnable. A merino cross will add mu their wool-bearing qualities, but will not improve their size or mutton qualities. There is a generally received opinion that the merino cross is much better adapted to being run in large flocks, but to secure the greatest profit from a flock of sheep, farmers will find that they must soon breed for the carcass as well as for wool.

Those who planted early this year should be convinced that nothing is gained by planting the seed when the ground is cold. Peas that were put in for a second crop, after the ground was warm, gave the first crops on some plots, while the early plant-ings did not produce pickings. Lima beans will not germinate at all until the ground is warm, while melons planted after danger of frost have been retarded by cool nights. It is always better to wait until the ground is fairly warm, as the plants will then get

A difficulty with sandy soils is that its porosity permits of the rapid evaporation of moisture from the surface during periods of drought, the loss of such moisture at the surface being replaced, through capillary attraction, by that lower down in the soil. It has been demonstrated that on such soils mulching in summer is highly advantageous, and that the labor and expense of so doing is more than balanced by the vigor of growth in crops, productiveness and free-dom from drought, as the covering not only assists to retain the moisture, but by the agency of shade and moisture partially en-riches the soil by chemical action.

Grass and pastures are the foundation of all good dairying, and every progressive man engaged in this work has most of the farm under cultivation for grass nearly all the time. A little corn, vegetables and wheat, or oats, may also be annually raised, but the foundation of the farm's success is grass. The great aim of the dairyman is to produce large crops of hay and fine pas-ture land. He makes this his great study, for if this can be obtained he is on the high road to success. All of this grass is improv-ing the soil year by year, and as the robber crops raised are small, and come around only occasionally, more is added to the soil than is taken from it.

An excellent way to reduce bones is to grind them and then mix them with un-bleached ashes, using a barrel, placing six inches of ashes, then six inches of bones, (filling the spaces between the bones with ashes), and thus alternating until the barrel is nearly full, when a mixture of one part urine and four parts water should be poured over the mass, so as to keep it constantly moist, but not wet. The bones will soon become decomposed, and when wanted for crops the barrel should be emptied on the barn floor and the mixture of bone and ashes well worked with a hoe. This gives a fertilizer containing not only potash and phosphoric acid, but also a small proportion of nitrogen.

It is most profitable to make pork from young pigs than from adults. A bushel of corn will produce more pounds of increase in weight when fed to a pig three months old. The cost of producing a given weight of pork increases with the age of the animal. If it is the desire to produce an increase of one ton of pork by feeding 100 swine, that increase will be more cheaply obtained by feeding pigs under 6 months of obtained by feeding pigs under 6 months of age than by feeding pigs under 6 months of age than by feeding those which are a year old, or older ones. The man who allows his young pigs to have a scanty allowance of food permits his opportunity for profitable feeding to slip by and is obliged to produce his pork at an increased cost, by feeding when the swine are older.

Farm News and Views.-The results of seed testing depend largely upon the conditions under which the tests are made. Variations of temperature may cause varia-tions in the rapidity of the sprouting, and it is probable that a constant temperature will give quicker results than a variable one. As the temperature lowers sprouting as a rule becomes slower. Then the quantity of water applied to seeds may determine both the rapidity and per cent. of sprouting; and it has been shown that a comparatively small amount of water gives the largest results. Greater quantities of water than are required for the best results lessen the rapidity and per cent. of produc-tion, either by causing the seeds to rot or by retarding generation. In some experi-ments it has been demonstrated that the soaking of seeds in water before planting does not appear to hasten sprouting, as has generally been supposed, providing the planting time is reckoned from the time planting time is reskoned from the time the seeds are put to soak. Neither is it apparent that the soaking of seeds influences the amount of sprouting.

A blouse, in the palest pink, had emproidery applied like a yoke of edging. But yoke and blouse proper were all in the same piece.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Shop Notes.—All sorts of supple cloths are high in favor for every sort of use. Wiry and soft finish alike are good, provided they are supple, and provided they have a fairly smooth surface.

Hairy cloths—zibelines and their kinare used very sparingly, and mostly for separate coats then.

But broadcloth promises to be first and oremost for the dressier sort of clothes. Suits and separate coats, evening coats and cloaks, and the prettiest of both afternoon and evening dresses—those with a little air of dignity about them—are made of it.

As a consequence of this interest in broadcloth, new, beautiful shades of colors have come out, made still more beautiful by the satin sheen of the finish. Of course, all broadcloth used is the sort that was achieved a year or so ago, robbed of all its old-time stiffness, and made sup-

Elbow sleeves are coming in for every-thing but the more workaday styles of

ple and light in weight.

Corded handkerchiefs have developed from the quaint styles with "dimity borders" to styles with cords crossing and recrossing at intervals over the whole hand-kerohief.

Voiles are still high in favor, promising to become another of the staples we're so dependent on. Both heavy and light shes, and the inbetween as well, are

Velveteen is struggling back, mostly in blue, black and green.

And velvets are strong—even to velvet ribbon. For velvet usually comes in when the plainer cloths are used. And silk is strong when the rough materials are.

Checks haven't gone out, as almost everybody prophesied they would; only they've faded to "invisible checks," and to two-toned effects, with the shades so close together that only in a strong light does the check stand out definitely.

The new herringbone suitings are stunning, especially those of gray. Both the definite and indefinite herringbones—like the checks, only in the weave-are good.

Mohairs have taken a vigorous new lease of life for shirt waist suits.

Covert cloth makes hosts of separate ackets and coats, and whole suits as well. There's a darker shade than the usual pale tan we're most accustomed to which bids fair to be wonderfully popular, and a whole lot more serviceable than the lighter shade, which shows every spot.

Gray covert cloth is gaining ground steadily. It's a copy of English styles, that clear stone gray being as staple in England as the tan coverts have been here.

Evening coats promise no end of changes. Everything about them, it is said, will be different. Empire styles will probably be most marked in them, and short sleeves very much in evidence.

Broadcloth, as usual, will make a great number of the evening coats; but mobair—white, of course—will, for the first time for years, come into service for that use.

In broadcloth, white most of all will be used, but gray—that exquisite shade known as "silver"—will be popular, and a soft,

Chiffon and chiffon cloth will be made up over white for blouses. Some of them will be made in a lighter shade of the color of the broadcloth suit they're worn with.

As to colors, black is back and plum color promises to be strong. Blue is staple and is popular this year as well, carrying out the predictions made last spring and

Next to blue is green, especially in the shades that depend upon olive tones. And red will have a hearing. More separate coats will be about than have been seen for many a season. They won't take the place of suits, however, but

establish themselves as an extra.

Among the most popular materials for shirt waist suits are voiles, henriettas and mohairs, both the plain and novelty cloths; green and blue checks and plaids, and some brown and black; and in the novelty cloths,

There's to be plenty of two-tone effects that is, cloth of one shade trimmed with a lighter or darker shade of the cloth of the

Changeable effects in cloth are over and

Every indication of the styles of the season's materials is that they will be quiet in design, but brighter as to color.

Raincoats show the influence of Empire styles, in stitchings and yokes that indi-cate, rather than actually employ, the high belt so marked in everything of the Em-

Some of the newest coats show a good deal of fulness below the waist line. Some are even pleated to get more fulness in.

pire.

Among blouses, there's an exquisite one made of the palest of blue batiste, with a tiny dragon harmlessly stretched out on each side of the yoke. The work is Japa-nese in its finest and most delicate style.

Another blouse had tie-ends apparently hanging from the attached collar. But a closer examination proves that they are inset in the blouse, joined with the inevitable berring-boning.

JAPS MUST WINTER IN SAKHALIN Heavy Snow Prevents Their Leaving

Russian Territory. Tokio, Oct. 2.—Snow is falling on Sakhalin Island, and owing to the impassable condition of the roads the Japanese troops still remaining at Alexandrovsk cannot be withdrawn overland into Japanese territory.

Strong gales are constantly prevailing, making it next to an impossibility to remove the troops on transports before navigation completely closes, which will be within a few weeks, and preparations will be made to winter the men there.

A fire that broke out in an army storehouse at Hiroshima, and continued for more than three hours, destroyed 27 temporary buildings, together with their contents, consisting principally of provisions and clothing. There was no loss of life. In addition to the 20 buildings containing clothes and provisions, seven others filled with fodder were destroyed. Although the buildings were constructed of light material, they contained an enormous amount of stored goods, and the structures being of inflammable nature the flames were difficult to extinguish, despite the desperate efforts of the troops. The fire was discovered at 1 o'clock and spread with great rapidity. It was probably of incendiary origin. The loss is variously estimated at from \$2,000.000 to \$5,000,000.

STEAMER SUNK BY MINE Was Probably One Used in Naval Bat

tles at Port Arthur. Chefoo. Oct. 2.-The coasting steamer Hsiesho, plying between Shanghai and Tien Tsin, struck and was totally destroyed by a mine 90 miles south of the Shantung promontory Saturday morning. Fifteen persons on board the vessel were drowned, including among them Engineers Mauchan and Muir. The foreign passengers and a portion of the crew of the Hsiesho were rescued by two passing steamers

19 YEARS FOR BIGAMIST Fred Carlton, Who Married Many

Women, Sentenced. New York, Oct. 3. - Frederick E Carlton, who was convicted of three charges of bigamy and one of grand larceny in Brooklyn, was sentenced to an aggregate term of 19 years in state prison. On the first indictment, that of marrying Mary Gorman while his first wife was alive, sentence was suspended. For marrying Mary J. Smith while he had another wife living a sentence of five years was imposed and for bigamy in marrying Lulu Ket tering, of Rochester, a sentence of four years was given. On the charge of grand larceny, in drugging and robbing Henry Schaub, a machinist in the United States navy, Carlton was sentenced to 10 years.

Judge Aspinwall was most bitter in his denunciation of the prisoner's crimes, and said he was convinced that the prisoner attempted murder when he tried to rob Schaub. Continuing, Judge Aspinall said:

"You are at heart a villain, a murderer, a swindler and a thief, and I am sorry that I cannot send you to the electric chair. Just remember that your mother was a woman, but you played with the love of women, and when you were through with them you turned them out into the world with their shame upon them. You are one of the most dangerous men in the

ADDICKS WINS FROM ALLEE Has His Committee Named to Arrange

Harmony With Regulars.
Dover, Del., Oct. 3.—J. Edward Addicks, fighting for political life, was able to effect a draw. After days of

missionary work the Union Republican state committee of 18 members was divided evenly between followers of the gas man and of United States Senator Allee. Both factions of the Union Republican faction were intent on fusion with the Regular Republi-The popularity of green is the natural sequel to the fad for brown, which has practically worn itself out, although, in Paris, a warm chestnut brown is taking things mildly by storm.

On Itusion with the Regular Republicans, and after a stormy meeting a committee was appointed to make a deal if possible.

Addicks won out in opposing the appointment of this committee by

appointment of this committee by Allee, the state chairman. His own list-Layton, Allee, Addicks, Groves and Marshall-was accepted. In so far as he drew in his horns sufficiently to serve on a committee with Allee when he declared he never would, the result is considered a compromise. Layton is considered an Allee man and Groves an Addicks man, with Marshall on the fence.

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